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# FOREWORD



## DEAR FRIENDS,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you on behalf of FIBA Europe to Spain and France, the co-hosts of the FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2021. It is no secret that the 38th edition has been one of the most eagerly anticipated in the glorious history of the flagship event.

A lot has happened in the world and, by extension, in European basketball since Spain were crowned back-toback champions in 2019, but we have emerged stronger than ever.

Our players are more conscious than ever of how precious the experience of participating in Europe's premier women's basketball competition is, and fans have never been more expectant of taking their place in the stands and cheering on our continent's bright stars once again.

FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2021 marks the third time that two nations join forces to co-host the event and it just so happens that Spain and France competed against each other in the previous two Finals. It is, of course, a coincidence, but it is also symbolic of the importance of collaboration at this juncture in the history of our sport.

The beautiful cities of Strasbourg and Valencia will provide the stage where the two co-hosts and the 14 national teams that emerged through the Qualifiers, held over three windows, will show us their best basketball.

I have only words of praise and admiration for the ethos and play of all players and teams and I am certain that they will set the bar very high for future editions.

The Local Organizing Committees in Spain and France have inspired all of us with their tireless efforts in the build-up to the event and I have no doubt that this will turn out to be a great celebration of basketball, at the scale we all dreamt of during the testing period that preceded it.

I wish the best of luck to every single player, coach and official participating in the FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2021. Best regards,

FIBA Europe President





## DEAR FRIENDS,

I am enormously pleased to be able to welcome you all to the FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2021, the European showpiece competition which this summer holds an even greater significance than usual for every single participant, national federation and fan.

This June, our continent's elite players will display their spectacular talents in Valencia and Strasbourg in front of a limited, but enormously eager contingent of fans in the respective arenas, and will in the process remind us of the essence of our sport: its appeal to a vast basketball-loving fanbase across Europe and the entire world.

Spain and France are two exceptional hosts who will elevate this milestone event to new heights and while the former will be looking to make history by clinching a third consecutive title and the latter will aim to claim gold after reaching four Finals in a row, the FIBA Women's Euro-Basket 2021 remains an unpredictable competition with all 16 participating nations nurturing legitimate dreams of a deep run and, why not, a podium finish.

A lot is at stake even before we reach the battle for the medals, as the top six teams will secure spots in the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2022 Qualifying Tournaments. Additionally, let's not forget that four of the teams that will compete for the medals in Valencia and Strasbourg will also represent Europe at the Tokyo Games later this summer.

There is no doubt in my mind that this is going to be a memorable FIBA Women's EuroBasket and great part of its success will be thanks to the hard work and dedication of the two Local Organizing Committees, and I am sure that fans will reward them with their gratitude.

I would like to send my heartfelt wishes to all participants and guests in both venues and I look forward to seeing you there, finally in person again.

Best regards,

#### Kamil Novak,

FIBA Executive Director Europe



### BIENVENIDOS

The initial tip-off of the FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2021 will signal the start of much more than a sporting event: this will be the first major National Teams basketball competition after the long and complicated months of the global pandemic. It will reflect to the maximum our enthusiasm and commitment to have our sport return to normal, which is what we all strive for.

That is why we are determined, more than ever before, to make it an unforgettable FIBA Women's EuroBasket, in which the best players and officials in European basketball will star, and with the support that they have missed so much: the support of the fans. Although with restrictions, fans will be able to enjoy the action from the stands, both in Valencia and in Strasbourg. And just like the athletes, the fans can enjoy this with the maximum of care for their health.

Hosting the FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2021 is the result of a common effort to continue raising the levels of quality, dissemination and visibility of women's basketball. The joint work of the French and Spanish Federations, together with FIBA, has made this possible. We are ten days away of a new turning point in this global challenge that we have all lived through and shared with one another. We are convinced that it is one of the great pillars for the growth of basketball in all countries.

On behalf of FEB, I want to thank FIBA once again for their trust in our country and our organizational skills, and the French Federation for our cooperation and the quality of their work. Despite always being rivals on the court, we have created a true team of friends and brothers and sisters when it comes to delivering the highest level of organization in basketball. All this would not have been possible without the support of the partners, sponsors and institutions that have been involved in the project. My special thanks to the Trinidad Alfonso Foundation, the Generalitat Valenciana and the Valencian Provincial Council, as well as the City Council of Valencia.

It will be, without any doubt, a FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2021 that writes another history page in women's basket-ball. The starting point of a new era in which our sport and our women will continue to develop their fundamental role in our common future.

My welcome to Valencia to all those who made this possible.

#### Jorge Garbajosa,

President of the Spanish Basketball Federation



The women and men of Valencia are looking forward with utmost enthusiasm and responsibility to the celebration of the FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2021, which will take place in our city from June 17 to 27.

It is the culmination of a great team effort that allowed us to promote grassroot basketball throughout our territory for years and years. It has helped to encourage many girls to discover and practice this sport, which has always been one of our many objectives.

Organizing the FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2021 will also be a great opportunity to let everyone know that sport lives here, in our country. We are the 'Comunitat de l'Esport', where everyone, without exception, can enjoy sport, as a hobby or as a career. And organizing the FIBA Women's EuroBasket is further proof that we are succeeding. Let's enjoy it!

#### Vicent Marzà,

Councilman for Education, Culture and Sports of the Generalitat Valenciana



## BIENVENIDOS

One of the obsessions of the Trinidad Alfonso Foundation and its president, Juan Roig, is to turn the Comunitat Valenciana, the autonomous region of Valencia, into a leader in the sports world. Mainly through the successes of the athletes and teams that were born here or have their base here, but also through the level of competitions hosted here. And that is the reason why a few years ago we created the Competitions Support Program in its different variants: to attract large-scale events.

This FIBA Women's EuroBasket is without a doubt the best example of what we wanted to achieve and the fact that it is going to be hosted in the Comunitat Valenciana is a great source of pride.

This is one of the great events hosted here in 2021 and we are tremendously excited about being the host city. In addition, there will be fans in the stands to experience the atmosphere and emotion of a European Championship. And that is great news.

It is also one more step towards intensifying our relationship with the Spanish Basketball Federation. We started collaborating on a small scale with Actibasket, to promote the sport of basketball in the schools of the Comunitat Valencia and now we are hosting the flagship event of European Women's Basketball. A few weeks ago, we also had the privilege of becoming one of the institutional partners of this event. A real privilege.

There is no better way than to celebrate with this FIBA Women's EuroBasket that highlights our Comunitat Valenciana and the Comunitat de l'Esport. We think that sport lives here, in our region, and this is the proof.

#### Juan Miguel Gómez,

Director of the Trinidad Alfonso Foundation



## **BIENVENIDOS**

On behalf of the Valencia City Council, we welcome the organizing entities and particularly the national teams and players to the FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2021.

The fact that the best women's basketball in Europe is going to be played in Valencia is a great honour and opportunity for our city. We want to continue our work to turn the city into a reference for women's sports. Valencia is an open, diverse and multicultural city with equal opportunities for everybody in all areas, especially in sports. Without any doubt, this is the best place of Europe to celebrate the competition.

Valencia is a welcoming city and is used to host large international competitions. All Valencian women and men will undoubtedly move in the rythm of the best European basketball. Welcome to Valencia!

#### <u>Pilar Ber</u>nabé,

Councilwoman for Sports of the Valencia City Council

# STRASBOURG FRANCE





CAPACITY 6,100



**ADDRESS** 

17 Boulevand de Dresde, 67000 Strasboung, France The seat of many European and international institutions, Strasbourg is a symbolic capital, which embodies the fundamental values of Europe. The historical and architectural heritage of Strasbourg makes it the heart of Alsace, with its city center, the Grande Île (Grand Island) classified a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

The European quarter is home to many institutions such as the European Parliament, the Palais de l'Europe and the Human Rights Building. In total, nearly 20 different organizations are located in Strasbourg, earning it the title of the European capital.

Today, the Eurométropole de Strasbourg brings together 33 municipalities and over 500,000 inhabitants.

# VALENCIA SPAIN



Valencia is located on Spain's eastern coast, at the mouth of the Turia River, right in the center of the Gulf of València. It is situated on the shores of the Mediterranean, a stretch of water which has gradually forged the city's character over the centuries.

It is the third-largest city in Spain after Madrid and Barcelona, surpassing 800,000 inhabitants in the municipality.

More than 2,000 years of history have really left their mark on one of the most important historic centers in Europe, with the city being the home to Romans, Visigoths and Muslims since it was founded in 130 BC.

The city is full of art and masterpieces from previous civilizations, with the Silk Exchange market (La Llotja de la Seda), erected in early Valencian Gothic style, recognized as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.



**CAPACITY 8,200** 



#### **ADDRESS**

Avenida Hermanos Maristas, 16, 46013 Valencia, Spain

# PARTICIPATING TEAMS

FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2021 marks the 38th edition of the continental showpiece event and will be held in France and Spain. From June 17-27. Europe's best players will come together in the cities of Strasbourg and Valencia to fight for the title of European champions. With France and Spain automatically qualified as co-hosts, the remaining 14 teams punched their tickets via the Qualifiers, which were held over three windows, in November 2019. November 2020 and February 2021.



#### **BELARUS**

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 8 BEST FINISH: 3<sup>rd</sup>

≆ 200



#### BELGIUM

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 13 BEST FINISH: 3<sup>rd</sup>



#### BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 3
BEST FINISH: 10<sup>th</sup>



#### **CROATIA**

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 7
BEST FINISH: 5<sup>th</sup>



#### CZECH REPUBLIC

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 14 BEST FINISH: 1<sup>ST</sup>

≥ 2005 ≥ 2003



#### **FRANCE**

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 33 BEST FINISH: 18T



#### GREECE

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 9
BEST FINISH: 4<sup>th</sup>



#### ITALY

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 33 BEST FINISH: 18T

> 至 1938 至 1995 至 1974



#### **MONTENEGRO**

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 6
BEST FINISH: 6th



#### **RUSSIA**

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 15
BEST FINISH: 1st

**≅** 2003, 2007, 2011 **≅** 2001, 2005, 2009 **≅** 1995, 1999



#### SERBIA

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 7
BEST FINISH: 1st



#### SLOVAKIA

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 12
BEST FINISH: 2ND

¥ 1997 ₩ 1993



FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 3
BEST FINISH: 10<sup>TH</sup>



#### SPAIN

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 21 BEST FINISH: 1<sup>ST</sup>



#### SWEDEN

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 7 BEST FINISH:  $6^{\text{TH}}$ 

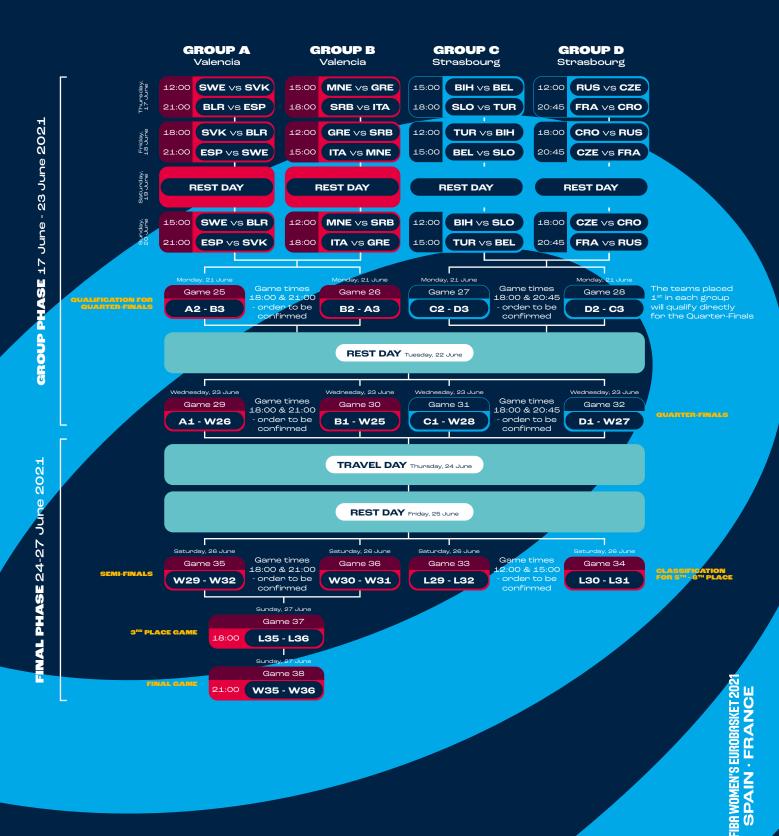


#### TURKEY

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 9
BEST FINISH: 2ND

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# COMPETITION SYSTEM



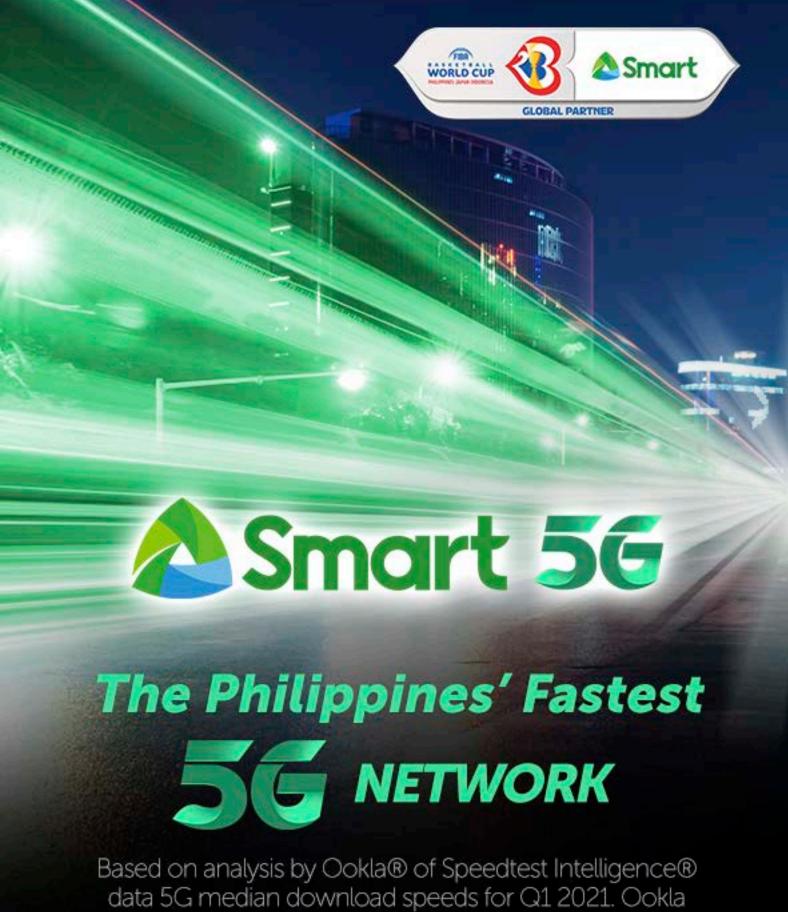
# OFFICIAL MASCOT

# MEET LOLA, THE OFFICIAL MASCOT OF THE FIBA WOMEN'S EUROBASKET 2021!

Lola is not your average teenager, not at all. She was born with a passion that cannot be denied. A passion to be part of a team, to lead, to compete and to be the best she can be. She has all the moves and is ready to play — whether it is a crossover, a between the legs dribble or a wrap-around pass, nothing gets past Lola. She may be cute, but her strength is in her moves and she's not afraid to show it.



# PW/AU



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# GROUP A VALENCIA SPAIN







SPAIN



**SLOVAKIA** 

# PAVELLÓ MUNICIPAL FONT DE SANT LLUÍS

CAPACITY 8,200

Thursday, 17 June 2021	Sweden - Slovakia
	Belarus - Spain

Sweden - Slovakia

Friday, 18 June 2021	Slovakia - Belarus	18:00
	Snain - Sweden	21.00

Sunday, 20 June 2021	Sweden - Belarus	15:00
	Spain - Slovakia	21:00

12:00

21:00



#### **QUESTIONS TO ANSWER**

Trying to assess what the likely aim should be for this Sweden team is a tough task. On the one hand, they have the majority of their experienced core rotation in situ which has served them so well. However, they will also be without their centrepiece and most high profile performer in Amanda Zahui, along with the frontcourt partner Regan Magarity.

Head coach Marco Crespi will understandably want the focus to be on who he does have at his disposal, rather than a high-profile absence. With this in mind, all eyes will be on whether the legendary Eldebrink twins can carry their team to the latter stages.

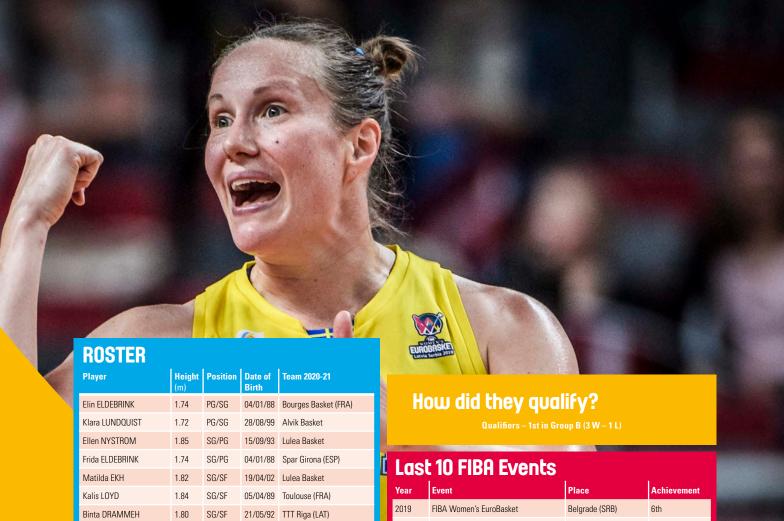
The strings will again be pulled by Elin, whose leadership at point guard will be a calming influence and act as a comfort blanket for this team. Equally, her sister Frida's ability to keep the scoreboard moving and to make the big shots in crunch time means that they have a perfectly balanced backcourt combo laden with talent and experience.

That kind of foundation is perfect to build upon and with the freescoring Klara Lundquist pushing for more court time in the wake of her Swedish League Player of the Year honor, there is much to love about the backcourt. Equally, there is more firepower on the wings with Binta Drammeh always liable to do some damage to their opponents from behind the three-point line, while Kalis Loyd was superb at the last edition and shot the ball brilliantly. Her dynamic play will be vitally important if she can repeat her form from two years ago.

The main question mark is whether Sweden have the depth and quality in the frontcourt without Zahui and Magarity to propel them past the Group Stage? There will be a heavy reliance on the veteran Louice Halvarsson, but it might be unrealistic to expect her to turn up the offensive dial massively on the big stage in order to deliver what the team needs. Therefore this could be all about whether potential new faces in the paint can contribute on their respective debuts.

Equaling their sixth placed finish from Belgrade last time could be a tough task and ironically, Crespi was handed the reins by the Federation having missed out on the Quarter-Finals himself with Italy.

This time, it looks like making the Top 8 would be a more impressive achievement. A steady campaign in the Qualifiers points towards positivity, but the loss to Montenegro was a reminder that Sweden can't be in anything other than absolute top gear or they will stall.



Nathalie FONTAINE

Stephanie VISSCHER

Elin GUSTAVSSON

Amanda KANTZY

Fanny WADLING

Paulina HERSLER

Josefin VESTERBERG

Louice HALVARSSON

Coach: Marco CRESPI

SG/SF

SF

PF

PF

PF/C

PF/C

С

1.88

1.80

1.90

1.88

1.86

1.92

1.90

1.91

03/10/93

16/10/99

18/01/93

09/08/96

23/05/97

02/11/93 Lulea Basket

15/01/89 Tarbes (FRA)

16/05/94 Battipaglia (ITA)

Olympiacos (GRE)

Stephen F Austin (USA)

CCC Polkowice (POL)

Saint-Amand Hainaut (FRA)

University of Maine (USA)

L	Last	: 10 FIBA Events		
ı	Year	Event	Place	Achievement
ı	2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Belgrade (SRB)	6th
ı	2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Tenerife (ESP)	Did not qualify
1	2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Prague (CZE)	Did not qualify
	2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
ı	2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Budapest (HUN)	14th
ı	2014	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify
	2013	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Orchies (FRA)	7th
ı	2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
1	2011	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Lodz (POL)	Did not qualify
	2010	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Karlovy Vary (CZE)	4th

FIBA Women's	s E	ur	oBas	kel	202	21 Qu	valif	iers	Acc	um	ulal	ted	Sta	Its					
			FG		2PT	FG	3РТ	FG	F			REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A		0	D	Tot	AST	то	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Frida ELDEBRINK	4	33.8	26/57	45.6	12/22	54.5	14/35	40	11/14	78.6	1,0	4,0	5,0	2,5	2,0	0,5	0,0	1,8	19,3
Elin ELDEBRINK	4	25.9	20/39	51.3	16/24	66.7	4/15	26.7	7/7	100	0,5	3,0	3,5	5,0	0,8	1,0	0,3	2,0	12,8
Kalis LOYD	3	31.6	11/33	33.3	9/24	37.5	2/9	22.2	5/7	71.4	2,3	4,3	6,7	2,3	2,3	1,3	0,0	1,3	9,7
Regan MAGARITY	3	26.5	5/14	35.7	4/11	36.4	1/3	33.3	5/7	71.4	2,3	5,3	7,7	1,7	1,7	1,3	0,3	1,0	5,3
Binta DRAMMEH	3	23.5	9/28	32.1	7/17	41.2	2/11	18.2	3/4	75	1,3	3,3	4,7	1,7	1,0	1,0	0,3	0,7	7,7
Louice HALVARSSON	3	21.1	11/16	68.8	9/13	69.2	2/3	66.7	7/7	100	1,3	1,7	3,0	0,3	1,0	1,0	0,0	1,7	10,3
Nathalie FONTAINE	2	32.6	7/11	63.6	6/9	66.7	1/2	50	0/0	-	1,0	4,5	5,5	1,0	1,5	1,5	0,5	2,5	7,5
Amanda ZAHUI	2	26.6	9/20	45	9/17	52.9	0/3	0	7/8	87.5	1,5	5,5	7,0	1,5	1,0	1,5	4,0	3,0	12,5
Klara LUNDQUIST	2	21.8	5/14	35.7	1/8	12.5	4/6	66.7	1/2	50	0,5	2,0	2,5	2,0	1,5	0,5	0,5	1,0	7,5
Matilda EKH	2	13.3	2/4	50	0/10	0	2/3	66.7	0/0	-	0,0	1,5	1,5	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	3,0
Elin Jelena GUSTAVSSON	2	9.1	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,5	2,5	3,0	0,5	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,5	0,0
Farhiya ABDI	2	5.8	2/3	66.7	0/0	-	2/3	66.7	0/0	-	0,0	2,5	2,5	0,0	1,5	0,0	0,0	1,5	3,0
Ellen NYSTROM	2	3,6	1/2	50	1/1	100	0/1	0	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,5	0,0	0,5	0,0	0,0	1,0
Danielle HAMILTON-CARTER	2	1,4	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,5	0,0	0,0	1,0	0,0
Paulina HERSLER	1	14,1	0/3	0	0/10	0	0/2	0	4/4	100	0,0	2,0	2,0	0,0	2,0	0,0	1,0	2,0	4,0
Lovisa HJERN	1	3,9	1/2	50	1/2	50	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	2,0	2,0	0,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	2,0
Meryem GULTEKIN	1	3,7	0/1	0	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Emma JOHANSSON	1	0,9	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	1,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Freja WERTH	1	0,9	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Sofia HAGG	1	0,9	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Team/Coaches											1,5	2,3	3,8		1,0				
TOTALS		200	109/247	44,1	75/150	50	34/97	35,1	50/60	83,3	10,3	30,8	41,0	14,8	12,0	7,0	3,5	12,5	75,5

#### Marco Crespi



Nationality: Italian Date of Birth: 02/06/62 Place of Birth: Varese Team 2020-21: Did not coach International Career: Italy (2017-2019), Sweden (2019-) Twitter: marcocrespi

wo years ago, the veteran Crespi held the coaching reins of his native Italy as they just missed out on the Quarter-Finals. He did oversee Sweden at the FIBA

Olympic Qualifying Tournament but it was a tough assignment. Experienced and always animated, he did an impressive job to get Sweden to this event.

#### Klara LUNDQUIST



Height: 1.72

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 28/08/99 Place of Birth: Bromma

Team 2020-21: Alvik Basket (Sweden-SBL Dam)

Instagram: klaralundquist

scoring sensation during her youth career, the guard made her tournament debut in 2019 as a teenager. Now she looks better prepared to contribute in a big way as the newly crowned Swedish League MVP, while she also signed for WNBA side, the Washington Mystics.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	21:46	1/8	4/6	1/2	2.5	2.0	7.5
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (BEL)	1	04:47	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	12:21	2/2	0/0	3/3	1.5	2.0	3.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	12:37	3/11	4/6	2/2	1.8	2.3	5.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	11:16	5/19	0/4	1/3	1.3	0.8	1.8

#### Frida ELDEBRINK



Position: Shooting Guard/Point Guard

**Date of Birth:** 04/01/88 Place of Birth: Ostertalje

Team 2020-21: Spar Girona (Spain-Liga Femenina)

Twitter: fridaelde Instagram: fridaeldebrink

classy guard who is a tough assignment for any defender because of her scoring ability all over the floor, Eldebrink has been one of the main pillars of Swedish basketball for some time. Her experience and ability to deliver in the clutch is essential.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	33:49	12/22	14/35	11/14	5.0	2.5	19.3
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (BEL)	3	28:38	5/13	6/17	5/5	1.7	1.3	11.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	27:48	9/24	9/25	17/18	3.7	2.0	10.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	34:34	17/42	9/28	9/12	3.8	4.3	11.7
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	32:28	11/25	1/15	6/6	3.0	3.8	7.8

#### Elin ELDEBRINK



Height: 1.74 Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 04/01/88 Place of Birth: Ostertalje

Team 2020-21: Bourges Basket (France-LFB)

Twitter: elineldebrink Instagram: elineldebrink

renowned international and EuroLeague Women performer, the playmaker has a strong resume in what has been a terrific career. She led her team in assists two years ago and also during the Qualifiers, while she is also a hard-nosed defender too.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	25:55	16/24	4/15	7/7	3.5	5.0	12.8
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (BEL)	3	28:30	8/20	2/5	2/2	2.0	2.0	8.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	26:56	12/30	3/9	7/10	3.7	6.0	6.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	27:23	19/34	4/16	6/9	2.7	3.7	9.3
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	25:59	12/22	1/6	2/2	3.8	4.8	7.3

#### **Louice HALVARSSON**



Height: 1.91 Position: Center Date of Birth: 15/01/89 Place of Birth: Sodertalje Team 2020-21: Tarbes (France-LFB) Instagram: louicehalvarsson

n anchor in the paint, the ever-reliable Halvarsson will use her strength and veteran know-how on both ends of the floor. She will operate in the high post a lot and work non-stop off the ball to get her teammates open looks, as well as going to work on the glass

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	21:08	9/13	2/3	7/7	3.0	0.3	10.3
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (BEL)	3	16:44	4/10	0/2	2/2	2.7	0.7	3.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	19:20	13/18	0/0	8/13	4.5	0.5	8.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	28:17	12/44	3/8	2/4	5.5	1.8	5.8
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	19:54	1/2	0/2	2/2	6.0	0.0	4.0

#### **Binta DRAMMEH**



Height: 1.80

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

**Date of Birth:** 21/05/92 Place of Birth: Skaggetorp

Team 2020-21: TTT Riga (Latvia-LSBL) Twitter: bddrammeh Instagram: bintadrammehs

smart player who can add a valuable scoring touch from the wings, if Drammeh finds some early rhythm then it will be a major plus. She has done it consistently in EuroLeague Women with TTT Riga so she knows what it takes at the top level to get it done.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	23:29	7/17	2/11	3/4	4.7	1.7	7.7
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (BEL)	3	23:03	6/17	1/10	6/8	3.0	0.7	7.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	12:29	5/15	3/12	4/4	2.3	1.2	3.8
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	17:56	6/19	5/16	1/2	3.2	0.8	4.7
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	18:43	9/16	3/6	2/2	0.8	0.8	7.3

#### Kalis LOYD



Height: 1.84

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 05/04/89 Place of Birth: Malmo

Team 2020-21: Toulouse (France-LFB 2)

Instagram: kalisloyd

do-it-all player, Loyd has now established herself as one of the most productive and effective contributors. She shot the ball brilliantly during the 2019 tournament and was arguably Sweden's best player. Strong and athletic, she can score, pass and rehound

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	31:34	9/24	2/9	5/7	6.7	2.3	9.7
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (BEL)	3	30:52	14/28	2/11	3/3	3.7	1.0	12.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	21:01	8/20	0/5	5/6	1.5	0.8	5.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	24:26	18/27	5/15	7/9	2.0	2.3	9.7
2015	EuroBasket Women - 2nd Qualifying Round	4	14:30	5/12	2/4	0/0	1.8	1.3	4.0

#### Nathalie FONTAINE



Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 03/10/93 Place of Birth: Hogalid

Team 2020-21: Olympiacos (Greece-A1) Twitter: nathalieesie Instagram: esiefontaine

s well as Greece, Fontaine also played in EuroCup Women with Adana this past season. A legend at Ball State where she broke the school's NCAA scoring record, she has the capacity to build on her cameos in the Qualifiers and land a Women's FurnBasket debut.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	32:35	6/9	1/2	0/0	5.5	1.0	7.5
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (BEL)	2	10:34	0/2	0/1	0/0	1.5	0.0	0.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	16:26	19/28	0/2	6/11	2.4	0.8	8.8

Height: 1.90

Position: Power Forward/Center Date of Birth: 16/05/94 Place of Birth: Malmo

Team 2020-21: Battipaglia (Italy-Lega A)

Twitter: paulinahersler Instagram: paulinahersler

fter missing the roster in 2019, this time could be different. The forward played in the 2020 FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament and has showcased her skills with a strong showing in Italy during this past season with almost 16 points per game.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

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	4.0
2020 FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (BEL) 2 04:05 0/0 0/1 0/0 0.5 0.1	0.0

#### **Ellen NYSTROM**



Height: 1.85

Position: Shooting Guard/Point Guard

Date of Birth: 15/09/93 Place of Birth: Lulea

Team 2020-21: Lulea Basket (Sweden-SBL Dam)

Twitter: elleennystrom
Instagram: elleennystrom

aving won a Swedish Championship title with Lulea Basket playing almost 30 minutes per game Nystrom will be confident she can push hard for more opportunities. She is a bonafide role player, has good guard skills and uses her height advantage

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YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS	
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	03:35	1/1	0/1	0/0	0.0	0.5	1.0	
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (BEL)	3	04:03	0/0	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.3	0.0	
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	07:59	2/2	0/0	2/2	1.0	0.7	2.0	
2019	FIRΔ Women's FuroRasket	5	N7-42	2/6	0/4	1/2	24	η 4	1 በ	

#### Matilda EKH



Height: 1.82

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 19/04/02 Place of Birth: Vasteras

Team 2020-21: Lulea Basket (Sweden-SBL Dam)

Instagram: matildaekh

rising star of Swedish basketball, this event may come slightly too soon for the teenager. However, Ekh did play in some of the Qualifiers and impressed – as she did with more than 13 points per game in the Swedish League this past season.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	13:18	0/1	2/3	0/0	1.5	0.0	3.0
2019	FIBA U18 Women's European Champ. Div. B	8	27:02	23/54	20/56	12/13	6.3	2.5	14.8
2018	FIBA U16 Women's European Champ. Div. B	8	31:02	18/52	13/33	27/34	7.3	2.9	12.8

#### **Elin GUSTAVSSON**



leight: 1.90

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 18/01/93 Place of Birth: Hoja

Team 2020-21: Saint-Amand Hainaut Basket (France-LFB)

Yet to previously convince that she is worthy of a major tournament debut, Gustavsson can be forgiven for thinking her chance may never come. However, the forward played in the Qualifiers and a solid club season in France, means her wait could be over.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	09:08	0/0	0/0	0/0	3.0	0.5	0.0

#### Josefin VESTERBERG



Height: 1.92

Position: Power Forward/Center Date of Birth: 02/11/93 Place of Birth: Ornaset

Team 2020-21: Lulea Basket (Sweden-SBL Dam)

Instagram: josefiinvesterberg

espite not playing in the Qualifiers after appearing at the last edition in 2019, some frontcourt absences means the door has opened for a return. An SBL Dam title winner with Lulea, Vesterberg is experienced in the paint and a safe pair of hands.

#### NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	02:07	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	03:07	0/0	0/1	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2015	EuroBasket Women	3	17:20	3/8	0/4	2/2	4.0	1.7	2.7

#### **Fanny WADLING**



Height: 1.86

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 23/05/97 Place of Birth: Nacka

Team 2020-21: University of Maine (USA-NCAA)

Instagram: fwadling

pportunity knocks for Wadling with Sweden needing some frontcourt reinforcements. Signing off in the NCAA recently with Maine, the forward was named as one of their 'Outstanding International Graduates', while she also impressed on the floor

#### NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2017	FIBA U20 Women's European Champ Div. A	3	27:37	16/39	0/2	8/12	9.7	1.3	13.3
2015	U18 European Champ. Women - DIV B	5	24:24	21/55	1/5	3/10	5.4	2.6	9.6
2014	U18 European Champ. Women - DIV B	5	06:36	1/7	0/3	2/2	1.8	0.4	0.8
2013	U16 European Champ. Women - DIV A	9	25:20	28/81	0/5	9/19	7.8	2.0	7.2

#### Stephanie VISSCHER



Height: 1.80

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 16/10/99 Place of Birth: Lulea

Team 2020-21: Stephen F Austin University (USA-NCAA)

Instagram: stephanievisscher

f she impresses in the camp, Coach Crespi could be tempted to throw Visscher in at the deep end with a Women's EuroBasket debut. Even if she lacks experience, she is a threat from the three-point line and likes to go after rebounds and steals, so could be an 'X-factor'.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA U20 Women's European Championship	7	21:19	17/35	5/14	12/19	5.1	1.3	8.7
2015	U16 European Champ. Women - DIV B	8	21:22	17/37	1/9	8/9	5.4	2.3	5.6

#### **Amanda KANTZY**



Height: 1.88

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 09/08/96 Place of Birth: Vallingby

Team 2020-21: CCC Polkowice (Poland-BLK)

Instagram: amandakantzy

hile Kantzy has barely featured at senior level, she could now step in at the last minute. She has had a strong season with Sodertalje and then played at CCC Polkowice, making the Polish Finals. The forward is a warrior defensively and has a decent shooting range.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2016	FIBA U20 Women's European Champ Div. A	7	17:48	11/36	0/6	18/20	4.0	0.9	5.7
2015	FIBA U20 Women's European Champ Div. B	9	13:20	11/36	7/29	5/11	2.4	0.7	5.3
2014	U18 European Champ. Women - DIV B	9	14:06	14/30	4/15	10/13	4.0	0.8	5.6
2013	U18 European Champ. Women - DIV B	8	15:30	4/25	7/23	11/16	3.4	0.6	5.0



#### **READY TO SPOIL A PARTY**

The demise of Belarus has seemingly been anticipated for some time, with several of the veteran players who hit some amazing heights during a wonderful decade getting older and others having already exited.

Yet it seems that a widely predicted implosion of Belarus as a bonafide Final Round regular has been badly misjudged after they punched their ticket yet again. It means they will sit at the top table on the Continent for a wonderful eighth time in a row.

Of course, not even the most avid fan of Belarusian basketball would think they have much chance of replicating the glory days when they made history with that FIBA Women's EuroBasket bronze medal in 2007. It was a fairytale ride that also led to their maiden place at the Olympics 12 months later. Indeed, it's easy to forget that it is just five years since Belarus were at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro too, having made the Semi-Finals of the Final Round in 2015.

But since that high point, it has been a downward spiral with underwhelming 15th and 13th place finishes under head coach Nataliya Trafimava, who is trying to keep the legacy alive as one of the players from that glorious era of the past. Whatever the results at the last two editions, and perhaps at this one too if they subsequently depart early, kudos is certainly due for navigating a tricky set of Qualifiers.

When it comes to their core players, Belarus still look to be competitive.

Their frontcourt duo of the all-time EuroLeague Women shot blocking

leader Anastasiya Verameyenka and the recently crowned EuroLeague Women champion Maryia Papova is impressive.

There is huge experience and talent on the wings too, with the dynamic Tatsiana Likhtarovich always liable to change the momentum of any game. With a proven WNBA and EuroLeague Women performer in Alex Bentley in the backcourt along with the steady creative hand of Aliaksandra Tarasava, Belarus could be a tough nut to crack. However, they will inevitably suffer from the absence of veteran star Katsiaryna Snytsina, a revered leader of past tournaments, whose seven tournament streak comes to an end.

Two years ago, they were pitched into a 'Group of Death' with co-hosts Serbia, a classy Belgium and former powerhouse Russia.

They caused big problems and took down Belgium. Things could have gone differently against co-hosts Serbia too, when with a bit more luck, they could have advanced to the next phase.

Perhaps the message will be the same this year, because Belarus are more than capable of spoiling someone's party. Only this time, they will be looking to get that elusive victory and if they are focused, could use that momentum to take down a few big names.



#### FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

			FG		2PT	FG	3P1	FG	F			REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A		0		Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Maryna IVASHCHANKA	4	29,7	20/40	50	17/31	54,8	3/9	33,3	10/12	83,3	2,5	3,3	5,8	3,0	2,3	0,3	0,3	2,3	13,3
Anastasiya VERAMEYENKA	4	26,2	19/29	65,5	17/26	65,4	2/3	66,7	11/12	91,7	3,0	5,3	8,3	2,0	1,5	1,0	2,0	1,8	12,8
Tatsiana LIKHTAROVICH	4	26	8/17	47,1	6/12	50	2/5	40	9/11	81,8	0,8	4,3	5,0	4,0	2,3	1,0	0,3	2,5	6,8
Alexandria Marie BENTLEY	4	24,2	10/35	28,6	10/24	41,7	0/11	0	0/0	-	0,0	1,8	1,8	4,3	1,8	1,3	0,5	1,5	5,0
Katsiaryna SNYTSINA	4	23,9	14/35	40	9/16	56,2	5/19	26,3	5/5	100	0,8	3,5	4,3	3,3	2,0	0,8	0,0	1,3	9,5
Yuliya RYTSIKAVA	4	21,4	13/26	50	8/17	47,1	5/9	55,6	3/3	100	1,0	1,3	2,3	1,3	0,5	1,5	0,3	1,3	8,5
Viktoryia HASPER	4	18	13/30	43,3	12/23	52,2	1/7	14,3	5/8	62,5	1,5	2,5	4,0	1,0	0,5	1,0	0,0	2,0	8,0
Volha ZIUZKOVA	4	14,4	6/19	31,6	4/13	30,8	2/6	33,3	0/0	-	0,0	1,8	1,8	2,0	1,3	0,5	0,0	1,0	3,5
Yanina INKINA	4	4,4	3/5	60	3/5	60	0/0	-	0/2	0	0,0	0,5	0,5	0,0	0,3	0,5	0,0	0,5	1,5
Yuliya VASILEVICH	3	3,6	1/3	33,3	1/3	33,3	0/0	-	2/2	100	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,3	1,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	1,3
Aryna MASKO	2	3,4	1/4	25	0/2	0	1/2	50	0/0	-	0,0	0,5	0,5	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,5	1,5
Aliaksandra TARASAVA	1	23,4	2/5	40	1/4	25	1/1	100	0/0	-	1,0	3,0	4,0	6,0	1,0	1,0	0,0	1,0	5,0
Maryna IVASHCHANKA	1	4,7	2/2	100	2/21	0	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	2,0	2,0	1,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	4,0
Hanna BRYCH	1	2,2	1/2	50	1/2	50	0/0	-	0/0	-	1,0	0,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	2,0
Team/Coaches											3,0	1,3	4,3	0,0	0,5	0,0	0,0	0,0	
TOTALS		200	113/252	44,8	91/180	50,6	22/72	30,6	45/55	81,8	13,0	26,8	39,8	22,8	14,0	8,0	3,3	14,5	73,3

#### CUHCH Nataliya TRAFIMAVA



Nationality: Belarusian Date of Birth: 16/06/79 Place of Birth: Choir (MGL)

**Team 2020-21:** Horizont Minsk (Belarus-Premier) **International Career:** Belarus Women (2016-)

Instagram: natotrofa

icking up the reins after the Rio Olympics, this is her third event and she's looking to progress past the Group Stage for the first time as coach. She won the bronze medal as a player in 2007 and recently coached the Horizont Minsk to the domestic Championship.

#### Yuliya VASILEVICH



Height: 1.72

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 21/06/01 Place of Birth: Grodno

Team 2020-21: Olimpia Grodno (Belarus-Premier League)

Instagram: vasilissa\_vasilevich

he youngster is fighting hard to make the cut and attain a debut having featured sparingly during the Qualifiers. She has shown her talent and versatility in the Belarusian League with some inspiring performances for her hometown club Olimpia Grodno.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	03:34	1/3	0/0	2/2	0.0	0.3	1.3

#### Volha ZIUZKOVA



Height:1.72

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 14/06/83 Place of Birth: Masty

Team 2020-21: Horizont Minsk (Belarus-Premier)

Instagram:

he 2019 edition was to be a deserved swansong for Ziuzkova, but instead she could now tread the Women's EuroBasket boards again. She will be aged 38 if she does, but the guard never lets her country down and logged almost 15 minutes per game in the Qualifiers.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	14:24	4/13	2/6	0/0	1.8	2.0	3.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	13:58	3/6	5/12	3/4	1.7	2.0	4.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	07:30	1/2	0/1	0/0	0.3	0.0	0.7
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	20:21	3/3	3/5	0/0	1.5	0.0	7.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	16:05	3/8	2/5	0/0	3.0	1.7	4.0

#### Maryia PAPOVA



Height: 1.89

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 13/07/94 Place of Birth: Bobruisk

Team 2020-21: UMMC Ekaterinburg (Russia-Premier League)

Instagram: masha\_papova13

ust crowned a EuroLeague Women and Russian Premier League champion with UMMC, Papova will be ready to shine. She led her team in scoring in the Qualifiers and will have gained so much practising every day last season against some of the best players in the world.

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	29:40	17/31	3/9	10/12	5.8	3.0	13.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	31:52	10/26	2/9	5/7	8.3	2.7	10.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	25:22	21/34	6/17	9/14	6.0	1.5	11.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	25:54	7/14	6/12	6/6	3.5	1.3	9.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	25:56	5/16	2/8	1/2	5.0	1.3	5.7

#### Anastasiya VERAMEYENKA



Height: 1.92

Position: Power Forward/Center Date of Birth: 10/07/87

Place of Birth: Kohtla-Jarve (EST)

Team 2020-21: Horizont Minsk (Belarus-Premier League)

Instagram: veremeenkonastya

brilliant and experienced performer, Verameyenka is the All-Time EuroLeague Women leader in blocks. She has ice running through her veins offensively, can shoot from distance and is a great passer. This is her seventh edition, having picked up a medal back in 2007.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	26:13	17/26	2/3	11/12	8.3	2.0	12.8
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	26:16	10/20	1/5	10/15	7.3	2.3	11.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	26:43	20/34	1/8	19/21	7.8	3.3	10.3
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	32:25	27/40	2/8	11/14	9.3	1.5	17.8
2016	Olympic Games: Tournament for Women	5	28:29	15/28	1/9	8/10	7.0	3.6	8.2

#### Aliaksandra TARASAVA



Height: 1.70
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 23/06/88
Place of Birth: Minsk

Team 2020-21: TK Hannover (Germany-DBBL)

Instagram: sasha23tarasova

er first appearance at the event came back in 2013 and she returned to the event two years ago, having also featured at the 2016 Rio Olympics in between. She could lead the backcourt or at least come off the bench and show her terrific creativity.

#### NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	23:23	1/4	1/1	0/0	4.0	6.0	5.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	17:24	6/13	5/13	7/9	1.2	1.7	5.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	08:17	1/3	1/3	0/0	0.7	0.7	1.7
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	18:49	3/9	1/8	0/0	1.3	1.3	3.0
2016	Olympic Games: Tournament for Women	5	04:16	0/0	1/2	0/0	0.4	0.4	0.6

#### Yuliya RYTSIKAVA



Height:1.80 Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 08/09/86 Place of Birth: Smorgon

Team 2020-21: Horizont Minsk (Belarus-Premier League)

Instagram: yuliya\_rytsikava\_

till going strong having overcome a potentially career ending back injury earlier in her career, Rytsikava does it all. From rebounds, steals, assists and making important shots, she delivers. She was also central to Coach Trafimava winning the title with

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	21:22	8/17	5/9	3/3	2.3	1.3	8.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	15:07	3/12	7/13	2/2	4.2	1.3	4.8
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	14:06	0/2	3/6	1/2	2.3	0.7	3.3
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	08:55	1/1	0/1	0/0	1.0	0.0	2.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	17:07	5/10	1/4	0/0	3.3	0.3	4.3

#### Tatsiana LIKHTAROVICH



Height: 1.78

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 29/03/1988 Place of Birth: Minsk

Team 2020-21: Esch (Luxembourg-A1)

Twitter: TLikhtarovich Instagram: tatsianalikhtarovich

ikhtarovich is a dynamic winger and a momentum shifter. When she is playing well, so are Belarus. She slashes to the hoop, can make shots, has quick hands, crashes the boards and her four assists per game in the Qualifiers shows she's a team player too.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS	
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	25:57	6/12	2/5	9/11	5.0	4.0	6.8	
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	31:14	7/21	4/25	9/12	3.3	3.2	5.8	
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	30:00	7/15	2/9	1/2	7.7	1.7	7.0	
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	29:51	5/16	1/9	3/6	5.8	3.3	4.0	
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	28:45	7/15	1/6	11/11	3.7	2.3	9.3	



Height: 1.86

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 08/03/97 Place of Birth: Minsk

Team 2020-21: Kazanochka (Russia-Premier League)

Instagram: brichilli

hile selected in 2019, she didn't get any tournament minutes, so that will be her mission. However, she may now be sweating on a spot as she only appeared in one of the Qualifiers and has been trying to expand her skills and experience playing in Russia.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	02:14	1/2	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.0	2.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	02:31	0/2	0/0	2/2	0.5	0.0	1.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	01:22	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0

#### **Alexandria BENTLEY**



Height: 1.73
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 27/10/90

Place of Birth: Indianapolis (USA)

Team 2020-21: Dynamo Kursk (Russia-Premier League)

Instagram: bentleya20

play at her third edition. A proven WNBA and EuroLeague Women performer, she led the team in scoring in 2019 and handed out 4.3 assists per game in the Qualifiers.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

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2	2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	24:09	10/24	0/11	0/0	1.8	4.3	5.0	
2	2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	20:02	15/27	2/14	2/3	2.8	3.0	9.5	
2	2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	30:55	6/22	6/18	5/6	4.7	3.0	11.7	
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#### **Viktoryia HASPER**



Height: 1.92 Position: Center Date of Birth: 09/01/88 Place of Birth: Minsk

Team 2020-21: Horizont Minsk (Belarus-Premier)

Instagram: hasper2110

warrior for the national team ever since first called upon for the famous podium finish of 2007, Hasper has gradually increased her influence. The powerful center has enjoyed a renaissance late in her career and has flourished under Coach Trafimava.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	18:01	12/23	1/7	5/8	4.0	1.0	8.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	21:54	13/23	1/4	3/5	10.5	2.5	16.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	15:44	17/33	1/2	8/11	4.5	0.5	11.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	21:30	6/22	2/5	8/10	4.7	1.0	8.7
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	05:36	2/4	0/0	4/5	0.5	0.0	4.0

#### Aryna MASKO



Height: 1.78

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 01/02/99 Place of Birth: Grodno

Team 2020-21: Peresevet (Russia-SuperLeague)

Instagram: mosko\_12

hrilled with a Women's EuroBasket debut two years ago, her delight was tinged with disappointment after not gaining any court time. A couple of cameos in the Qualifiers points to the swingman making amends this time, especially if she shines during preparation.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	03:22	0/2	1/2	0/0	0.5	0.0	1.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	03:49	0/2	0/0	2/2	1.0	0.0	1.0

#### Kseniya MALASHKA



Height: 1.83

**Position:** Small Forward / Power Forward

Date of Birth: 12/01/2000 Place of Birth: Minsk

 $\textbf{Team 2020-21:} \ \mathsf{Virginia} \ \mathsf{Commonwealth} \ \mathsf{University} \ (\mathsf{USA-NCAA})$ 

Instagram: kseniya\_malaha

ne of the brightest talents of her generation, Malashka hit the radar at the 2016 FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament aged 16-years-old. Her NCAA commitments have slowed down her senior team progress, but she's got phenomenal scoring and rebounding capabilities.

#### NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2016	FIBA Women's Qualifying Tournament	1	05:27	0/0	0/0	0/0	2.0	0.0	0.0

#### Yanina INKINA



Height: 1.88

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 16/10/1997 Place of Birth: Zhlobin

Team 2020-21: Horizont (Belarus-Premier League)

Twitter: ooh\_yaya\_4 Instagram: ooh\_yaya

nother player handed a competition debut two years ago but not logging any minutes, Inkina may have persuaded Coach Trafimava to give her an opportunity after winning the title at Horizont. She shot the ball really well and has matured since 2019.

#### NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	04:22	3/5	0/0	0/2	0.5	0.0	1.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	08:08	0/2	0/0	5/6	0.7	0.3	1.7

#### Palina KATLINSKAYA



Height: 1.87
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 11/03/03
Place of Birth: Minsk

Team 2020-21: Horizont Minsk (Belarus-Premier League)

Instagram: \_katlinskaya)

ooking to follow in the tradition of impactful players in the paint at the senior level, the 18-year-old has been able to make strides this season. She's been helped by having Coach Trafimava at club level going up against Anastaisya Verameyenka every day in practice.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA U16 European Champ. Women - DIV B	8	13:20	10/27	5/14	2/6	3.0	0.9	4.6
2018	FIBA U16 European Champ. Women - DIV B	4	03:45	3/7	0/3	0/0	0.8	0.3	1.5

#### Alena KARASEVICH



Height: 1.94 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 13/04/88 Place of Birth: Helsinki

Team 2016-17: FC Barcelona (Spain-ACB League)

Twitter: @KoponenPetteri

he guard will be hoping to get onto the bench for a Women's EuroBasket debut. There could be a spot available if she proves herself in the preparation games. She is known for her guard skills in her homeland having played much of her career in her home city of Grodon

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	04:48	0/2	0/1	0/0	1.0	0.0	0.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	1	12:41	1/3	2/2	0/0	1.0	1.0	8.0



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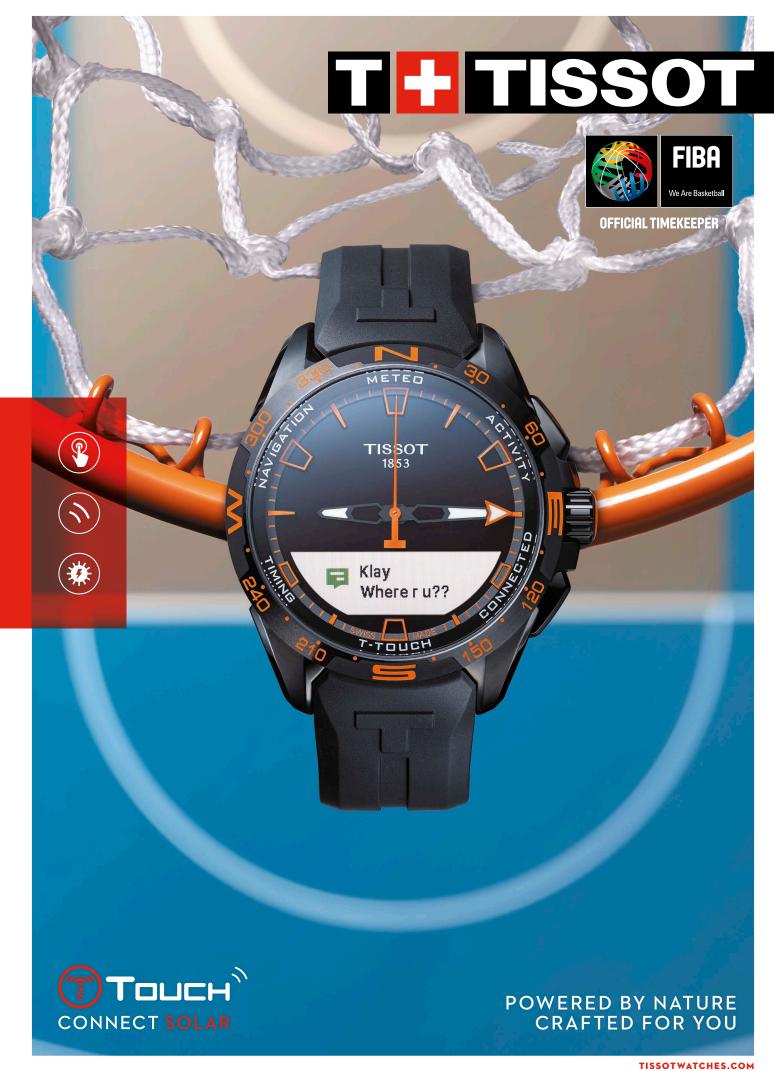


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#### **WILL THEY GO THREE IN A ROW?**

The co-hosts and reigning champions are gunning for their third consecutive FIBA Women's EuroBasket title, a feat not achieved by any nation during the last 30 years. If they manage to do it, Spain will also collect their fourth gold in five editions, another accomplishment that only the Soviet Union have previously managed.

Led by playcaller Lucas Mondelo who has overseen an era of unprecedented success and is renowned as one of the best coaches in the female game, Spain will be a frontrunner as usual and fully expecting to occupy the podium, extending their run of top 3 finishes in all major events — a streak which started in 2013.

It's arguably less certain which step they are most likely to occupy this time, since they do have some challenges to overcome. Not least the triple absence of the hugely influential guard duo Marta Xargay and Anna Cruz, who have both retired since Spain lifted the title at the last edition, while warrior forward Laura Nicholls is taking a break for family reasons.

The counterbalance is that they are still blessed with numerous legendary figures and defied the so-called experts last time after being crowned champions even without the services of the jewel in their crown, Alba Torrens. Back from injury and having recently equaled the All-Time EuroLeague Women record for title wins with her sixth, her services will be warmly welcomed again.

Meanwhile Laia Palau and Silvia Dominguez have a combined 30 years of experience at the top level and have seen it all. They are still a class act in the backcourt and will pull the strings to make sure that the games are played at the tempo Spain need.

The importance of Astou Ndour inside can't be overstated, since the forward was outstanding two years ago and deservedly took the prestigious MVP accolade. Her athletic ability is welcomed on both ends of the floor and is also priceless in the context of a modest frontcourt rotation, boosted by the work rate and rugged defensive ability of Laura Gil and the emergence of young stars like Raquel Carrera.

There is no doubt that winning this flagship tournament in Valencia could be a sensational high point and crowning glory for a golden generation — many of whom could hang up their international basketball shoes once the curtain falls in Tokyo.

Spain had to settle for bronze when hosting the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2018 in Tenerife, but they've been so dominant at the Continental level, that not making the title game at this event would hurt — at least for a nation who have set the bar so incredibly high.



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	1.91	PF/C	24/04/92	Valencia Basket Club SAD		2013	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Orchies (FRA)	Gold
	1.90	PF/C	06/02/89	Kutaxa Bank Araski		2014	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Silver
4	1.90	PF	31/10/01	Valencia Basket Club SAD		2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Budapest (HUN)	Bronze
	1.87	PF	16/02/98	Lointek Gernika Bizkaia		2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Silver
	1.86	SF	14/01/97	ZVVZ USK Praha (CZE)		2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Prague (CZE)	Gold
	1.85	SF	15/04/96	Araski		2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Tenerife (ESP)	Bronze
	1.92	SG/SF	30/08/89	UMMC Ekaterinburg (RUS)		2019	FIDA VVOITIETTS EUTODASKET	beiglade (SND)	dolu

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Laura NICHOLLS	6	31.0	20/37	54.1	20/37	54.1	0/0	-	17/22	77.3	2.5	5.5	8,0	2,0	2,5	1,0	0,7	1,5	9,5
Marta XARGAY	6	28.2	29/64	45.3	14/32	43.8	15/32	46.9	12/15	80	0.8	1.2	2,0	2,5	2,0	1,3	0,7	1,2	14,2
Anna CRUZ	6	26.1	20/62	32.3	17/48	35.4	3/14	21.4	10/15	66.7	0.3	3.7	4,0	3,8	2,3	1,7	0,2	1,8	8,8
Astou NDOUR	6	26.0	32/64	50	29/56	51.8	3/8	37.5	22/26	84.6	4.0	4.2	8,2	0,3	3,2	1,3	1,2	1,5	14,8
Laia PALAU	6	21.7	18/39	46.2	15/29	51.7	3/10	30	5/6	83.3	0.3	2.8	3,2	4,5	2,2	0,8	0,2	1,8	7,3
Laura GIL	6	18.4	8/22	36.4	8/22	36.4	0/0	-	10/18	55.6	1.8	2.0	3,8	0,8	2,8	1,7	0,3	0,8	4,3
Silvia DOMINGUEZ	6	18.1	14/44	31.8	10/30	33.3	4/14	28.6	20/24	83.3	0.7	1.3	2,0	2,8	2,2	0,7	0,3	2,0	8,7
Cristina OUVINA	6	13.5	10/29	34.5	6/19	31.6	4/10	40	6/8	75	0.8	1.8	2,7	1,7	0,8	1,7	0,2	1,0	5,0
Maria PINA	6	6.7	4/9	44.4	3/8	37.5	1/1	100	2/2	100	0.0	0.5	0,5	0,3	0,7	0,2	0,0	0,3	1,8
Queralt CASAS	6	5.6	3/7	42.9	3/6	50	0/1	0	0/2	0	0.0	0.3	0,3	0,5	0,2	0,2	0,0	0,5	1,0
Tamara ABALDE	6	4.0	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	3/8	37.5	0.2	0.2	0,3	0,3	0,8	0,0	0,3	0,5	0,5
Andrea VILARO	2	1.7	0/2	0	0/0	-	0/2	0	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Team/Coaches											2,5	2,7	5,2		0,8			0,2	
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#### CUNCH Lucas MONDELO



Nationality: Spanish
Date of Birth: 28/07/67
Place of Birth: Barcelona
Team 2020-21: Toyota Ant

Team 2020-21: Toyota Antelopes (Japan-WJBL)

International Career: Spain (2012- )

Twitter: Lmondelo

ooking to mastermind his fourth FIBA Women's EuroBasket title and a third in a row, Mondelo is a basketball alchemist. A big personality, he's overseen multiple historical highs like the maiden Olympic and FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Finals. He also returns to Japan having recently led Toyota Antelopes to the WJBL title.

#### **Astou NDOUR**



Height: 1.98
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 22/08/94
Place of Birth: Dakar (SEN)
Team 2020-21: Hatay (Turkey-TKBL)

Twitter: NdouraStou Instagram: astoundour45

dour celebrated her finest hour when leading the champions as MVP at the previous edition. Her strength inside and shooting range means she will push to lead her team in points and rebounds. Her long arms and athletic ability will be priceless defensively too.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

VEAR	COMPETITION	C	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	RER	AST	PTC
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2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	24:57	21/34	2/7	13/15	6.8	0.4	12.2
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	26:01	29/56	3/8	22/26	8.2	0.3	14.8
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	7	25:22	32/66	5/11	20/26	4.1	0.1	14.1
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	21:00	3/5	0/2	2/4	5.0	1.0	8.0
2016	Olympic Games: Tournament for Women	8	27:22	35/71	6/15	18/20	8.3	0.1	13.3

#### **Alba TORRENS**



Height: 1.92

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

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

Team 2020-21: UMMC Ekaterinburg (Russia-Premier League)

Instagram: albatorrensoficial

he 2017 FIBA Women's EuroBasket MVP missed the last edition through injury but will be back as a leading light. Recently equalling the EuroLeague Women All-Time Titles record with six, the winger is a do-it-all clutch player with huge experience in big moments.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (SRB)	3	18:21	9/26	4/8	5/5	2.3	1.0	11.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	23:53	16/30	3/13	4/6	4.3	3.3	11.3
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	7	20:33	18/44	10/30	6/9	4.3	1.1	10.3
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	30:34	26/58	15/28	10/18	6.3	3.3	17.8
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	27:25	5/6	1/3	4/4	2.0	5.0	17.0

#### **Queralt CASAS**



Height: 1.78
Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

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

Team 2020-21: Valencia Basket Club SAD (Spain-Liga Femenina)

Twitter: Queralt\_casas Instagram: queralt9

dynamic guard, Casas is playing some of the best basketball of her career. She was recently named the EuroCup Women MVP having taken Valencia to the title. Her attitude, energetic style and quick hands means she is always impacting games.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (SRB)	2	10:33	4/4	0/1	0/2	2.5	1.0	4.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	05:36	3/6	0/1	0/2	0.3	0.5	1.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	16:13	14/26	3/5	4/7	3.3	1.0	10.3
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	7	13:10	10/20	1/7	6/8	1.3	1.1	4.1
2013	EuroBasket Women	5	06:24	3/7	0/0	2/6	1.0	0.4	1.6

#### Cristina OUVINA



Height: 1.74

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

Team 2020-21: Valencia Basket Club SAD (Spain-Liga Femenina)

Twitter: cristi106 Instagram: maricris106

er experience will again be important as the guard knows what it takes to get it done. A 2021 EuroCup Women winner, the defense of Ouvina is an important tool for Spain. She has gotten better with age, is hard-nosed, smart and loves a hard physical battle.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (SRB)	3	19:37	8/18	1/2	0/0	4.7	3.7	6.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	14:33	6/11	2/5	5/6	0.8	2.0	5.8
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	13:32	6/19	4/10	6/8	2.7	1.7	5.0
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	7	15:59	15/35	5/15	3/6	2.6	1.9	6.9
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	08:10	3/3	0/4	1/1	2.0	0.7	2.3

#### Laura QUEVEDO



Height: 1.85 Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 15/04/96

Place of Birth: Madrid Team 2020-21: Araski (Spain-Liga Femenina)

Instagram: lauraquevedo9

uevedo has not previously appeared at this tournament, so could be about to change that after a strong club season with Araski. A feisty forward who has an intense style, she does have major tournament experience after featuring at the 2016 Olympic Games.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	08:54	1/3	3/4	2/2	2.3	0.3	4.3
2016	FIBA Women 's Qualifying Tournament	2	09:09	0/2	3/6	0/0	1.0	1.5	4.5
2016	Olympic Games: Tournament for Women	2	06:38	1/4	0/0	1/2	1.5	0.5	1.5

#### Paula GINZO



Height: 1.87

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

Team 2020-21: Lointek Gernika Bizkaia (Spain-Liga Femenina)

Instagram: pauginzo

oping to get the nod for what would be her first ever senior tournament, Ginzo has impressed with her work in the Spanish League and in EuroCup Women with Bizkaia. She is versatile, hard-working, can play in the post or is also effective when facing up.

#### NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	05:18	0/0	0/0	1/2	1.5	0.0	0.5

#### Silvia DOMINGUEZ



Height: 1.66

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

Team 2020-21: Perfumerias Avenida (Spain-Liga Femenina)

Twitter: sdominguez6 Instagram: sdominguez6

he veteran know-how and competitive edge of Dominguez is immense. This combination means she will once again have an influence both on and off the floor in what will be her seventh Women's EuroBasket appearance. Her defense and ability to dictate the tempo will be important.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG			AST	PTS	
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (SRB)	3	22:52	6/18	1/8	6/7	2.0	3.7	7.0	
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	23:19	9/17	1/15	14/19	3.0	4.0	7.0	
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	18:04	10/30	4/14	20/24	2.0	2.8	8.7	
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	4	09:47	1/5	1/5	0/0	1.5	2.0	1.3	
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	14:11	4/6	1/1	4/4	0.7	1.3	5.0	



Height: 1.79

Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 10/09/79 Place of Birth: Barcelona

Team 2020-21: Spar Girona (Spain-LF)

Instagram: laiapalau9

aving announced the 2017 edition would be her last, the playmaker changed her mind and faces an eighth edition of the competition. The All-Time EuroLeague Women Assists leader, Palau is a legend and uses her amazing passing skills and experience to lead her country.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (SRB)	3	20:50	6/11	0/5	0/0	2.0	6.3	4.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	21:39	15/29	3/10	3/10	3.2	4.5	7.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	23:58	3/9	0/2	0/2	2.0	2.5	3.0
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	7	20:48	8/18	5/11	5/11	2.1	5.7	5.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	21:02	6/14	2/11	2/11	2.0	3.5	3.3

#### **Raquel CARRERA**



Height: 1.90

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

Team 2020-21: Valencia Basket Club SAD (Spain-LF)

Instagram: raquelcarrera14

arrera had an amazing EuroCup Women Final Four with Valencia and was subsequently drafted to the WNBA. Now she is potentially preparing for a Women's EuroBasket debut. The teenager is very mature, has a high basketball IQ and great composure on court.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB		PTS
2019	FIBA U20 Women's European Championship	6	22:36	28/53	0/0	23/36	5.5	1.5	13.2
2019	FIBA U18 Women's European Championship	7	24:32	32/69	0/3	24/35	7.4	1.7	12.6
2018	FIBA U18 Women's European Championship	7	24:32	28/59	0/0	12/22	7.4	1.3	9.7
2018	FIBA U17 Women's Basketball World Cup	7	28:15	38/90	0/2	23/37	7.6	1.3	14.1
2017	FIBA U16 Women's European Champ Div. A	7	27:39	35/80	0/0	23/41	10.3	2.3	13.3

#### Laura GIL



Height: 1.91

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

Team 2020-21: Valencia Basket Club SAD (Spain-LF)
Twitter: Lau\_gilcollado Instagram: lau\_gilcollado

n important character in the locker room, Gil is always battling in the paint and working hard off the ball to help her teammates. An intelligent performer, efficient and unselfish, she arrives full of confidence after a terrific season winning EuroCup Women with Valencia.

#### NATIONAL TEAM STATS

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YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS	
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (SRB)	3	30:26	8/19	0/1	7/8	4.7	2.0	7.7	
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	18:24	8/22	0/0	10/18	3.8	0.8	4.3	
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	12:33	4/11	0/1	0/0	4.7	0.7	2.7	
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	7	18:00	13/24	0/0	1/2	4.6	0.7	3.9	
2017	FIRA Women's FuroBasket	6	17.28	4/16	0/0	4/9	4.5	0.3	2 0	

#### Nogaye LO



Height: 1.92
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 23/08/96
Place of Birth: Palma

Team 2020-21: Lointek Gernika Bizkaia (Spain-LF)

Instagram: nogayelosylla

powerful presence in the post who is a good finisher and rebounder, Lo is hoping to make a breakthrough and belatedly grab her first appearance at the event. She impressed at Lointek Gernika Bizkaia with some nice performances in EuroCup Women.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (SRB)	3	03:45	5/6	0/0	0/0	0.7	0.0	3.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	12:14	2/3	0/0	1/2	2.0	0.0	5.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	03:12	2/4	0/0	2/4	0.3	0.0	2.0

#### **Leonor RODRIGUEZ**



Height: 1.80

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

Team 2020-21: Perfumerias Avenida (Spain - Liga Femenina)

Twitter: Leonorspain Instagram: leonorspain

After winning gold in 2017, she missed the last edition and will be hoping for a return. Rodriguez offers a potentially potent three-point threat due to her shooting ability and was part of the Perfumerias Avenida team that made this year's EuroLeague Women Final.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (SRB)	3	12:31	3/5	3/7	1/2	2.7	0.7	5.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	10:50	6/13	2/7	9/14	1.6	2.2	5.4
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	5	03:16	1/4	1/6	1/1	0.4	0.0	1.2
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	24:00	2/5	1/5	5/9	5.0	2.0	12.0
2016	FIBA Women 's Qualifying Tournament	3	09:26	8/8	3/7	1/1	1.7	1.0	8.7

#### **Maite CAZORLA**



Height: 1.78

**Position:** Point Guard/Shooting Guard

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

Team 2020-21: Perfumerias Avenida (Spain-Liga Femenina)

Instagram: maitecazorla

ith senior guards recently retired and others scheduled to hang up their shoes soon, Spain will be relying on Cazorla to take the baton. She is looking like a lock for her first tournament because of her talent and especially her creative skills and tenacity.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2017	FIBA U20 Women's European Champ Div. A	7	26:25	9/17	8/25	8/14	1.9	3.0	7.1
2016	FIBA U20 Women's European Champ Div. A	7	23:38	12/29	7/25	10/10	1.3	3.6	7.9
2015	U18 European Champ. Women - DIV B	9	28:53	9/25	6/28	7/12	2.0	2.3	4.8
2015	FIBA U19 Women's World Championship	7	13:06	6/14	1/10	0/0	1.0	2.0	2.1
2014	U18 European Champ. Women - DIV B	9	23:06	7/28	10/41	2/4	1.1	2.2	2.1

#### **Maria CONDE**



Height: 1.86

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

Team 2020-21: ZVVZ USK Praha (Czech Republic-ZBL)
Twitter: MariaaConde

Twitter: MariaaConde Instagram: mariaaconde97

fter an injury sidelined her for much of the past club season, Conde returned to post some impressive performances. She won gold in 2017 at the last edition and will want a return after missing 2019. She can score from range and is a good passer and rebounder.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (SRB)	3	14:55	9/20	2/5	2/3	2.3	0.7	8.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	10:05	5/10	1/6	6/10	2.2	0.8	3.8
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	02:54	0/3	0/0	0/0	0.3	0.0	0.0

#### Tamara ABALDE



Height: 1.90

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 06/02/89 Place of Birth: Vigo

Team 2020-21: Kutaxa Bank Araski (Spain-Liga Femenina)

Twitter: tamaraabalde6 Instagram: tamaraabalde6

fter playing at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Abalde was brought back into the mix for the 2019 edition. Coach Mondelo may choose to keep faith in the forward who always plays hard, will go to work inside and get some priceless rebounds for the team.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (SRB)	2	06:58	1/1	0/0	0/0	1.5	0.5	1.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	04:00	0/0	0/0	3/8	0.3	0.3	0.5



#### **UNDERDO**GS LABEL IS WELL WORN

This isn't the first time that Slovakia have touched down at the Final Round as rank outsiders and so they won't take much notice of the fact that most people will be writing off their chances.

After all, Slovakia have always worn the underdogs label well whenever they have made the top table. Indeed, they reached the Quarter-Finals with a gloriously unexpected run on their last appearance four years ago, notably outperforming their derby rivals and tournament hosts, the Czech Republic.

There will be a significant onus on Sabina Oroszova who has been on fire whenever she has worn the Slovakian jersey of late. The forward will be a go-to figure in the frontcourt, while the likes of veteran center Anna Jurcenkova adds huge experience and will be an important factor both on the court and in the locker room.

The destiny of this Slovakian campaign could well fall on how the supporting cast performs, since there is no argument about the fact that the roster lacks firepower and could do with some new heroes emerging. The important element will be guaranteed by head coach Juraj Suja and that will be defense — intense defense. Without it, this team will not be able to keep pace with their rivals.

Repeating their exploits of 2017 could prove to be a tall order as they will have to again try and punch above their weight without EuroLeague Women forward Zsofia Hruscakova. But the biggest blow is losing captain and inspiration in the shape of the irrepressible Barbora Balintova. A classy and proven EuroLeague Women performer, she is the heartbeat of the team and her absence will be a massive blow. That is also the case in losing Angelika Slamova to injury, since she was hugely influential during the Qualifiers too.

Additionally, the fact that Slovakia managed to qualify without even having a winning record in their Group could raise some eyebrows, but other observers will give them credit for emerging out of a real 'Group of Death' by topping a three-way tie with Netherlands and Hungary.

It was a dramatic journey and in the very last game needing a double-figure victory over Netherlands, they delivered it in a nerve-shredding conclusion. They showed huge amounts of resolve, belief and composure to get the job done.

With that in mind, perhaps Slovakia will be empowered to play freely, enjoy this experience and while they won't want to be tournament tourists, arguably no nation is under less pressure to perform.



#### **Last 10 FIBA Events**

Year	Event	Place	Achievement
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)	8th
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Budapest (HUN)	9th
2014	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify
2013	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Orchies (FRA)	12th
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
2011	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Lodz (POL)	13th
2010	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Karlovy Vary (CZE)	Did not qualify

#### FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

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Natalia MARTISKOVA

Terezia PALENIKOVA

Nikola KOVACIKOVA

Sabina OROSZOVA

Veronika REMENAROVA

Alexandra HASKOVA

Alica MORAVCIKOVA

Ivana JAKUBCOVA

Anna JURCENKOVA

Coach: Juraj SUJA

Michaela FEKETE

Miroslava PRAZENICOVA 1.83

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17/03/95 PEAC-Pecs (HUN)

Piestanske Cajky

Piestanske Cajky

MBK Ruzomberok

KP Brno (CZE)

01/02/97 Piestanske Cajky

University of Pennsylvania (USA)

Sesto San Giovanni (ITA)

Dinamo Sassari (ITA)

Heidelberg (GER)

20/08/94 Gesam Gas Lucca (ITA)

26/07/85 Young Angels

24/06/99

16/08/95

06/01/99

02/06/97

05/06/93

16/03/97

28/07/94

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Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A		0		Tot	AST	то	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Barbora BALINTOVA	4	32.8	14/53	26.4	10/41	24.4	4/12	33.3	14/15	93.3	1,5	2,3	3,8	5,8	2,5	0,8	0,3	2,8	11,5
Sabina OROSZOVA	4	28.7	15/37	40.5	6/11	54.5	9/26	34.6	5/5	100	2,0	5,5	7,5	2,0	1,0	0,8	1,3	3,0	11,0
Angelika SLAMOVA	4	23.2	13/36	36.1	6/18	33.3	7/18	38.9	5/5	100	0,0	2,3	2,3	1,3	0,8	0,8	0,0	1,5	9,5
Miroslava MISTINOVA	4	21.5	8/22	36.4	3/10	30	5/12	41.7	7/12	58.3	1,0	2,0	3,0	0,3	2,3	0,8	0,0	2,0	7,0
Nikola DUDASOVA	4	18.3	9/20	45	5/10	50	4/10	40	4/4	100	0,3	1,5	1,8	1,3	1,5	0,5	0,0	2,0	6,5
Timea SUJOVA	4	8.4	3/8	37.5	2/5	40	1/3	33.3	2/2	100	0,0	0,3	0,3	1,0	0,0	0,3	0,0	0,5	2,3
Anna JURCENKOVA	3	24.3	8/18	44.4	8/18	44.4	0/0	-	4/5	80	3,0	4,0	7,0	2,0	0,7	0,3	1,3	4,3	6,7
Terezia PALENIKOVA	3	19.8	10/24	41.7	7/16	43.8	3/8	37.5	2/4	50	0,7	0,7	1,3	0,7	0,7	2,0	0,0	1,7	8,3
Alica MORAVCIKOVA	3	13.6	4/7	57.1	4/7	57.1	0/0	-	0/2	0	1,3	2,7	4,0	1,0	1,7	0,0	0,0	3,0	2,7
Veronika REMENAROVA	3	10	4/9	44.4	3/5	60	1/4	25	0/0	-	0,7	1,0	1,7	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,0	0,7	3,0
Ivana JAKUBCOVA	2	10.4	2/8	25	2/5	40	0/3	0	0/0	-	1,0	1,5	2,5	0,0	1,5	0,5	0,0	1,5	2,0
Zofia HRUSCAKOVA	1	37.9	2/10	20	2/8	25	0/2	0	0/0	-	4,0	1,0	5,0	4,0	4,0	0,0	1,0	3,0	4,0
Radka STASOVA	1	3,7	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Regina PALUSNA	1	2,6	0/1	0	0/1	0	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	0,0
Team/Coaches											2,0	3,0	5,0	0,0	0,8	0,0	0,0	0,0	
TOTALS		200	92/253	36,4	58/155	37,4	34/98	34,7	43/54	79,6	12,5	24,0	36,5	15,8	13,0	6,0	2,8	20,8	65,3

#### Juraj SUJA



Nationality: Slovakian Date of Birth: 17/11/80 Place of Birth: Lucenec

International Career: Slovakia (2019-)

uja has had a great 2021 after masterminding Slovakia booking their place in dramatic circumstances with that pivotal double-digit win in Netherlands. He then guided MBK Ruzomberok to the Slovakian Championship and is now hoping the national team can cause some upsets.



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

Team 2020-21: Sesto San Giovanni (Italy-A1)

Instagram: sab10ro

ne forward was superb during the Qualifiers, topping the team's efficiency and rebounding charts, as well as being second top scorer. Oroszova will be a pivotal figure and especially defensively and on the boards. She has also just completed a strong club season in Italy

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	28:42	6/11	9/26	5/5	7.5	2.0	11.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	29:12	25/42	6/21	13/19	8.3	2.0	13.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	7	25:41	10/31	2/19	5/6	5.9	1.0	4.4

#### Natalia MARTISKOVA



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

Team 2020-21: Piestanske Cajky (Slovak Republic-Extraliga)

here is a big opportunity for Martiskova to make a late charge towards a surprise debut at the event. She didn't feature during the Qualifiers but has just posted her best club season by impressing with Piestanske Cajky. So, a good camp might mean she squeezes her way onto the roster.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2017	FIBA U18 Women's European Champ Div. B	8	23:52	14/40	3/13	8/12	4.9	2.6	5.6
2016	FIBA U18 Women's European Champ Div. A	7	21:35	9/30	3/19	4/5	2.7	1.6	4.4
2015	U16 European Champ. Women - DIV A	9	21:13	10/26	0/14	13/25	2.0	0.7	3.7

#### Nikola KOVACIKOVA



Height: 1.80

Position: Shooting Guard **Date of Birth:** 06/01/99 Place of Birth: Levice

Team 2020-21: University of Pennsylvania (USA-NCAA)

Instagram: nikolakovacikova15

fter impressing at Georgetown in the NCAA, Kovacikova made the switch to the University of Pennsylvania. The guard could provide an injection of offense for her team if selected and has a good basketball IQ, helped by her mother who won a silver medal with Slovakia at the 1997 edition.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	17:53	3/10	3/9	8/8	3.3	1.8	5.8
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	07:44	2/5	0/1	1/2	0.3	0.0	1.3

#### **Barbora BALINTOVA**



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

Club Team 2020-21: VBW Arka Gdynia (Poland-BLK)

Instagram: barcika.balint

alintova showed her class with some outstanding recent seasons in EuroLeague Women. She is also a super leader for her country, using her creative ability, experience and composure in the big moments to get things done. Very much the heartbeat of this team.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers		32:49			14/15			
	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	32:12	11/18	0/4	13/15	2.0	3.5	17.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	43:42	10/20	0/6	1/2	4.0	7.5	10.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	7	29:11	18/42	9/32	24/30	3.3	4.3	12.4
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	30:45	4/17	3/9	11/18	3.8	4.8	7.0

#### **Anna JURCENKOVA**



Position: Center Date of Birth: 26/07/85 Place of Birth: Presov

Club Team 2020-21: Young Angels (Slovakia-Extraliga)

fantastic presence on and off the court, she brings amazing veteran know-how to what will be her sixth edition of the competition. Jurcenkova will hustle for putback scores, snatch precious rebounds, work tirelessly off the boards and use her experience defensively.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	24:19	8/18	0/0	4/5	7.0	2.0	6.7
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	25:51	28/43	0/0	12/22	9.2	2.0	11.3
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	7	17:32	18/30	0/0	3/10	5.0	2.0	5.6
2015	EuroBasket Women - 2nd Qualifying Round	6	21:50	27/39	0/1	10/17	5.7	2.3	10.7
2015	EuroBasket Women	7	23:25	21/35	0/0	9/20	6.7	1.7	7.3

#### Terezia PALENIKOVA



Position: Shooting Guard

**Date of Birth:** 16/08/95 Place of Birth: Bratislava

Team 2020-21: Piestanske Cajky (Slovak Republic-Extraliga)

Instagram: TeriOnka

er quick hands and how she reads the game is absolutely vital for Slovakia. It is little surprise she led the way in steals during the Qualifiers. If she can find some rhythm early from downtown, that would also be a huge boost as she looks to increase her production from the 2017 edition.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	19:50	7/16	3/8	2/4	1.2	0.7	8.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	27:52	11/32	7/12	16/17	2.5	2.5	14.8
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	17:18	3/13	1/9	4/4	1.0	2.3	3.3
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	2	14:29	2/5	0/3	3/5	0.5	1.0	3.5

#### Timea SUJOVA



Height: 1.72 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 26/02/84 Place of Birth: Dunajska Streda

Club Team 2020-21: Samorin (Slovakia-Extraliga)

is been eight years since Sujova hit the floor at the event and she could now make a return aged 37-years-old. The veteran guard played some nice cameos in the Qualifiers and has been killing it in the Slovakian League, with 18 points and 5 assists per game for Samorin

#### NOTIONAL TEAM STATE

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YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	08:25	2/5	1/3	2/2	0.3	1.0	2.3
2013	EuroBasket Women - Qualification Round	7	08:08	8/12	2/7	2/4	0.7	1.0	3.4
2013	EuroBasket Women	6	20:00	12/37	2/13	4/4	1.5	2.3	5.7



Height: 1.69

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

Club Team 2020-21: MBK Ruzomberok (Slovakia-Extraliga)

Instagram: radkastasova

The guard played her role in helping her club to land the Slovakian Championship this past season with double digit scores in two of the Finals games. Also averaging a near 4 assists per game across the campaign, she could be given added minutes if she makes the roster.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR (	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021 F	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	03:39	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	1.0	0.0
2019 F	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	07:47	1/4	0/3	0/2	4.0	1.5	1.0

#### Miroslava PRAZENICOVA



Height: 1.83

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

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

Club Team 2020-21: MBK Ruzomberok (Slovakia-Extraliga)

Instagram: mimka.13

nly one of her MBK Ruzomberok colleagues played more minutes last season for the Slovakian champions and that underlines her importance and influence. A big three-point threat, she will need to find top gear for her country to keep them competitive in games heading down the stretch.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	21:29	3/10	5/12	7/12	3.0	0.3	7.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	19:53	15/21	5/12	1/1	2.5	1.7	7,7
2017	FIRA Women's FuroBasket Qualifiers	1	n2·n4	n/n	n/n	n/n	0.0	0.0	Π

#### Veronika REMENAROVA



Height: 1.86

Position: Power Forward

Date of Birth: 16/03/97

Club Team 2020-21: KP Brno (Czech Republic-ZBL)

n agile and mobile forward, Remenarova relies more on her length rather than on raw power. She has long arms and good footwork which help her get steals, while she is a proficient rebounder too. She might not always catch fire offensively, but she can make vital scores inside or out.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	09:58	3/5	1/4	0/0	1.7	0.3	3.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	13:57	2/4	1/2	2/2	3.0	1.0	4.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	7	19:25	7/22	0/2	7/8	3.4	0.9	3.0

#### Nikola DUDASOVA



Height: 1.78

Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 17/03/95
Place of Birth: Banska Bystrica
Team 2020-21: PEAC-Pecs (Hungary-A)

Instagram: nikusdudasova

fter having limited opportunities during 2017, the contributions of Dudasova in the recent Qualifiers point towards an expanded role this time. She can do a little bit of everything, is a good creator and rebounder for her position and played in both Poland and Hungary last season.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	17:44	2/5	3/8	2/2	1.0	1.0	5.0
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	20:01	3/5	1/2	2/2	4.0	2.0	11.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	14:44	4/10	0/1	1/1	2.0	2.5	4.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	09:19	2/5	1/4	2/4	1.0	0.7	3.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	14:54	4/10	1/12	5/7	1.7	0.7	2.7

#### Alexandra HASKOVA



Height: 1.83

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 01/02/97 Place of Birth: Bratislava

Club Team 2020-21: Piestanske Cajky (Slovakia-Extraliga)

Instagram: saska\_ha

ooking to break through after not playing during the Qualifiers, Haskova did a solid job in the domestic season in Slovakia for Piestanske Cajky. While not a big scorer, she could find herself as a role player coming off the bench to grab precious rebounds and play smart defense.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	04:46	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.3	1.0	0.0

#### Alica MORAVCIKOVA



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

Club Team 2020-21: Heidelberg (Germany-DBBL)

Instagram: alicka.m

hile she will not rack up big numbers or pose a major scoring threat, her work off the ball is highly valued by her teammates. She will hustle, grab rebounds and the coach has that important trust that she will always stick to her defensive assignments when coming off the bench.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

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YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS	
2021	FIRA Women's FuroBasket Qualifiers	3	13:34	4/7	n/n	0/2	4 0	1.0	27	

#### Michaela FEKETE



Height: 1.90

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 28/07/94 Place of Birth: Bratislava

Club Team 2020-21: Dinamo Sassari (Italy-A1)

eeking a tournament debut, Fekete has plenty to offer and has proven that with a positive first pro-season overseas. She finished the 2020-21 club campaign on fire with Dinamo Sassari in Italy. She can play the 4 or 5 position, is a nice passer and will look to exploit pick and rolls.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2012	U18 European Champ. Women - DIV B	8	29:52	24/66	0/1	16/25	6.8	0.5	8.0

#### Ivana JAKUBCOVA

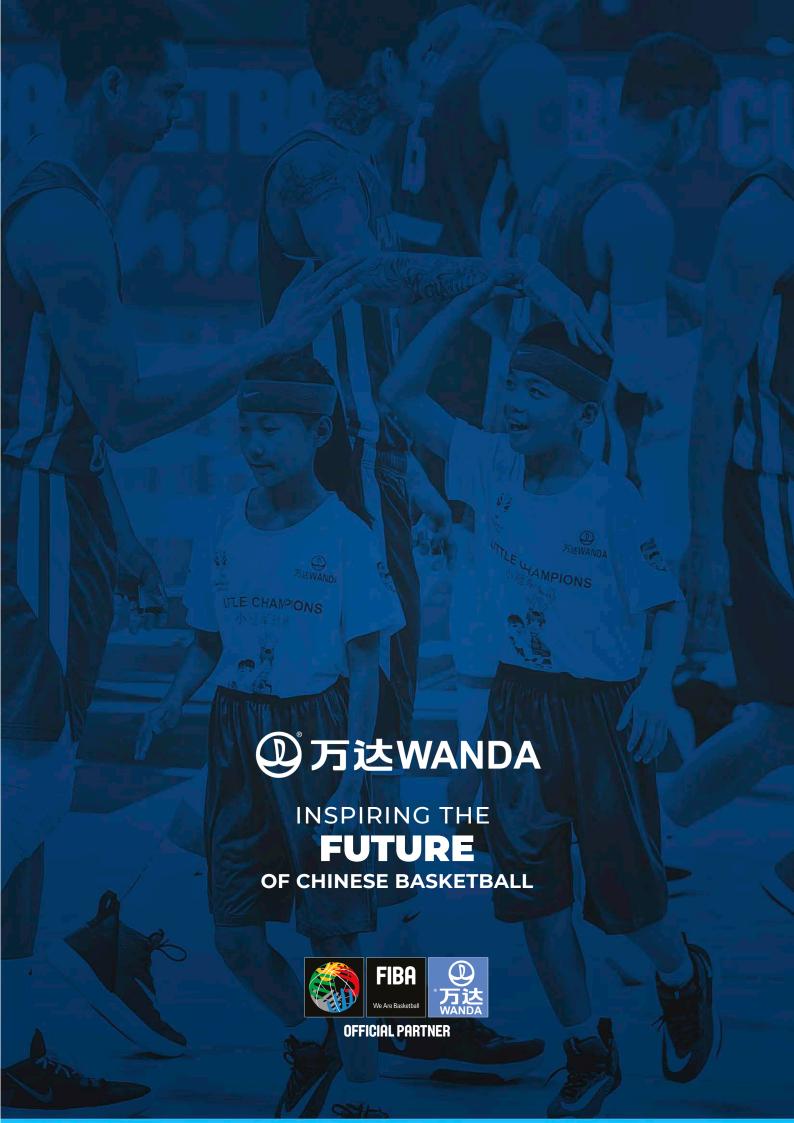


Height: 1.98
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 20/08/94
Place of Birth: Bratislava

Club Team 2020-21: Gesam Gas Lucca (Italy-A1) Instagram: ivanajakubcova

first Women's EuroBasket appearance looks likely for Jakubcova. Since Slovakia last appeared in 2017, she has logged four pro-seasons and improved, especially with Lucca in Italy. Tall, mobile, willing to slash to the basket and with a nice shooting range, she is also a good team player.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	10:26	2/5	0/3	0/2	2.5	0.0	2.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	07:19	1/4	0/1	2/2	8.0	0.3	1.0



# GROUP B VALENCIA SPAIN



MONTENEGRO



**SERBIA** 





**GREECE** 

# PAVELLÓ MUNICIPAL FONT DE SANT LLUÍS

Italy - Greece



Thursday, 17 June 2021	Montenegro - Greece	15:00
	Serbia - Italy	18:00
Friday, 18 June 2021	Greece - Serbia	12:00
	Italy - Montenegro	15:00
Sunday, 20 June 2021	Montenegro - Serbia	12:00
	Italy - Greece	18:00



# MONTEREGRO

# **STILL PUNCHING ABOVE THEIR WEIGHT**

It is one of the Continent's incredible basketball fairytale stories that relative minnows Montenegro continue to defy the odds and are here to dance at a staggering sixth consecutive Final Round.

Despite having to cope with a distinct lack of depth compared to many of their peers, they have not missed a single edition since they debuted back in 2011 and that is an incredible achievement.

Two years ago, it looked like the wheels might be in danger of coming crashing off after playcaller and former playmaking legend Jelena Skerovic picked up the coaching reins just six months before the competition tipped off. Yet she still managed to find a way to guide her country past the opening phase and then subsequently went on to impressively navigate the Qualifiers to book a ticket for this year's event.

Now the underdogs are ready to bite once more, not least because of the immeasurable boost of being able to call upon their standout leader Jelena Dubljevic. The veteran forward returned for the last Bubble back in February and lit it up with an astonishing double-double that helped topple Sweden. Anything near that same level of performance here at the Final Round and Montenegro have an elite level game-winner to call upon.

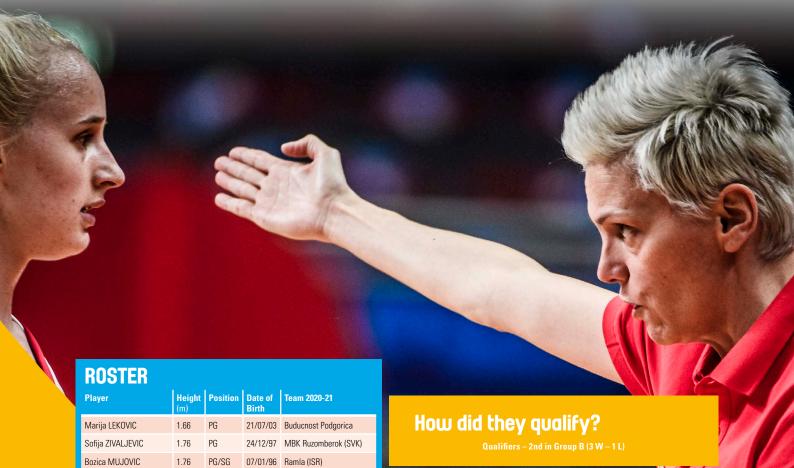
Her presence means that the frontcourt rotation is highly impressive and looks as strong as most. If Coach Skerovic opts to go big, Dubljevic will play the three and that means the highly consistent and quality duo of Milica Jovanovic and the naturalized Markeisha Gatling battling in the paint. Both provide a hard-nosed ability to crash the glass and score in the paint.

One of the most important elements heading into the tournament is that Bozica Mujovic has proven that she can be a general on this stage, having played so well two years ago. Montenegro have had to fill the void left by Skerovic making the transition from point guard to playcaller and Mujovic has reduced the gravity of that loss with her displays.

There is also the vast experience of Snezana Aleksic who has always performed at her best when wearing a national team vest, plus swingman Jovana Pasic who is playing some of the best basketball of her career and was a standout on the wings in EuroCup Women last season.

The blueprint has not really changed for Montenegro, even if the coaches and personnel have evolved since they landed at the top table a decade ago.

They will look to make life difficult, will be desperate to cause some upsets and you would not go against them pulling off their aims.



# Last 10 FIBA Events

Year	Event	Place	Achievement
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
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
2011	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Lodz (POL)	6th
2010	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Karlovy Vary (CZE)	Did not qualify

# FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

Snezana ALEKSIC

Dragana ZIVKOVIC

Milena JAKSIC

Jovana PASIC

Kristina RAKOVIC

Milica JOVANOVIC

Jelena DUBLJEVIC

Bojana KOVACEVIC

Markeisha GATLING

Violeta LAZAREVIC

Coach: Jelena SKEROVIC

Maja BIGOVIC

Anastasija DROBNJAK

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26/09/94

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30/06/97

Montana (BUL)

Buducnost Podgorica

Buducnost Podgorica

Buducnost Podgorica

ASC Sepsi-Sic (ROM)

Izmit Belediyespor (TUR)

Elazig Ozel II Idare (TUR)

Campus Promete (ESP)

Buducnost Podgorica

Zaragoza (ESP)

24/09/02 Buducnost Podgorica

Barca CBS (ESP)

			FG		2PT	FG	3PT FG		FT		REB								
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A		0		Tot	AST	то	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Milica JOVANOVIC	4	32.9	20/45	44.4	13/22	59.1	7/23	30.4	10/14	71.4	1,5	5,3	6,8	3,3	3,3	0,5	0,8	2,5	14,3
Markeisha GATLING	4	31.9	28/44	63.6	28/44	63.6	0/0	-	5/11	45.5	3,5	3,8	7,3	1,0	1,8	1,3	0,0	3,3	15,3
Bozica MUJOVIC	4	30.3	16/35	45.7	12/26	46.2	4/9	44.4	9/12	75	0,5	2,0	2,5	4,0	1,5	2,8	0,0	2,3	11,3
Jovana PASIC	4	27.3	7/17	41.2	0/5	0	7/12	58.3	0/0	-	0,5	3,3	3,8	1,0	2,0	1,8	0,0	1,8	5,3
Snezana ALEKSIC	4	23.6	4/26	15.4	2/8	25	2/18	11.1	2/3	66.7	0,0	3,5	3,5	1,5	1,8	0,5	0,0	1,3	3,0
Bojana KOVACEVIC	4	9.6	3/8	37.5	3/8	37.5	0/0	-	2/2	100	1,0	1,5	2,5	0,5	0,3	1,0	0,0	1,0	2,0
Kristina RAKOVIC	3	16.3	3/10	30	3/8	37.5	0/2	0	5/7	71.4	0,7	0,7	1,3	1,7	1,7	1,3	0,0	2,0	3,7
Milena JAKSIC	3	5.2	0/2	0	0/2	0	0/0	-	2/2	100	0,7	0,3	1,0	0,0	0,7	0,3	0,0	0,0	0,7
Jelena DUBLJEVIC	2	30.9	17/29	58.6	14/24	58.3	3/5	60	5/5	100	2,0	9,0	11,0	3,5	3,5	0,5	0,0	1,5	21,0
Jelena VUCETIC	2	17.5	6/12	50	5/10	50	1/2	50	1/2	50	0,0	2,5	2,5	0,5	2,5	0,0	0,0	3,0	7,0
Sofija ZIVALJEVIC	1	9.7	1/4	25	1/3	33.3	0/1	0	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	3,0	2,0
Dragana ZIVKOVIC	1	5.3	0/2	0	0/1	0	0/1	0	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Marija LEKOVIC	1	2	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	0,0
Team/Coaches											2,0	1,3	3,3		0,5				
TOTALS		200	105/234	44,9	81/161	50,3	24/73	32,9	41/58	70,7	11,0	27,0	38,0	14,8	15,8	9,3	0,8	16,8	68,8

# Jelena SKEROVIC



Nationality: Montenegrin **Date of Birth: 23/12/80** Place of Birth: Podgorica

Club Team 2020-21: GTK Gdynia (Poland-BLK) International Career: Montenegro (2019-)

Instagram: skera5

anded the coaching reins just six months before the previous edition two years ago, Montenegro's legendary guard led her country out of the Group Stage. Skerovic has safely guided her nation back to the showpiece event and also broadened her experience by coaching at club level in Poland.

# Markeisha GATLING



**Position:** Center **Date of Birth: 14/07/92** Place of Birth: Raleigh (USA)

Club Team 2020-21: Zaragoza (Spain-Liga Femenina)

Instagram: k\_gatling34

he naturalized center was a big hit during the Qualifiers as she stepped into the paint and delivered a highly productive 15 points and 7 rebounds per game. Her strength inside is also essential defensively and she will be an influential factor in the paint on her tournament debut.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	31:54	28/44	0/0	5/11	7.3	1.0	15.3

### Milica JOVANOVIC



Height: 1.89

Position: Power Forward **Date of birth: 14/08/89** Place of birth: Niksic

Club Team 2020-21: Izmit Belediyespor (Turkey-KBSL)

Twitter: \_m\_j\_1\_4\_ Instagram: mmmmimaa

classy frontcourt operator, Jovanovic recently logged another EuroLeague Women season and is an ever present at this tournament, with five appearances to her name. She is incredibly consistent and her quality inevitably means she is in the top three for efficiency, points and rebounds.

## **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	32:51	13/22	7/23	10/14	6.8	3.3	14.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	24:16	12/23	11/29	8/9	4.0	1.3	10.8
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	32:28	7/23	9/26	2/4	7.3	3.0	10.8
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	27:28	9/13	4/14	1/2	1.8	1.5	7.8
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	32:10	3/7	6/19	4/5	3.0	2.3	9.3

# **Jovana PASIC**



Height: 1.83

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

**Date of Birth: 12/05/92** Place of Birth: Cetinie

Club Team 2020-21: ASC Sepsi-Sic (Romania-Liga Nationala)

ne swingman lands at this edition of the competition playing some of the best basketball of her career. She was exceptional for ACS Sepsi-Sic domestically and in EuroCup Women this past season. She will pull the trigger from behind the three-point line and do a good job on the boards.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	27:17	0/5	7/12	0/0	3.8	1.0	5.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	25:09	4/6	4/9	4/5	2.3	0.5	6.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	16:24	2/5	1/5	4/6	1.8	1.5	2.8
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	12:58	0/1	2/5	0/0	3.0	1.0	3.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	1	03:16	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0

# Jelena DUBLJEVIC



Height: 1.91

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 07/05/87 Place of Birth: Niksic

Club Team 2020-21: Elazig II Ozel Idare (Turkey-KBSL)

Twitter: jelenadub11 Instagram: dubic\_atila

he return of Dubljevic in the last Qualifiers window helped Montenegro punch their ticket. The forward was magnificent when beating Sweden and she'll be the leader again. A walking double-double, she's a clutch performer and has played in the WNBA as well as EuroLeague Women and Asia.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	30:54	14/24	3/5	5/5	11.0	3.5	21.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	25:51	28/52	2/3	24/26	6.3	2.8	21.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	31:37	33/67	3/11	26/28	7.5	2.3	16.8
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket - 2nd Qual. Round	6	33:20	37/70	2/17	32/37	8.3	3.2	18.7
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	5	27:48	20/42	1/12	15/17	5.2	3.8	11.6

### Snezana ALEKSIC



Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 14/01/89 Place of Birth: Podgorica

Club Team 2020-21: Montana (Bulgaria-NBL)

Twitter: snex09 Instagram: snezana6

ne veteran shooting guard has not missed this event since Montenegro debuted in 2011 and is ready to rack up her sixth consecutive appearance. While diminutive in physical stature, Aleksic always plays to the maximum and can kill teams from longrange with her quick release.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS	
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	23:35	2/8	2/18	2/3	3.5	1.5	3.0	
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	31:31	3/10	2/10	2/2	2.5	1.8	3.5	
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	29:13	7/27	12/34	1/2	3.2	2.3	8.5	
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	19:00	6/15	11/28	0/1	2.0	1.3	7.5	
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	08:22	1/3	0/8	0/2	2.0	1.3	0.7	

# Marija LEKOVIC



Height: 1.66 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 21/07/03 Place of Birth: Cetinje Club Team 2020-21:

Buducnost Podgorica (Montenegro-Superleague)

Instagram: lekovic.marija

till only 17-years-old, Lekovic continues to develop and will hope to convince Coach Skerovic to put faith in her. She has played for the senior team since she was only 15 and tasted brief court time in the Qualifiers. Patient and composed, she is still learning but has big potential.

## **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	01:59	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	07:09	0/0	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.0	0.0

# Bozica MUJOVIC



Height: 1.76

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 07/01/96 Place of Birth: Bijelo Polje Club Team 2020-21: Ramla (Israel-D1)

Twitter: BozicaMujovic Instagram: bozicamujovic\_11

irmly established as the leading playmaker for her country, Mujovic has picked up the baton from head coach Jelena Skerovic who used to pull the strings so brilliantly. She had almost 5 assists per game at the last edition and 4 per outing in the Qualifiers so will continue as the floor general.

YE	EAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
20	)21	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	30:19	12/26	4/9	9/12	2.5	4.0	11.3
20	119	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	27:26	14/37	3/14	7/16	3.7	4.5	7.3
20	119	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	30:17	19/41	3/14	11/16	2.8	4.8	14.5
20	)17	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	18:20	14/25	5/14	2/4	2.7	2.2	7.5
20	)17	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	27:01	6/18	0/4	2/7	1.7	4.3	4.7

Height: 1.85

Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 26/09/94
Place of Birth: Bijelo Polie

Club Team 2020-21: Barca CBS (Spain-Liga Femenina 2)

Twitter: Rakoviceva2 Instagram: rakoviceva

his could be a third Women's EuroBasket outing for Rakovic who featured in both 2015 and 2017. The versatile forward was handed a big chunk of court time coming off the bench in the Qualifiers. Continuing her club career in Spain of late, she offers physicality and is a trusted part of the rotation.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

Y	EAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
20	)21	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	16:15	3/8	0/2	5/7	1.3	1.7	3.7
20	119	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	11:15	6/11	1/5	2/2	1.5	0.8	4.3
20	17	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	16:20	4/9	0/0	2/2	3.5	0.5	5.0
20	17	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	1	09:25	2/2	0/0	0/0	4.0	1.0	4.0
20	115	FIBA Women's EuroBasket - 2nd Qual. Round	2	06:30	1/3	0/0	0/0	1.0	1.0	1.0

# Milena JAKSIC



Height: 1.83

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 27/12/98 Place of Birth: Podgorica Club Team 2020-21: B

uducnost Podgorica (Montenegro-Superleague)

anded a dream debut at the previous edition of the competition, Jaksic was only given a handful of minutes at the showpiece event. However, the winger will be looking to continue making modest contributions off the bench and is a reliable shooter who always makes the most of good looks.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	05:10	0/2	0/0	2/2	1.0	0.0	0.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	08:41	1/2	0/2	3/3	1.0	0.5	2.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	01:13	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	2	02:48	1/2	0/0	0/0	0.5	0.0	1.0

# Dragana ZIVKOVIC



Height: 1.79

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 23/01/01 Place of Birth: Cetinje Club Team 2020-21:

Buducnost Podgorica (Montenegro-Superleague)

Instagram: draganazivkoviic

teenager when she made her debut two years ago, the guard was given a handful of minutes and showed glimpses of her potential. Her aggression and offensive fire-power are an exciting combination and as she gains more experience, she is only likely to continue on an upward curve.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	05:17	0/1	0/1	0/0	0.0	1.0	0.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	04:03	2/5	0/1	1/1	1.0	0.0	1.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	07:34	2/2	0/3	0/0	0.7	0.0	1.3

# **Bojana KOVACEVIC**



Height: 1.86

Position: Power Forward/Center Date of Birth: 16/10/96 Place of Birth: Bijelo Polje

Club Team 2020-21: Campus Promete (Spain-Liga Femenina)

Instagram: bkovacevic1

n event first-timer two years ago, she enjoyed a highly fruitful debut and made the most of her 17 minutes per game by shooting 75 percent from the field. Kovacevic demonstrated that she can be an effective part of the frontcourt rotation and she underlined this during the recent Qualifiers.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	09:33	3/8	0/0	2/2	2.5	0.5	2.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	10:24	1/1	0/0	0/0	3.0	0.0	2.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	17:34	9/12	0/0	3/4	2.3	0.3	5.3

# **Violeta LAZAREVIC**



Height: 1.90 Position: Center Date of Birth: 30/06/97 Place of Birth: Pljevlja Club Team 2020-21:

Buducnost Podgorica (Montenegro-Superleague)

A surprise selection two years ago, Lazarevic made an unexpected debut and will be hoping she can book a return, despite not playing in the Qualifiers. While not a big scorer, Lazarevic uses her towering frame to work the high post and get her share of rebounds.

# **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	2	04:27	1/3	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.0	1.0

# Sofija ZIVALJEVIC



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

Club Team 2020-21: MBK Ruzomberok (Slovakia-Extraliga)

Instagram: sofijazivaljevic4

he guard could be set to land a debut after an excellent first pro-season. Having played for lowa State and North Dakota State in the NCAA, Zivaljevic landed the Slovakian Championship with MBK Ruzomberok and did so by averaging an impressive double-digit scoring return.

### NATIONAL TEAM STATS

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS	
2021	FIRA Women's FuroBasket Qualifiers	1	09:40	1/3	0/1	n/n	0.0	0.0	2.0	

# Maja BIGOVIC



Height: 1.95
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 24/09/02
Place of Birth: Cetinje
Club Team 2020-21:

Buducnost Podgorica (Montenegro-Superleague)

Instagram: bigovic\_m11

he 18-year-old is one of her country's brightest prospects and even if this particular event comes just too soon, she is surely destined to make the transition to the senior team soon. The center posted some eye-catching displays with Buducnost and showcased her shot-blocking ability.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2018	FIBA U16 Women's European Champ. Div. B	8	22:44	26/67	0/0	11/22	7.1	0.4	7.9

# Anastasija DROBNJAK



Height: 1.81 Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 13/08/02 Place of Birth: Bijelo Polje Club Team 2020-21:

Buducnost Podgorica (Montenegro-Superleague)

Instagram: anastasijadrobnjak1

hile the teenager has not featured for the senior team yet, she's put herself on the center of the radar with some sensational displays for Buducnost. She erupted last season and poured in almost 16 points per game, which means that Coach Skerovic may be tempted to have her on the bench.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2018	FIBA U16 Women's European Champ. Div. B	8	24:13	10/32	12/60	7/15	3.6	0.6	7.9



# SERBIA

# **PUSHING FOR THE PODIUM AGAIN**

Serbia will head into the Final Round searching for a third medal in four editions of the competition.

Having landed a glorious first ever gold back in 2015, followed by an enjoyable bronze on home soil two years ago, it looks like this vastly experienced group could threaten to tread the podium steps once more.

Their success in the competition has been achieved alongside the famous bronze medal they landed on their Olympic debut in Rio during 2016 - as well as the fact they are heading to Tokyo for another outing at the Games next month.

All of Serbia's highs have been attained via the oversight of head coach Marina Maljkovic, who continues to get the most from her team. Her management of a locker room flowing with strong characters and colorful personalities has been impressive and she always finds a way – even when there are question marks heading into tournaments.

The biggest question after the last Final Round was the lack of depth in the backcourt and the addition of the naturalized Yvonne Anderson has solved a big headache. The guard is a momentum-shifter, a game-winner and significantly increases their chances of taking another medal.

Of course, even without her recent arrival on the scene, Serbia would still be competitive and rolling deep in this tournament because they have two superb leaders in the shape of Sonja Vasic and Jelena Brooks.

The former just retired from an amazing EuroLeague Women career and will soon hang up her shoes, meaning Serbia will miss her leadership, experience and do-it-all abilities — especially in the biggest and most tense moments. Brooks meanwhile showed her commitment at the last edition when she returned to help Serbia take third place only a few months after giving birth. Her offensive firepower remains so precious for her team.

There is also the 2015 FIBA Women's EuroBasket MVP in Ana Dabovic, who can't be tied down when she gets on a roll and is liable to erupt offensively in any game. Serbia also has the defensive hustle and shooting ability of the long-serving Nevena Jovanovic, plus the forward skills of the ever-impressive Aleksandra Crvendakic and center Tina Krajisnik.

While Coach Maljkovic could use this tournament to blood some new faces and opt to park some of her experienced players, they will still be a tough nut to crack. And, if they play to their potential, there will surely not be many teams finishing above them.



			FG		2PT	FG	3РТ	FG	FT NAVA   O/			REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A		M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Jelena BROOKS	4	30.2	17/39	43.6	12/22	54.5	5/17	29.4	5/6	83.3	0,5	2,0	2,5	3,0	2,8	1,5	0,0	1,5	11,0
Aleksandra CRVENDAKIC	4	30	16/31	51.6	9/19	47.4	7/12	58.3	21/23	91.3	2,0	4,0	6,0	3,3	2,5	3,3	0,3	1,3	15,0
Nevena JOVANOVIC	4	26.5	9/27	33.3	6/17	35.3	3/10	30	1/2	50	0,8	4,3	5,0	1,8	1,0	1,3	0,0	0,8	5,5
Sasa CADO	4	13	4/14	28.6	3/3	100	1/11	9.1	0/0	-	0,0	0,8	0,8	1,3	0,8	1,0	0,3	3,0	2,3
Yvonne ANDERSON	3	34.7	21/41	51.2	18/33	54.5	3/8	37.5	6/6	100	0,3	3,3	3,7	7,0	3,7	3,3	0,7	1,7	17,0
Sara KRNJIC	3	15.5	6/10	60	6/10	60	0/0	-	2/2	100	1,0	0,7	1,7	1,0	1,7	0,7	0,3	1,3	4,7
Maja SKORIC	3	9.2	4/6	66.7	4/5	80	0/1	0	0/2	0	0,7	0,7	1,3	0,3	0,0	0,3	0,0	1,0	2,7
Sonja VASIC	2	36	14/30	46.7	11/21	52.4	3/9	33.3	2/2	100	2,0	5,0	7,0	3,0	0,5	2,5	0,5	3,5	16,5
Ana DABOVIC	2	26.5	10/23	43.5	7/14	50	3/9	33.3	2/3	66.7	1,0	1,5	2,5	4,5	1,0	2,5	0,0	2,5	12,5
Tina KRAJISNIK	2	16.9	5/7	71.4	5/7	71.4	0/0	-	3/4	75	1,0	3,5	4,5	0,5	1,5	0,0	0,0	4,0	6,5
Dragana STANKOVIC	2	13.5	2/6	33.3	2/6	33.3	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	0,5	3,0	2,0
Dajana BUTULIJA	2	9	1/4	25	0/10	0	1/3	33.3	0/0	-	0,5	1,5	2,0	0,0	1,0	1,0	0,0	3,5	1,5
Nikolina MILIC	1	26,5	6/12	50	6/12	50	0/0	-	5/6	83,3	1,0	4,0	5,0	0,0	3,0	1,0	0,0	4,0	17,0
Jovana NOGIC	1	16,3	5/7	71,4	2/2	100	3/5	60	0/0	-	0,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	0,0	4,0	13,0
Miljana BOJOVIC	1	16,1	0/2	0	0/0	-	0/2	0	1/2	50	0,0	1,0	1,0	3,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	3,0	1,0
Teodora TURUDIC	1	10,3	1/2	50	1/2	50	0/0	-	1/1	100	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	3,0
Aleksandra STANACEV	1	0,1	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Katarina ZEC	0	0	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Maja MILJKOVIC	0	0	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Team/Coaches											2,0	2,8	4,8		1,0				
TOTALS			121/26146.4		92/17452.9		29/8733.3		49/5983.1		9,3	25,0	34,3	21,0	15,3	14,0	1,8	20,5	80,0

### CUHCH Marina MALJKOVIC



Nationality: Serbian Date of Birth: 26/09/81 Place of Birth: Belgrade

Team 2020-21: Denso Iris (Japan-WJBL) International Career: Serbia (2012-16, 2017-)

he play-caller has been at the helm for all of Serbia's historical high points, not least their maiden title in 2015, which also delivered a first Olympics outing. She manages the personalities on her roster brilliantly and has broadened her

own experiences of late by coaching in China and Japan.

# Sonja VASIC



Height: 1.89

Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 18/02/89 Place of Birth: Belgrade

Team 2020-21: Spar Girona (Spain-Liga Femenina)

Instagram: sonjavasic5

legend of the European game, Vasic is entering the last chapter of a stunning career, having announced she'll be hanging up her game shoes. An elite clutch performer who has played almost all her career in EuroLeague Women, she can do it all and is the leader.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	36:02	11/21	3/9	2/2	7.0	3.0	16.5
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (SRB)	3	27:06	9/24	4/12	4/4	5.3	1.3	11.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	27:18	20/60	4/12	14/19	6.3	3.0	11.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	26:08	20/39	8/19	13/16	4.0	2.8	19.3
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	30:10	16/24	3/7	10/11	5.0	2.7	17.0

### Jelena BROOKS



Height: 1.90 Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 28/04/89 Place of Birth: Kragujevac

Team 2020-21: Sopron Basket (Hungary-A)

rguably the most consistent and productive player during Serbia's rise, the forward oozes quality. Brooks is a constant danger with her devastating scoring power. At the last edition she only just won a race against time having become a mother not long before it started.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	30:11	12/22	5/17	5/6	2.5	3.0	11.0
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (SRB)	3	28:03	11/26	3/14	6/6	4.3	2.0	12.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	25:35	19/44	6/22	12/16	3.5	2.2	11.3
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	24:47	22/46	9/22	19/23	4.3	2.2	15.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	28:39	14/39	6/20	13/16	4.0	1.3	14.8

### Jovana NOGIC



Height: 1.81 Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 17/12/97 Place of Birth: Belgrade

Team 2020-21: Campus Promete (Spain-LF)

Instagram: yoyonogic11

debut could be a possibility after Nogic stepped into the team during the Qualifiers and impressed with some positive scoring contributions. If Coach Maljkovic wants new blood for the tournament, then the winger could keep her place coming off the

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	16:18	2/2	3/5	0/0	1.0	1.0	13.0

### Aleksandra CRVENDAKIC



Height: 1.87

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

Team 2020-21: LDLC ASVEL Feminin (France-LFB)

Twitter: crvendakic11 Instagram: crvendakic11

rvendakic will soon take over the leadership of the team as her veteran teammates begin to step away. She is already a central figure because of her scoring and rebounding ability, often showcased in EuroLeague Women. This will be her third appearance at the event.

# NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	30:01	9/19	7/12	21/23	6.0	3.3	15.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	20:48	7/16	6/15	3/4	5.7	1.3	5.8
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	15:50	17/21	4/11	2/3	4.3	1.2	8.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	13:00	2/7	2/6	6/8	2.3	0.8	4.0
2016	Olympic Games: Tournament for Women	4	03:55	2/2	1/3	0/0	0.3	0.5	1.8

### Sasa CADO



Height: 1.78
Position: Shooting Guard

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

Team 2020-21: Carolo Basket (France-LFB)

Instagram: sasa13cado

ado has regularly stepped off the bench to hit some important shots for her country.

The guard will score from outside or will pull up off the dribble and can't be given any space by her defenders. A great team member, she is likely to play her usual cameos off the bench.

## **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	13:02	3/3	1/11	0/0	0.8	1.2	2.3
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (SRB)	3	14:53	2/5	5/14	0/0	2.3	2.0	6.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	16:29	2/5	5/14	1/3	1.8	0.7	3.3
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	16:55	3/3	10/19	0/0	3.0	1.0	9.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	12:21	1/2	2/8	2/2	1.3	0.0	2.5

# **Ana DABOVIC**



Height: 1.83

Position: Shooting Guard/Point Guard

Date of Birth: 18/08/89 Place of Birth: Cetinje (MNE) Team 2020-21: BLMA (France-LFB)

he versatile guard was the driving force behind Serbia's most glorious night when Dabovic was crowned the 2015 MVP as Serbia took their first title. Even if sometimes unpredictable, when she does get the hot-hand she is mostly unstoppable and always a potential game-winner.

# NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	26:30	7/14	3/9	2/3	2.5	4.5	12.5
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (SRB)	3	22:41	9/17	2/7	12/12	2.7	4.0	12.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	5	22:16	17/42	4/10	13/17	4.4	3.4	11.8
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	25:22	14/31	5/14	15/18	2.2	4.2	11.6
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	19:28	6/18	3/7	6/6	2.3	1.0	6.8

# Nevena JOVANOVIC



Height: 1.80

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

Team 2020-21: Basket Landes (France-LFB)

Twitter: NJovanovic33 Instagram: neca\_9

ovanovic has played a major role for Serbia and this will be her fifth Women's EuroBasket. Her shooting ability and her defensive tenacity are both key upsides. The experienced guard has been snapped up by EuroLeague Women Final Four club Sopron Basket for next season.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	26:30	6/17	3/10	1/2	5.0	1.8	5.5
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (SRB)	3	23:03	1/7	2/5	3/3	4.3	2.7	3.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	29:23	7/14	8/21	7/10	3.5	1.2	7.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	19:38	5/12	3/16	9/10	2.5	3.0	4.7
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	31:27	6/16	3/14	15/17	1.5	1.0	9.0

Height: 1.88

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 10/12/99 Place of Birth: Larnaca (CYP)

Team 2020-21: Wake Forest (USA-NCAA)

Twitter: ivana\_raca Instagram: ivana\_raca

he recently graduated from Wake Forest as the fourth player in program history to earn All-ACC first team honors and was top 10 for points and rebounds. Skilled and with an impressive court IQ, she's chasing an event debut. Her father played basketball for Yugoslavia.

# **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

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YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2018	FIBA U20 Women's European Championship	7	31:19	29/52	9/21	31/37	6.7	1.0	16.6
2017	FIBA U18 Women's European Champ Div. A	7	23:28	19/37	5/14	14/20	5.0	0.7	9.6
2012	U16 European Champ. Women Div. C	4	07:15	3/7	0/0	0/2	2.0	0.8	1.5

# Tina KRAJISNIK



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

Team 2020-21: Sopron Basket (Hungary-A)

Instagram: tinche\_14

rguably one of the most underrated players around, Krajisnik showed outstanding consistency and levels in EuroLeague Women with Sopron in recent seasons. Mobile, tenacious and efficient, she missed out in 2019 but could lead the frontcourt this time.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	16:51	5/7	0/0	3/4	4.5	0.5	6.5
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (SRB)	3	21:07	11/22	0/0	8/11	4.3	0.3	10.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	18:52	8/17	0/1	3/6	4.8	0.3	4.8

# **Yvonne ANDERSON**



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

Team 2020-21: Reyer Venezia (Italy-Lega A)

Instagram: yvonnea12

recent arrival, the naturalized playmaker is a major offensive weapon for her adopted country. Devastating in the open court and comfortable scoring or creating off the dribble, she is a tough guard for opponents and adds an extra dimension and quality to the roster.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	34:42	18/33	3/8	6/6	3.7	7.0	17.0

### Sara KRNJIC



Height: 1.93
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 15/07/91
Place of Birth: Novi Sad

Team 2020-21: KSC Szekszard (Hungary-A)

Instagram: saritaq

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	15:28	6/10	0/0	2/2	1.7	1.0	4.7
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	07:36	5/7	0/0	6/8	0.5	1.3	4.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	11:02	4/7	0/0	3/3	2.7	0.0	3.7
2016	Olympic Games: Tournament for Women	6	05:48	3/8	0/0	2/2	1.2	0.0	1.3
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	7	06:34	2/7	0/0	3/4	0.7	0.4	1.0

# **Dragana STANKOVIC**



Height: 1.95

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

Team 2020-21: CCC Polkowice (Poland-BLK)

Instagram: draganas14

his will be her third successive appearance at the tournament and Stankovic will be looking to push for a starting place. She offers great mobility and some nice moves inside the paint, while at the other end of the court, she lights up the highlight reel with spectacular blocks.

# **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	13:27	2/6	0/0	0/0	1.0	1.0	2.0
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (SRB)	3	11:54	5/15	0/0	1/2	2.7	0.7	3.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	10:44	11/21	0/0	8/11	2.8	1.0	5.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	06:03	1/7	0/0	3/4	0.8	0.0	1.3
2016	Olympic Games: Tournament for Women	6	06:15	5/8	0/0	1/2	1.7	0.2	1.8

# Maja SKORIC



Height: 1.85

Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 10/11/89 Place of Birth: Rijeka (CRO)

Team 2020-21: KSC Szekszard (Hungary-A)

Twitter: Skoric12 Instagram: sonrisaaaa5

hile never a headline writer with Serbia, she continues to offer plenty coming off the bench. With a good basketball IQ, her smarts and commitment to team play should secure her place. Skoric competed in the EuroCup Women Final Four and Hungarian Finals this past season.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	09:10	4/5	0/1	0/2	1.3	0.3	2.7
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (SRB)	3	08:48	2/5	1/2	2/3	1.3	0.7	3.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	5	05:07	3/9	2/2	2/2	1.2	0.0	2.8
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	18:48	6/9	2/6	0/0	3.8	1.3	4.5
2013	Women's EuroBasket - Qualification Round	8	12:22	8/21	1/1	5/8	2.1	0.8	3.0

# Dajana BUTULIJA



Height: 1.76

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 23/02/86 Place of Birth: Kikinda

Team 2019-20: Sleza Wroclaw (Poland-BLK)

Instagram: dajica10

utulija is a veteran guard who has always been a favored option of Coach Maljkovic and that sees her potentially stepping out at her fifth edition. The guard brings energy and experience, can score quickly and always does the defensive job needed for the

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	08:59	0/1	1/3	0/0	2.0	0.0	1.5
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (SRB)	2	12:42	2/4	0/3	0/0	3.0	2.5	2.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	17:30	11/20	5/18	1/6	3.7	2.7	6.3
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	13:16	5/9	0/6	0/0	1.7	1.0	3.3
2016	Olympic Games: Tournament for Women	8	11:09	3/12	4/6	6/8	1.8	1.0	3.0

# Masa JANKOVIC



Height: 1.87 Position: Center Date of Birth: 01/02/00 Place of Birth: Belgrade

Team 2020-21: Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-A League)

Instagram: masajankovic12

fter a super domestic season with Crvena Zvezda, Jankovic has made a late surge towards a potentially surprise inclusion. If Coach Maljkovic opts for some new faces, then the center could be in contention, especially after some eye-catching preparation displays.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA U20 Women's European Championship	7	16:51	10/19	0/3	11/18	4.3	1.0	4.4
2016	FIBA U16 Women's European Cham Div.A	7	31:34	22/47	0/0	13/25	6.4	1.9	8.1



# **REASONS** TO BE HOPEFUL

They may now be with their third coach since the start of the previous Women's EuroBasket, but the potential chaos that once threatened to rein has been exchanged for well-placed optimism.

The warning shot however is that Italy also went into the 2019 edition with high hopes and playcaller Marco Crespi paid the price for not making the Quarter-Finals. Replaced by former head coach Andrea Capobianco, the wheels quickly came off in the Qualifiers as they lost to Czech Republic and claimed an unconvincing win against Denmark.

Cue the appointment of the experienced Lino Lardo, who dealt with the pressure impressively and won all four remaining games of his short tenure. He also made key choices, including parting ways with one of the team's longtime leaders in Giorgia Sottana.

Now the playcaller has linked up with headline maker and marquee star Cecilia Zandalasini for the next club season at Virtus Bologna which underlines their close relationship. The guard will still be the main attraction and centerpiece because of her scoring talent and the maturity she showed in the Qualifiers by creating brilliantly for her teammates.

The question is whether those around her can turn up the noise and deliver. There is particular excitement at the likely debut of Francesca Pan, the talented shooting guard who was superb in taking Reyer Venezia to their first Italian Championship in 75 years during a thrilling five-game series against derby rivals Schio. If she does manage to post

a breakout tournament it would be a huge bonus in taking some of the scoring load away from Zandalasini.

Putting points on the scoreboard has been an issue in recent times for Italy. Zandalasini was the only player to average double-digits in 2019 and the now departed Sottana was next closest. It underlines that this campaign will need multiple contributions from multiple sources to be a success.

Several players are capable of taking a step up on this stage and especially those high in confidence from their domestic title success at Venezia like Elisa Penna, Debora Carangelo, Beatrice Atturo and Marina Bestagno.

The veteran know-how of Nicole Romeo and Sabrina Cinili will be priceless and especially many younger players potentially coming to the party such as Lorela Cubaj and Olbis Andre Futo, who both debuted last time but must now turn up the dial.

Italy clearly needs to post a big team effort to make the Quarter-Finals and secure a route to the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup, because being overly reliant on the super Zandalasini, as brilliant as she is, is just too much of a gamble.



Cecilia ZANDALASINI

Martina FASSINA

Valeria DE PRETTO

Sabrina CINILI

Valeria TRUCCO

Elisa PENNA

Jasmine KEYS

Lorela CUBAJ

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22/04/89 Famila Schio

13/11/95 Reyer Venezia

08/10/97 Famila Schio

25/12/98 Famila Schio

14/08/90 Reyer Venezia

08/01/99 Georgia Tech (USA)

01/11/99 Passalacqua Ragusa

Fenerbahce Oznur Kablo (TUR)

AZS UMCS Lublin (POL)

	Last	: 10 FIBA Events		
	Year	Event	Place	Achievement
l	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
ı	2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Budapest (HUN)	15th
ı	2014	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify
l	2013	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Orchies (FRA)	8th
	2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
	2011	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Lodz (POL)	Did not qualify
	2010	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Karlovy Vary (CZE)	Did not qualify

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Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A		M/A				Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Martina BESTAGNO	6	27,3	20/38	52,6	19/32	59,4	1/6	16,7	16/23	69,6	1,7	2,5	4,2	0,8	0,7	0,3	0,2	2,7	9,5
Cecilia ZANDALASINI	6	26,9	35/78	44,9	25/50	50	10/28	35,7	17/27	63	0,7	2,3	3,0	4,2	1,7	1,3	0,0	1,7	16,2
Sabrina CINILI	6	24,3	11/28	39,3	10/18	55,6	1/10	10	4/4	100	0,0	1,3	1,3	1,5	0,3	1,7	0,0	1,3	4,5
Elisa PENNA	6	14,9	15/36	41,7	9/26	34,6	6/10	60	6/7	85,7	0,7	1,7	2,3	2,0	0,5	0,8	0,0	1,5	7,0
Debora CARANGELO	5	19,3	12/28	42,9	3/6	50	9/22	40,9	6/8	75	1,2	2,4	3,6	2,2	2,0	1,4	0,0	1,4	7,8
Nicole Elaine ROMEO	5	14,8	8/24	33,3	2/8	25	6/16	37,5	11/12	91,7	0,2	1,2	1,4	4,0	1,2	0,2	0,0	1,2	6,6
Francesca PAN	4	19,6	16/31	51,6	4/8	50	12/23	52,2	2/2	100	0,3	1,3	1,5	1,8	0,5	0,8	0,5	1,5	11,5
Olbis ANDRÉ	4	14,8	13/21	61,9	13/21	61,9	0/0	-	3/6	50	0,8	2,3	3,0	0,8	1,0	1,0	0,5	2,5	7,3
Beatrice ATTURA	4	13,2	9/20	45	6/13	46,2	3/7	42,9	8/12	66,7	0,0	1,0	1,0	1,3	0,5	1,5	0,0	0,5	7,3
Jasmine KEYS	4	12,6	7/14	50	5/11	45,5	2/3	66,7	1/2	50	2,5	2,0	4,5	1,3	0,3	0,5	1,0	3,0	4,3
Martina CRIPPA	4	10	0/2	0	0/1	0	0/1	0	0/2	0	0,3	1,3	1,5	0,5	0,0	0,5	0,0	0,8	0,0
Sara MADERA	4	3,8	1/3	33,3	1/2	50	0/1	0	2/2	100	0,0	1,5	1,5	0,0	0,5	0,0	0,0	0,3	1,0
Giorgia SOTTANA	2	28,8	10/26	38,5	6/12	50	4/14	28,6	1/2	50	0,0	1,0	1,0	5,5	1,5	1,0	0,0	0,5	12,5
Francesca DOTTO	2	27,6	7/17	41,2	4/8	50	3/9	33,3	3/4	75	1,5	5,5	7,0	6,5	2,5	1,0	0,0	1,0	10,0
Valeria DE PRETTO	2	13,5	3/7	42,9	2/4	50	1/3	33,3	1/2	50	0,5	1,0	1,5	1,5	0,0	1,0	0,5	2,0	4,0
Maddalena GORINI	2	1,9	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,0	1,0	0,0
Samantha Marie OSTARELLO	1	21,5	1/5	20	1/2	50	0/3	0	0/0	-	2,0	2,0	4,0	3,0	2,0	1,0	3,0	1,0	2,0
Chiara CONSOLINI	1	7,6	0/1	0	0/1	0	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Team/Coaches											2,2	3,5	5,7		0,5				
TOTALS		200	168/379	44,3	110/223	49,3	58/156	37,2	81/115	70,4	9,8	23,5	33,3	22,7	10,2	9,8	2,2	16,7	79,2

### COACH Lino LARDO



Nationality: Italian
Date of Birth: 16/07/59
Place of Birth: Albenga
Team 2020-21: San Severo (Italy-A 2)
International Career: Italy (2020-)

former player, the veteran Lardo arrived after a poor first Qualifiers window forced the Federation to make a change. Lardo has enjoyed a great start with four wins from four games. He will also move to A1 next season at club level to coach Virtus Segafredo Bologna.

# Martina BESTAGNO



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

Team 2020-21: Reyer Venezia (Italy-A1)

Instagram: martybest

espite plenty of EuroLeague and EuroCup Women experience, the 30-year-old has never played at the event. This will now change after shifting up the gears with almost 30 minutes per game in the Qualifiers and helping Reyer Venezia land the Italian Championship.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	27:15	19/32	1/6	16/23	4.2	0.8	9.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	06:19	1/2	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.5	1.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	19:27	13/16	0/2	6/9	5.0	1.7	10.7
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket - 2nd Qual. Round	1	03:00	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0

# **Martina FASSINA**



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

Place of Birth: Castelfranco Veneto

Team 2020-21: AZS UMCS Lublin (Poland-BLK)

Instagram: martina\_fassina

dynamic forward, Fassina played sparing EuroLeague Women minutes at Schio but spread her wings and moved to Poland. She's been able to showcase her varied skill-set effectively at Lublin with an all-action campaign that could propel her to

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA U20 Women's European Championship	7	27:05	30/70	3/14	8/14	4.9	1.7	11.0
2018	FIBA U20 Women's European Championship	7	21:50	26/55	5/11	17/30	3.9	2.3	12.0
2017	FIBA U19 Women's Basketball World Cup	7	25:17	26/48	2/9	7/11	3.6	3.7	9.3
2017	FIBA U18 Women's European Champ Div. A	7	24:50	28/66	3/15	8/11	4.7	2.7	10.4
2016	FIBA U18 Women's European Champ Div. A	5	19:03	6/21	0/6	6/9	1.8	0.6	3.6

### Francesca PAN



Height: 1.80 Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 27/05/97

Place of Birth: Bassano Del Grappa Team 2020-21: Reyer Venezia Italy-A1) Instagram: francesca\_pan9

n exciting scoring talent looking to debut, Pan showed her range during the Qualifiers by racking up double-digits in points. The Georgia Tech graduate has had a great season making the EuroCup Women Final with Reyer Venezia and being crowned Italian Finals MVP.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	19:38	4/8	12/23	2/2	1.5	1.8	11.5

# Cecilia ZANDALASINI



Height: 1.85

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

Team 2020-21: Fenerbahce Oznur Kablo (Turkey-KBSL)

Twitter: Ceci\_Zanda Instagram: zandi96

truly special talent, Zandalasini is a potential All-Star Five member for Italy. Their marquee player, she can score from anywhere, will lead offensively and is a game-winner in waiting. A WNBA champion, she has also just played at her first EuroLeague Women Final Four.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	26:53	25/50	10/28	17/27	3.0	4.2	16.2
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	32:52	17/36	3/18	12/18	2.8	3.3	13.8
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	31:27	28/64	3/22	13/17	5.7	3.5	13.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	20:10	19/33	2/4	9/15	4.4	1.4	10.6
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	7	30:54	44/86	7/14	24/27	9.6	2.0	19.0

### **Jasmine KEYS**



Height: 1.90
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 08/10/97
Place of Birth: Venezia

Team 2020-21: Famila Schio (Italy-A1) Instagram: barrettaspecialkeys

he forward was just squeezed out of contention in 2019. With two more years of EuroLeague Women experience, she should go this time. Long, with a good wingspan, the team will utilize her rebounding skills, while she can make an outside shot if open.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

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	2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	12:38	5/11	2/3	1/2	4.5	1.3	4.3

# **Debora CARANGELO**



Height: 1.67 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 10/02/92 Place of Birth: Maddaloni

Team 2020-21: Reyer Venezia (Italy-A1)

Instagram: lacaradeb

nother experienced player who has never been to the Women's EuroBasket, Carangelo is enjoying a renaissance in a national team vest and is due to debut. The playmaker did some solid work in the Qualifiers and has just won a Championship with Reyer Venezia.

## **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	19:20	3/6	9/22	6/8	3.6	2.2	7.8

### **Beatrice ATTURA**



Height: 1.70
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 05/11/94
Place of Birth: Frisco (USA)
Team 2020-21: Reyer Venezia (Italy-A1)

Instagram: beaattura30

late bloomer on the international stage, the point guard has impressed recently with Italian champions Reyer Venezia, including in EuroCup Women. A Women's EuroBasket debut awaits and she will be trusted by Coach Lardo due to her composure and disciplined defense.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	13:11	6/13	3/7	8/12	1.0	1.3	7.3



Height: 1.66

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 29/08/89 Place of Birth: Adelaide (AUS)

**Team 2020-21:** Passalacqua Ragusa (Italy-A1) **Twitter:** romeo\_nicole Instagram: \_\_nicoleromeo\_

he naturalized guard brings versatility to the backcourt and dished out four assists per game during the Qualifiers. She can also make shots from behind the three-point line and is a strong character who will also dig in defensively if Italy need to grind out a result

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

ΥI	EAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
20	021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	14:49	2/8	6/16	11/12	1.4	4.0	6.6
20	019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	16:40	4/6	2/5	2/2	3.0	1.0	8.0
20	019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	10:45	4/13	2/9	4/5	2.3	0.5	4.5

# Sabrina CINILI



Height: 1.91

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 22/04/89 Place of Birth: Rome

Team 2020-21: Famila Schio (Italy-A1)

Instagram: sab\_six

laying at her fourth event, the Schio forward does not always rack up big numbers in scoring or rebounding, but her court time for both club and country speaks volumes. She will do the tireless dirty work and take smart shots. She also stands out because of her tattoos.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEA	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	24:19	10/18	1/10	4/4	1.3	1.5	4.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	22:02	9/20	4/8	1/2	3.0	0.8	5.2
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	27:32	4/10	4/14	3/3	4.5	1.5	5.8
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	23:25	5/7	1/4	1/2	4.5	1.5	3.5
2017	EIRA Woman's EuroBacket	7	12.26	2/1/	2/4	1/2	2.1	0.6	1.0

### Elisa PENNA



Height: 1.88

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 13/11/95 Place of Birth: Bergamo

Team 2020-21: Reyer Venezia (Italy-A1)

Instagram: elisa.penna

enna impressed on debut at the event in 2017 and this is her third edition. One of just four players who played every game during the Qualifiers, she'll use her extensive shooting range and mobility to great effect as she did with Championship winners, Rever Venezia.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	14:54	9/26	6/10	6/7	2.3	2.0	7.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	26:49	3/8	7/8	0/0	4.0	0.0	13.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	17:44	4/9	2/14	1/2	2.5	1.0	3.8
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	7	13:27	9/23	2/8	1/2	2.9	0.7	3.6

### **Olbis Futo ANDRE**



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

Place of Birth: Castel San Pietro Terme Team 2020-21:: Famila Schio (Italy-A1)

Instagram: olbiss22

he athletic center turned heads on her debut at the tournament in 2019 when she led Italy in rebounding. She's since played two years in EuroLeague Women with Schio and benefitted by going up against French legend Sandrine Gruda in practice every day.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	11:06	6/9	0/0	1/2	2.0	0.0	6.5
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	18:26	7/12	0/0	2/4	4.0	1.5	8.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	23:34	22/34	0/0	10/17	8.3	0.7	9.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	20:07	11/22	0/0	3/4	5.8	0.0	6.3

# **Valeria DE PRETTO**



Height: 1.85

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 16/11/91 Place of Birth: Schio

Team 2020-21: Famila Schio (Italy-A1)

Instagram: the.pretto

reparing for a potential third consecutive Women's EuroBasket appearance, De Pretto is adept at playing cameos off the bench. She provides glue for any team on the wing by taking care of the ball, getting her teammates open and she will add defensive intensity to any game.

## **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	13:28	2/4	1/3	1/2	1.5	1.5	4.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	11:40	4/6	0/0	2/2	2.0	1.0	5.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	2	00:45	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	07:19	6/8	1/2	3/3	1.2	0.2	3.0

### **Lorela CUBAJ**



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

Team 2020-21: Georgia Tech (USA-NCAA)

Instagram: lorelacubaj

standout performer at youth level including when she took Italy to the FIBA U17 Women's Basketball World Cup Final, Cubaj has continued to rise in prominence. She debuted at the Women's EuroBasket two years ago and has impressed in the NCAA due to her physicality and production.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR   COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2019 FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	18:20	3/7	0/0	1/4	5.0	0.3	1.8

### Mariella SANTUCCI



Height: 1.70
Position: Point Guard

Date of Birth: 18/06/97 Place of Birth: Bologna

Team 2020-21: Passalacqua Ragusa (Italy-A1)

Instagram: lellins

talented guard who recently represented her country in 3x3, Santucci turned heads with her play in College basketball at Toledo. After a successful first pro-season with Ragusa she's looking to impress in camp and get the nod for her first Women's

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2017	FIBA U20 Women's European Champ Div. A	7	23:18	5/36	9/19	15/26	3.0	4.0	7.4
2015	FIBA U18 European Champ. Women - DIV B	9	22:06	19/47	5/24	15/23	3.9	2.8	7.6
2014	FIBA U17 World Championship for Women	7	23:54	25/59	5/33	22/31	3.6	2.3	12.4
2013	FIBA U16 European Champ. Women - DIV A	9	25:20	24/72	9/35	29/45	4.4	2.7	11.6

### Valeria TRUCCO



Height: 1.92 Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 01/11/99

Place of Birth: Turin

Team 2020-21: Passalacqua Ragusa (Italy-A1)

Instagram: valeria.trucco

ith size, strength and some nice skills to utilize, Trucco is looking to debut. She was part of the team that made history by reaching the Final of the FIBA U17 Women's Basketball World Cup. Her mother also played and featured at the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA U20 Women's European Championship	7	30:31	16/46	4/17	9/14	5.6	1.3	7.6
2018	FIBA U20 Women's European Championship	7	20:59	26/48	1/1	5/6	4.6	1.4	8.6
2017	FIBA U18 Women's European Champ Div. A	7	16:09	11/28	1/4	1/1	3.6	0.7	3.7
2016	FIBA U18 Women's European Champ Div. A	7	20:53	14/26	0/3	9/10	5.1	0.4	5.3
2016	FIBA U17 Women's World Championship	7	21:58	19/34	2/3	5/10	4.9	0.1	7.0



# GREECE

# **ENJOYING** THE TRANSITION

There were scenes of wild celebrations earlier this year when Greece snatched the last remaining ticket to the Final Round in the most dramatic of circumstances, in a game that will live long in the memory.

In the last contest to tip off during the Bubbles, they needed an 18-point win against Bulgaria to advance. It came down to the dying seconds as center Maria Fasoula duly stepped up to produce a sensational and-one play to seal the deal.

The wider significance of her timely intervention is that it brought Greece back to the showpiece event again, having missed out two years ago. That experience had proven particularly painful for a nation who had unexpectedly made the Semi-Finals in 2017. They had also played at every global event including the Olympics and FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup for more than a decade.

Although far from it being seen as a major failure when they didn't quite manage to qualify, it was recognized that it was simply the end of a quite glorious era. Something that was further underlined by legendary figures such as Evina Maltsi and Stella Kaltsidou announcing their respective retirements.

With other veteran performers committing to continuing for a little longer and with some exciting young players already emerging, Greece headed into the most recent Qualifiers as a team very much in transition. Perhaps hopeful rather than expectant in respect of their prospects.

Yet here they are now and realizing that a transitional period doesn't necessarily need to be the kind of struggle that some had predicted to unfold.

Opportunity knocks for them to cause some upsets and they have personnel who can make life difficult for anyone they face.

With the frontcourt duo of a warrior like EuroLeague Women regular Artemis Spanou, plus the improving Fasoula who led the team in both scoring and rebounding in the Qualifiers is a solid base to build from.

Angeliki Nikolopoulou and Pinelopi Pavlopoulou combined for more than 11 assists per game from the backcourt en-route to the Final Round, while Eleanna Christinaki and the rising star Elena Bosgana are always liable to excite.

It is likely to be difficult for this Greek team to get anywhere near the exploits of those who went before and especially the top four finish of their last outing at the event.

However, they might be able to harness that same spirit of 2017 to fuel the belief that even an underdog can have its day in the sun.



Year	Event	Place	Achievement
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 (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
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
2011	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Lodz (POL)	13th
2010	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Karlovy Vary (CZE)	11th

# FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2021 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats

University of South Florida (USA)

VBW CEKK Cegled (HUN)

VBW Arka Gdynia (POL)

Helsingborg (SWE)

07/11/99

03/01/84

05/01/02

01/01/93

05/07/96

02/06/90 Panathinaikos

02/09/97 Tenerife (ESP)

24/03/94 Lions SV Halle (GER)

16/12/96 Al-Qazeres (ESP)

Kansas (USA)

04/12/03 GS Kronos Agiou Dimitriou

Elena TSINEKE

Ioanna DIELA

Eleanna CHRISTINAKI

Aikaterina SOTIRIOU

Ioanna CHATZILEONTI

Eleni BOSGANA

Artemis SPANOU

Vasiliki LOUKA

Maria FASOULA

Stella FOURAKI

Coach: Vasileios MASLARINOS

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			FG		2PT	FG	3PT	FG	F	Т		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A		M/A		0		Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Artemis SPANOU	6	29,3	25/66	37,9	23/53	43,4	2/13	15,4	14/21	66,7	2,3	4,2	6,5	2,5	3,7	1,0	0,3	2,2	11,0
Anna STAMOLAMPROU	6	29,1	21/54	38,9	12/24	50	9/30	30	10/13	76,9	1,0	2,3	3,3	1,7	1,2	1,5	0,0	2,2	10,2
Angeliki NIKOLOPOULOU	5	27,4	18/45	40	14/35	40	4/10	40	10/10	100	0,2	4,8	5,0	5,6	2,8	1,0	0,0	3,0	10,0
Eleni BOSGANA	5	15,2	16/32	50	14/23	60,9	2/9	22,2	9/15	60	1,6	1,8	3,4	0,4	1,0	0,4	0,6	1,8	8,6
Ioanna DIELA	5	8,6	2/7	28,6	0/2	-	2/5	40	0/0	-	0,6	0,8	1,4	0,8	0,4	0,8	0,2	1,6	1,2
Dionysia ALEXANDRI	5	7,9	4/12	33,3	2/8	25	2/4	50	0/0	-	0,8	0,4	1,2	0,8	0,4	0,4	0,0	0,2	2,0
Eleanna CHRISTINAKI	4	27,9	18/36	50	14/25	56	4/11	36,4	2/2	100	0,8	3,8	4,5	1,3	1,0	0,8	0,0	1,5	10,5
Maria FASOULA	4	23,8	17/30	56,7	16/24	66,7	1/6	16,7	3/3	100	3,8	3,8	7,5	1,3	2,0	0,3	1,3	2,5	12,5
Pinelopi PAVLOPOULOU	4	23,6	22/41	53,7	22/41	53,7	0/0	-	6/8	75	1,0	2,5	3,5	5,3	1,0	1,8	0,0	2,5	9,5
Anna SPYRIDOPOULOU	4	19	12/24	50	7/15	46,7	5/9	55,6	3/5	60	1,0	3,0	4,0	1,3	0,0	1,5	0,0	2,0	8,0
Aikaterina SOTIRIOU	4	16,2	8/19	42,1	8/12	66,7	0/7	0	6/7	85,7	0,8	2,0	2,8	1,0	0,8	1,5	0,0	2,5	5,5
Jacqueline Ann GEMELOS	3	20,8	12/23	52,2	7/11	63,6	5/12	41,7	2/6	33,3	0,7	2,3	3,0	1,3	1,0	1,7	0,7	1,3	10,3
Angeliki VINTSILAIOU	3	5,1	0/1	0	0/1	0	0/0	-	2/4	50	0,0	1,7	1,7	0,3	0,3	0,7	0,0	1,7	0,7
Ioanna CHATZILEONTI	2	12,4	3/7	42,9	3/7	42,9	0/0	-	1/2	50	2,5	1,0	3,5	0,0	1,0	0,0	0,5	1,5	3,5
Grigoria PATERAKI	2	0,4	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Vasiliki LOUKA	1	7,3	2/3	66,7	2/3	66,7	0/0	-	0/0	-	1,0	0,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	4,0
Danai PAPADOPOULOU	1	1,6	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Team/Coaches											2,2	2,2	4,3		1,0			0,2	
TOTALS		200	180/400	45,0	144/284	50,7	36/116	31	68/96	70,8	14,3	27,5	41,8	18,0	13,8	9,7	2,3	19,5	77,3

### **CUHCH** Vasileios MASLARINOS



Nationality: Greek

Date of Birth: 13/03/83

Team 2020-21: PAOK Thessaloniki (Greece-A1) International Career: Greece (2019-)

fter Greece missed out on the 2019 edition, Maslarinos was handed the task of making sure they made it this time. Arguably still a team in transition having lost some legendary veterans, he still delivered during the Qualifiers - even if it was in dramatic last second circumstances.

### Vanessa PANOUSIS



Height: 1.70

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

**Date of Birth:** 23/02/95

Place of Birth: Darlinghurst (AUS) Team 2020-21: Giannena (Greece-A1) Instagram: vanessapanousis

he versatile Australian guard could give Greece an injection of scoring and creativity if she can reproduce her club form, which harvested 14 points and 5 assists per game. She could be a potential 'X-Factor' as a naturalized player if the relevant paperwork is approved in time.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2013	FIBA U19 World Championship for Women	9	20:50	18/38	3/11	9/10	2.2	2.0	6.0
2012	FIBA U17 World Championship for Women	8	29:15	20/60	7/42	27/29	5.5	2.0	11.0

### Anna Niki STAMOLAMPROU



Height: 1.70

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 26/08/95 Place of Birth: Thessaloniki

Team 2020-21: Olympiacos (Greece-A1)

Twitter: @StamolaNiki Instagram: An\_Satomola4

ormerly a standout youth star for her country, Stamolamprou is now an essential member of the senior team. Playing every game of the Qualifiers, only one other player was handed more minutes. She is now contemplating a second and more impactful appearance at the Final Round.

## **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	29:08	12/24	9/30	10/13	3.3	1.7	10.2
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	04:15	1/4	2/6	1/2	0.5	0.3	1.5

### **Artemis SPANOU**



Height: 1.86

Position: Power Forward/Center
Date of Birth: 01/01/93
Place of Birth: Rhodes

Team 2020-21: VBW Arka Gdynia (Poland-BLK)

Twitter: Arte\_15 Instagram: arte15

n experienced warrior, Spanou brings a hard edge at both ends of the floor. Her rugged defense and willingness to put her body on the line is priceless, while she usually harvests double digit scores. The forward won the Polish Championship last season with Arka Gdynia.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	29:20	23/53	2/13	14/21	6.5	2.5	11.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	30:31	20/41	0/2	14/23	7.7	2.2	9.0
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	4	30:13	13/30	0/7	8/15	6.3	0.5	8.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	7	29:48	31/55	0/7	8/17	3.6	0.3	10.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	26:18	17/34	1/2	9/12	4.8	1.6	9.2

### Mariella FASOULA



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

Team 2020-21: Tenerife (Spain-Liga Femenina)

Instagram: mariellafasoula

asoula was the hero in the Qualifiers as her late intervention ensured Greece took the last Women's EuroBasket ticket, also leading the team in points and boards. From a basketball family, the center is following in the footsteps of her FIBA Hall of Fame father, Panagiotis Fasoulas.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	23:45	22/41	0/0	6/8	7.5	1.3	12.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	12:08	5/7	0/0	1/3	3.5	1.5	5.5
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	4	21:52	16/39	0/0	6/10	5.5	0.5	9.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	7	09:05	9/15	0/0	3/4	1.6	0.0	3.0
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	1	03:00	2/3	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	4.0

### Eleanna CHRISTINAKI



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

Team 2020-21: Al-Qazeres (Spain-Liga Femenina)

Instagram: echristinaki21

hristinaki made some nice cameo performances four years ago on her tournament debut as Greece made that run to the Semi-Finals. This time she needs to be a leader and put points on the board for her team. She will be a threat from downtown and do a job on the glass.

## **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	27:54	14/25	4/11	2/2	4.5	1.3	10.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	12:28	9/12	4/9	6/8	1.5	0.0	9.0
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	4	18:53	6/14	0/6	6/12	3.3	0.8	4.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	10:56	7/13	4/10	1/2	1.0	0.2	4.5

### Stella FOURAKI



Height: 1.88 Position: Center Date of Birth: 24/03/94 Place of Birth: Cholargos

Team 2020-21: Lions SV Halle (Germany-DBBL)

he center is pushing for a first appearance at the event having recorded a productive club season in Germany with Lions SV Halle. She averaged 12 points and 7 boards per game and if she has a positive preparation camp, not playing in the Qualifiers may not matter.

# NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	04:23	1/3	0/0	0/0	1.5	0.0	1.0

# Ioanna CHATZILEONTI



Height: 1.84

Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 05/01/02
Place of Birth: Athens

Team 2020-21: Kansas (USA-NCAA) Instagram: ioanna\_chatzileonti

he versatile teenage forward is a great prospect at the senior level having had a phenomenal youth career which garnered individual MVP accolades. She played in a couple of the Qualifiers and her move to Kansas in the College game shows how highly rated she is.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	12:22	3/7	0/0	1/2	3.5	0.0	3.5



Height: 1.88

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

Team 2020-21: GS Kronos Agiou Dimitriou (Greece-A1)

Instagram:elena\_bosgana

big talent, the teenager stepped up from the youth team to play more than 15 minutes per game in the Qualifiers. Long, with a nice wingspan and impressive basketball IQ, she's a confident and skilled baller willing to make plays at this level. She has committed to Stanford in the NCAA.

# **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

2021 FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers 5 15:09 14/23 2/9 9/15 3.4 0.4 8.6	YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
	2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	15:09	14/23	2/9	9/15	3.4	0.4	8.6

# Pinelopi PAVLOPOULOU



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

Team 2020-21: ACS Sepsi-Sic (Romania-LNB)

Instagram: pine\_pavlo22

Still on a high after winning the Romanian Championship with ACS Sepsi-Sic, as well as playing in EuroCup Women, the guard is searching for her first outing at the event. She handed out more than 5 assists per game in the Qualifiers and led the way in steals.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	23:38	16/24	1/6	3/3	3.5	5.3	9.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	15:40	3/8	0/1	4/4	3.0	1.0	5.0
2018	FIRA Women's Baskethall World Cun	4	18:30	8/11	4/6	n/n	1.5	1.3	7.0

# Aikaterina SOTIRIOU



Height: 1.84
Position: Small Forward

Date of Birth: 03/01/84 Place of Birth: Athens

Team 2020-21: VBW CEKK Cegled (Hungary-A1)

Instagram: sotkat12

fantastic servant to the national team, Sotiriou is preparing to play at the Women's EuroBasket for a fifth time after first playing in 2009. While now 37-years-old, the forward is as effective as ever and just posted a nice season for Cegledi in both EuroCup Women and in Hungary.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS	
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	16:14	8/12	0/7	6/7	2.8	1.0	5.5	
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	16:02	5/17	0/6	15/16	3.3	8.0	4.2	
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	2	05:43	2/4	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	2.0	
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	16:20	5/10	0/8	7/8	0.7	0.7	2.8	
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	7	21:27	10/23	5/11	1/2	1.0	1.0	5.1	

# Angeliki NIKOLOPOULOU



Height: 1.74
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 02/05/91
Place of Birth: Cholargos

Team 2020-21: Olympiacos (Greece-A1)

Instagram: aggeliko11

ikolopoulou has enjoyed a highly productive time with the national team and cemented herself as a premier playmaker with some superb performances. She led the team in assists during the Qualifiers and unlike 2017 when she was a role player, this time she'll be a floor general.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	27:21	14/35	4/10	10/10	5.0	5.6	10.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	16:33	3/9	1/8	2/2	2.7	2.0	1.8
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	4	09:31	1/3	0/2	0/0	1.0	0.8	0.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	13:04	7/13	0/1	1/4	3.5	1.8	3.8
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	7	26:41	8/21	1/9	6/10	3.0	2.7	3.6

### **loanna DIELA**



Height: 1.8°

**Position:** Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 02/06/90 Place of Birth: Athens

Team 2020-21: Panathinaikos (Greece-A1)

Instagram: ioannadi

iela has had to show incredible patience since she first played in Qualifiers for her country way back in 2012, but has always been edged out of the roster ahead of the main event. Now at the age of 31-years-old, she has a good chance of belatedly making a debut.

## **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	11:21	0/1	2/4	0/0	1.3	1.0	2.0
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	04:22	0/1	0/1	0/0	1.5	0.5	0.0
2013	Women's EuroBasket - Qualification Round	1	05:00	0/4	0/0	0/0	1.0	2.0	0.0

### Vasiliki LOUKA



Height: 1.92 Position: Center Date of Birth: 05/07/96 Place of Birth: Amaroussio

Team 2020-21: Helsingborg (Sweden-SBL)

Instagram: vasilikilouka

espite limited minutes in the Qualifiers, she will be hoping for a tournament debut. Louka has just posted a positive club campaign, pouring in more than 17 points per game in the Swedish League. She came close to a season double-double due to her rebounding prowess.

### NATIONAL TEAM STATS

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YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS	
2021	FIRA Women's FuroBasket Qualifiers	1	N7·18	2/3	n/n	n/n	1.0	nn	4 0	

### Dionysia ALEXANDRI



Height: 1.70 Position: Point Guard

Date of Birth: 24/10/89 Place of Birth: Athens

Team 2020-21: Olympiacos (Greece-A1)

Instagram: dion.alexandri6

he veteran guard has never featured at the event, but may now do so after featuring in five of the six Qualifiers. While her output may not be significant numbers-wise, Coach Maslarinos trusts her as a safe pair of hands taking care of the ball and playing hard defense.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	07:51	2/8	2/4	0/0	1.2	0.8	2.0

### Elena TSINEKE



Height: 1.70

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

Team 2020-21: University of South Florida (Greece-A1)

Instagram: elena\_tsineke

t is not exactly a surprise that there was a scramble by NCAA colleges for the signature of Tsineke after she lit it up at youth level for her country. Now she could play at her first major tournament with the senior team and if she gets the thumbs up, will boost the team's firepower.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	00:40	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	01:43	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0

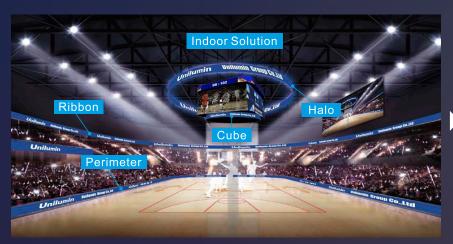
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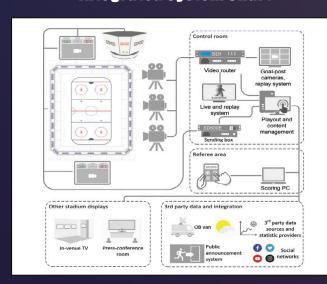
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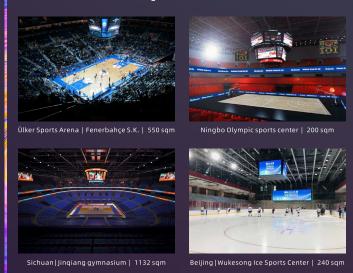


Following is a general solution for LED display in indoor stadium which has the function of timing, scoring, displaying advertisement, notification, the information of referees and teams. It is an ideal choice for most of stadiums.

# **Integrated System Chart**



# **Indoor Sports Reference**



# GROUP C STRASBOURG FRANCE





**SLOVENIA** 





**RHENUS SPORT** 



Thursday, 17 June 2021 Bosnia and Herzegovina - Belgium

Bosnia and Herzegovina - Belgium15:00Slovenia - Turkey18:00

Friday, 18 June 2021 Turkey - Bosnia and Herzegovina 12:00

Belgium - Slovenia 15:00

Sunday, 20 June 2021 Bosnia and Herzegovina - Slovenia 12:00
Turkey - Belgium 15:00



# BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

# **WILL IT BE WORTH THE WAIT?**

When Bosnia and Herzegovina hear their anthem booming out at the Final Round for the first time this Millennium, it will be the proudest of moments for everyone connected to basketball in the country.

Not least, the legendary FIBA Hall of Fame member Razija Mujanovic who is currently General Manager of the national team and was the marquee player on their last appearance back in 1999.

Hit the fast forward button to 2021 and while Bosnia and Herzegovina are not exactly one of the favorites, they have multiple reasons to be hopeful they can make a serious splash on their long overdue return.

This qualification had been brewing for some time as they only just missed out on the 2019 edition, which underlines that punching their ticket was no freak result. Nobody should lose sight of the fact that they collected a victory on the road in Russia during the Qualifiers, as they almost completed an amazing double against their illustrious group rivals - only just being pipped on home soil in the return meeting.

While helped by the presence of Courtney Hurt or Jonquel Jones in the naturalized slot, either of whom will be massively influential and look to lead the way in points and rebounds, Bosnia and Herzegovina have a serious star performer in Marica Gajic. The forward is sensational, with her mobility, skills and strength so often propelling her to classy double-doubles.

In fact, they can boast a strong starting line-up thanks to the young Melisa Brcaninovic, who is always liable to erupt because of her devastating offensive capabilities, while point guard Milica Deura handed out five assists per game during the Qualifiers to show that this team has a bonafide floor general.

The main question surrounds the fragility of their roster overall in terms of limited depth and whether it will stand up to scrutiny when it comes to the rigorous demands of intense tournament basketball.

It is entirely possible that their shortened core rotation, or at least in comparison to many of their peers, could end up being brutally exposed. It would certainly be a good time for one or two bench players to come to the party and show they can do it on the big stage.

Still, with a favorable wind in terms of 'Lady Luck' helping them to steer clear of injuries, they might just be able to fulfil the role of party poopers and make life seriously uncomfortable for those who stand in their way. At the very least, they will make sure they have fun trying.



Nikolina BABIC

Nikolina DELIC

Matea TAVIC

Andjela DELIC

Courtney HURT

Nikolina DZEBO

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Melisa BRCANINOVIC

Coach: Coach – Goran LOJO

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OKK Feniks

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Beroe (BUL)

Beroe (BUL)

OKK Feniks

ESBVA-LM (FRA)

Perfumerias Avenida (ESP)

Castors Braine (BEL)

RMU Banovici

05/01/94 UMMC Ekaterinburg (RUS)

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20	019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Belgrade (SRB)	Did not qualify
20	018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Tenerife (ESP)	Did not qualify
20	017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Prague (CZE)	Did not qualify
20	016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
20	015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Budapest (HUN)	Did not qualify
20	014	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify
20	013	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Orchies (FRA)	Did not qualify
20	012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
20	011	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Lodz (POL)	Did not qualify
20	010	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Karlovy Vary (CZE)	Did not qualify

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### COACH Goran LOJO



Nationality: Bosnia and Herzegovina
Date of Birth: 02/08/76
Club Team 2020-21: Flippo Baskets (Germany-DBBL)
International Career: Bosnia and Herzegovina (2017-)

aving worked hard for the past four years with the senior team, Lojo proudly took his country back to the event for the first time since 1999. He also showed his abilities with a good season in the DBBL at club level.

### **Marica GAJIC**



**Height:** 1.85 **Position:** Power Forward

Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 27/04/95
Place of Birth: Bijeljina

Club Team 2020-21: Perfumerias Avenida (Spain-LF)

Instagram: maricagajic

njured for much of last season and missing some of the Qualifiers, few players deserve to play at a first Women's EuroBasket more. A walking double-double, Gajic is mobile, highly skilled and can score and rebound freely. She will be the player to watch on this team.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

	COMPETITION			2PT FG	3PT FG		REB		PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	35:55	20/42	5/14	14/25	15.3	1.5	17.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	34:35	39/67	7/23	22/30	16.2	2.2	20.2
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	27:00	18/39	3/11	9/14	13.0	0.5	13.5

# **Jonquel JONES**



Height: 1.98
Position: Center
Date of Birth:05/01/94
Place of Birth: Freeport (BAH)

Club Team 2020-21: UMMC Ekaterinburg (Russia-Premier League)

Instagram: jus242

he powerful EuroLeague Women and WNBA star began the Qualifiers for her adopted country and helped them instantly as MVP of the famous win in Russia. If Jones rejoins for this event, she will look to dominate at both ends of the court.

# Courtney HURT



Height: 1.85 Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 05/03/90 Place of Birth: Conyers (USA)

Club Team 2020-21: ESBVA-LM (France-LFB)

Instagram: courtneyhurt44

sked to step into the vacant naturalized spot for the last of the Qualifiers, Hurt wasted no time in making a massive impression. She posted a sparkling double-double to help Bosnia progress and if selected, her do-it-all approach will be vital.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	35:09	29/50	6/19	22/32	13.3	2.3	24.5
2014	CBC Championship for Women	5	26:00	27/72	4/8	20/31	14.0	2.0	17.2

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	35:16	19/32	1/4	5/6	9.5	1.0	23.0

### **Melisa BRCANINOVIC**



Height: 1.93
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 19/02/99
Place of Birth: Solingen (GER)

Club Team 2020-21: Castors Braine (Belgium-D1)

Instagram: melcii13

sensation at youth level, the forward is now delivering on the senior stage with some big performances during the Qualifiers to help her nation advance. She is a major offensive weapon and her shooting range means she shows out in any game.

## Milica DEURA



Height: 1.78 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 22/07/90 Place of Birth: Knin

Club Team 2020-21: Rutronik Stars Keltern (Germany-DBBL)

Instagram: milideura

he leader of the team from the backcourt, Deura pulled the strings expertly during the Qualifiers with almost 5 assists per game. She also arrives at the event with the added confidence of having won the German Championship with Keltern.

## **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	19:46	11/26	3/9	12/12	7.0	0.8	10.8
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	09:57	3/6	3/7	6/7	1.8	0.2	4.2

## **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	29:35	9/23	4/19	18/21	2.3	4.7	8.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	33:23	21/46	8/23	23/35	2.7	3.3	14.8
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	35:10	11/25	7/32	15/18	2.7	3.0	9.7

# Miljana DZOMBETA



Height: 1.75
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 05/07/94
Place of Birth: Trebinje

Club Team 2020-21: ZTE NKK (Hungary-D1)

Instagram: miljana\_4

he guard will play a vital role coming off the bench for her team as she did during the Qualifiers when appearing in five of the six games. She handed out almost 7 assists per game in the Hungarian League last season and is not afraid to shoot from range.

# NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	11:16	0/6	1/4	1/1	8.0	1.6	0.8
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	09:00	1/3	1/3	0/1	1.0	1.3	1.7
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	04:14	0/2	1/5	0/0	0.2	0.0	0.6

# Nikolina BABIC



Height: 1.78

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 16/02/95 Place of Birth: Sarajevo

Club Team 2020-21: OKK Feniks (Bosnia and Herzegovina-A1)

Instagram: nikicaaaica

ne of only three players who featured in every game of the Qualifiers, Babic offers Coach Lojo versatility as she can cover either guard position. She will push for a starting place and was a star of the domestic league last season with Feniks.

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YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	12:28	3/13	1/2	9/10	1.8	0.8	3.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	12:46	9/22	1/1	2/4	1.0	1.2	3.8
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	03:46	1/3	0/1	0/1	0.0	0.2	0.4

Height: 1.84

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 01/11/96 Place of Birth: Vlasenica

Club Team 2020-21: Beroe (Bulgaria-A1)

Instagram: deliceva.25

laying in the national team alongside her sister, Delic may not be an offensive leader but she always brings the noise in other areas. She gained valuable experience last season playing in France with Saint-Amand, before switching to Beroe.

# **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

	OTHER PERIOD								
YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	12:59	4/15	2/12	2/2	2.2	1.2	2.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	14:28	7/9	4/11	5/8	1.5	2.5	5.2
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	13:16	2/9	0/1	0/2	3.0	0.3	1.3

# **Dragana DOMUZIN**



Height: 1.74

Position: Shooting Guard/Point Guard

Date of Birth: 03/11/2000

Club Team 2020-21: ZKK Orlovi (Bosnia and Herzegovina-A1)

Instagram: dragana.domuzin

he dynamic guard has been on the fringes of selection for a while after lighting it up at youth level and is looking to squeeze onto the roster for the showpiece event. Domuzin had a fabulous season with Orlovi and led them to the domestic title.

### NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	9:32	0/2	0/1	3/4	2.0	0.0	3.0

# **Nikolina DELIC**



Height: 1.84

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 01/11/96 Place of Birth: Vlasenica

Club Team 2020-21: Jezica (Slovenia-SKL)

Instagram: nika\_laos

t has been difficult for Delic to make an impression at senior level, although she should still be able to make a tournament debut. The guard averaged double-figures in points at club level in Slovenia last season and shot the ball well from behind the arc.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS	
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	12:59	4/15	2/12	2/2	2.2	1.2	2.7	
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	01:25	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	04:28	0/1	0/0	1/2	0.5	0.0	0.5	
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	14:28	7/9	4/11	5/8	1.5	2.5	5.2	
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### Nikolina DZEBO



Height: 1.86

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 11/08/95 Place of Birth: Vlasenica

Club Team 2020-21: OKK Feniks (Bosnia and Herzegovina-A1)

Instagram: ninadzebo

he forward averaged 11 minutes per game during the Qualifiers but could be about to increase that at the Women's EuroBasket after a blistering club season. Dzebo poured in more than 18 points per game for Feniks and recorded a season double-double.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	10:58	8/10	1/5	2/5	3.4	0.4	4.2
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	12:47	10/17	1/4	4/5	1.8	0.8	5.4
2017	FIBA Women's FuroBasket Qualifiers	2	03:29	1/3	0/0	0/0	0.5	0.0	1.0

# **Matea TAVIC**



Height: 1.78

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 29/05/92 Place of Birth: Zenica

Club Team 2020-21: Beroe (Bulgaria-A1)

Instagram: mateatavic

regular starter and with vast experience, Tavic is a highly influential guard who did a super job in the Qualifiers with a wonderful 3.8 assists per game. She also shot the ball well from the perimeter and her quick hands make her a defensive standout.

## **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	25:53	5/11	5/12	4/5	1.8	3.8	7.3
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	27:01	2/11	2/13	6/6	2.3	1.0	5.3

### **Jovana MARKOVIC**



Height: 1.86
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 10/01/97
Place of Birth: Bijeljina

Club Team 2020-21: RMU Banovici (Bosnia and Herzegovina-A1)

Instagram: jodza9

he center might be sweating on her place after only featuring briefly in the Qualifiers.

But she could barely have done more during the club season to get the green light. She shot a staggering 64 percent for Banovici and has been on fire.

# **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	07:37	1/6	0/0	4/5	1.5	0.5	3.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	01:49	0/1	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	02:19	0/0	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.0	0.0

### Irena VRANCIC



Height: 1.73
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 21/03/90
Place of Birth: Banka Luka

Club Team 2020-21: Horizont (Belarus-Premier League)

Instagram: irenavrancic21

A rriving having just been crowned a Belarusian champion at Horizont, Vrancic will be looking to shift up a gear. She was solid during the Qualifiers but she can shoot the ball even better and that will be priceless for her team if she does.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	21:21	3/6	2/11	9/13	3.0	2.0	5.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	28:15	12/27	3/26	21/26	2.3	3.2	9.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	28:02	6/12	9/26	5/6	3.2	3.5	7.3

### Tamara KAPOR



Height: 1.80 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 27/12/91

Club Team 2020-21: OKK Feniks (Bosnia and Herzegovina-A1)

Instagram: kapor\_tamara

erhaps an unsung hero of her team's long-awaited return to the Women's EuroBasket, Kapor played 24 minutes per game during the Qualifiers to underline her importance. She also shone for Feniks at club level with 21 points per outing.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	24:18	8/15	2/3	10/15	1.5	2.5	8.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	27:24	8/18	4/13	9/9	1.8	2.3	9.3
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	30:06	9/26	3/12	8/9	2.2	1.8	5.8



# SLOVENIA

# **READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP**

With momentum strong heading into this edition of Final Round and confidence flowing freely off the back of a flawless and eye-catching Qualifiers campaign, Slovenia look destined to attain their highest ever finish.

Appearing at the showpiece event for a third consecutive time having debuted in 2017, it looks and feels like the growth within this team can secure a maiden Quarter-Finals spot.

After all, this is a core that has been together for several years and is undeniably getting better. Meanwhile valuable lessons have been learned from their two previous bitter-sweet Final Round outings when both times they could and probably should have made the top eight.

Boasting one of the best backcourt rotations and depth in the competition, Slovenia can call upon two supreme leaders and role models in Teja Oblak and Nika Baric. Their versatility in being able to move between both guard positions, as well as their elite level experience and wide-ranging skills make them a powerful combo.

Throw into this mix the impressively consistent Annamaria Prezelj, plus the sharp shooting Zala Friskovec and a three-guard lineup always looks an attractive option.

The wings and forward rotations are a little more fragile in terms of depth and could be vulnerable, but if everything goes according to plan, there will be no stopping the towering frame of Eva Lisec. The center has become a kingpin of the team and a priceless asset who will lead, provide the bulk of the inside scoring and do her thing on the glass.

The naturalized Shante Evans will also be utilized in a similar vein and if these two frontcourt stars are able to play big minutes and perform against expectation, there will be far fewer wrinkles for head coach Damir Grgic to have to iron out.

There is a compelling sense of deja vu ahead of Slovenia launching their latest Final Round mission. All eyes are fixed firmly on the Quarter-Finals and there is enough quality and firepower to cause any opponent a major headache.

In fact, if they have some luck on their side, their main rotation is arguably capable of beating any team in this competition and that has led to some observers even labelling them as dark horses for the podium.

While the notion of pushing and even landing a medal may seem a step too far for some people, there is surely consensus that Slovenia can and will at the very least, improve on their 14th and 10th place finishes from the past two editions.



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### COACH Damir GRGIC



Nationality: Slovenian Date of Birth: 20/11/79 Place of Birth: Trbovlje

Club Team 2020-21: Ćinkarna Celje (Slovenia-SKL) International Career: Slovenia (2015-)

rgic has been a driving force behind his nation's historic debut in 2017 and now three appearances in a row. His success has been founded on his knowledge and relationship with the players, helped by the fact he's worked with most of the roster through the Slovenian youth ranks.

# Teja OBLAK



Height: 1.72

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

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

Club Team 2020-21: ZVVZ USK Praha (Czech Republic-ZBL)

Twitter: tejaoblak3 Instagram: tejaoblak3

role model for younger players, Oblak leads by example and top scored at the last edition of the competition for her team. A class act and impressive EuroLeague Women performer, she can play either guard position, while her experience is priceless.

### NATIONAL TEAM STATS

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	29:31	25/56	9/28	9/11	5.2	3.5	14.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	33:10	19/36	5/16	5/8	3.0	3.0	14.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	29:12	25/50	4/30	12/12	3.8	5.3	12.3
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	32:59	8/22	5/16	8/11	6.3	4.0	13
2017	FIBA Women's FuroBasket Qualifiers	4	28:27	18/38	4/14	13/15	3.0	4.5	15.3

### **Nika BARIC**



Height: 1.69 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 02/09/92 Place of Birth: Trbovlje

Club Team 2020-21: Elazig II Ozel Idare (Turkey-KBSL)

Instagram: nikabaric

multiple EuroLeague Women champion and a leader for her country, the guard is an elite level baller and always a potential game-winner. She boasts superb creative skills and handed out more than 8 assists per game at the last edition.



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

Club Team 2020-21: Dynamo Kursk (Russia-Premier League)

Twitter: evalisec Instagram: evalisec12

towering presence, Lisec is colossus due to her rebounding, scoring and all-important defensive match-up capabilities against the best opposing bigs. The center has developed into a key leader and Slovenia would be so much weaker without her around.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	30:45	7/17	6/16	9/15	3.0	5.8	10.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	29:19	12/25	4/16	6/7	3.8	5.0	10.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	33:15	9/29	6/16	10/17	3.8	8.5	11.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	32:16	11/29	2/13	10/14	1.3	5.0	9.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	35:09	8/17	5/16	10/12	4.0	4.3	13.7

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	25:50	22/43	3/11	9/9	8.3	3.0	15.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	25:29	16/28	1/3	3/4	9.0	1.5	19.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	24:00	6/13	1/2	2/2	8.5	2.0	8.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	2	25:31	10/23	0/1	2/4	7.5	0.5	11.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	26:05	16/43	0/1	5/12	7.3	1.0	9.3

# **Annamaria PREZELJ**



Height: 1.75

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 30/07/97 Place of Birth: Ljubljana

Club Team 2020-21: CD Zamarat (Spain-Liga Feminina)

Instagram: annamariaprezelj

he guard is hugely competitive, reads the game well and upped her scoring contribution nicely two years ago when she was Slovenia's third top scorer. Showing consistency, she repeated those 12 points per game during the Qualifiers too.

## **Shante EVANS**



Height: 1.86 Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 08/07/91

Place of Birth: Pennsylvania (USA)

Club Team 2020-21: KS Basket 25 Bydgoszcz (Poland-BLK)

Twitter: Shantevans30
Instagram: shante\_\_evans

he naturalized forward has been central to the rise of Slovenia on the European stage in recent years. She is very consistent with her scoring threat, is excellent on the glass and an important figure in the paint at both ends of the court.

# **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	26:33	23/44	4/11	16/19	4.0	2,2	12.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	22:00	12/24	4/14	12/16	2.4	2.0	9.6
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	28:43	14/35	5/12	6/9	2.8	1.5	12.3
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	04:50	0/2	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	5.0

### NATIONAL TEAM STATS

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	26:28	16/24	0/0	11/15	8.0	3.5	21.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	31:26	20/40	0/1	16/18	6.5	1.5	14.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	27:33	31/64	0/2	17/23	7.0	1.2	13.2
2017	FIRA Woman's EuroPasket	2	25-11	6/17	0/1	11/15	17	0.3	77

# **Zala FRISKOVEC**



Height: 1.72

Position: Shooting Guard/ Point Guard

Date of Birth: 10/10/99 Place of Birth: Ljubljana

Club Team 2020-21: KSC Szekszard (Hungary-A)

Instagram: friskoveczala

A fter a stellar youth career, Friskovec is excelling at senior level. Her explosive shooting ability lit up EuroCup Women as KSC Szekszard made the Final Four. She debuted at the last edition as a teenager and this time should make a major splash.

# Marusa SENICAR



Height: 1.87

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 05/05/97 Place of Birth: Ljubljana

Club Team 2020-21: Cinkarna Celje (Slovenia-SKL)

hile not producing big stats, Senicar is trusted by Coach Grgic to do the dirty work and provide some glue to hold things together. Averaging 20 minutes per game and appearing in all six of the Qualifiers demonstrates her value.

YEAR	COMPETITION			2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	20:11	5/14	0/2	2/2	5.2	1.3	2.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	13:17	3/8	0/2	1/3	3.3	0.3	1.8
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	11:37	0/0	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.0	0.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	12:23	1/2	0/1	0/0	2.3	0.0	0.7

Height: 1.89 Position: Center Date of Birth: 07/07/99 Place of Birth: Ljubljana

Club Team 2020-21: TK Hannover (Germany-DBBL)

Instagram: tejagorsic

till only 20-years-old, the center is a smart player who often comes off the bench to make timely interventions. She helps spread the floor, has a good shooting range and will play the kind of rugged defense the coach and team need.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	10:10	7/17	0/2	3/4	2.6	0.0	3.4
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	03:48	1/2	0/1	0/0	0.3	0.0	0.7

### **Aleksandra KROSELJ**



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

Club Team 2020-21: Kangoeroes Basket Mechelen (Belgium-D1)

Instagram: aleksandrakroselj

roselj is having to be patient in a long backcourt rotation but made the most of her time coming off the bench in the Qualifiers with a valuable scoring touch. She has just completed her first club season overseas so will have new experiences to call upon.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS	
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	17:49	6/14	7/21	2/2	2.3	2.3	8.8	
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	07:01	0/2	0/5	0/0	0.5	0.3	0.0	
2019	FIRA Women's FuroBasket Qualifiers	5	04-19	1/1	1/3	n/n	0.4	0.6	1.0	

## **Tina TREBEC**



Height: 1.89

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

Club Team 2020-21: Basket Club Montbrison (France-LF2)

Instagram: tinatrebec13

rebec missed the last edition in 2019, but played in her country's historical 2017 debut.

With her height she is a handful, especially if she continues to rebound well and if she can repeat the good shot selection she showed during the Qualifiers.

### NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	14:38	5/9	0/1	4/4	4.0	0.0	3.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	15:09	9/13	1/3	5/6	3.3	0.3	6.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	11:30	6/10	0/3	2/2	2.0	0.3	3.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	05:31	0/0	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.0	0.0
2015	EuroBasket Women - 1st Qual. Tournament	2	32:00	9/18	0/1	8/9	6.5	2.0	13.0

### **Eva RUPNIK**



Height: 1.76

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 18/10/92 Place of Birth: Kranj

Club Team 2020-21: Rheinland Lions (Germany-DBBL 2)

Instagram: erupnik

t's a tough task for the guard to gain significant court time because the backcourt talent pool runs deep. However, a popular figure in the camp Rupnik willingly plays cameos off the bench and could repeat that role from the previous tournament.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	04:33	0/0	3/3	0/0	0.7	0.0	3.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	03:41	1/3	0/0	0/0	0.5	0.0	1.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	02:14	0/1	0/1	0/0	0.3	0.0	0.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	03:27	0/1	0/0	0/0	0.0	1.0	0.0
2015	EuroBasket Women - 2nd Qualifying Round	2	07:30	0/3	2/3	0/0	2.0	1.0	3.0

### Tina JAKOVINA



Height: 1.82

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

Club Team 2020-21: Kangoeroes Basket Mechelen (Belgium-D1)

Instagram: tina.jakovina

he forward is bidding to appear at her third Women's EuroBasket and the 20 minutes per game handed to her in 2019 highlight her importance. She looks after the intangibles, plays hard defense and if the chance arises, will knock down a shot.

# **Merisa DAUTOVIC**



Height: 1.86

Position: Power Forward/Center Date of Birth: 22/12/99 Place of Birth: Trbovlje

Club Team 2020-21: Maribor (Slovenia-SKL)

Instagram: merisadautovic

autovic was a teenager during her first tournament two years ago and if she appears again, she will be ready to join the frontcourt battle. She has just completed a productive club season in Slovenia with more than 15 points and 7 boards per game.

# **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	24:54	6/21	4/12	2/4	6.0	1.8	6.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	14:42	9/23	1/3	2/2	1.8	0.5	3.8
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	20:06	5/13	3/13	0/0	3.3	1.3	4.8
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	06:38	0/2	0/1	0/0	1.5	0.0	0.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	2	07:59	2/5	0/2	0/0	1.0	0.0	2.0

# **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	05:03	0/2	0/1	7/8	2.0	0.3	2.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	1	03:45	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	1.0	0.0

# **Mojca JELENC**



Height: 2.00

Position: Power Forward

Date of Birth: 04/01/2003

Club Team 2020-21: Cinkarna Celje (Slovenia-SKL)

Instagram: mojca.jelenc8a

he youngest member of the group, the 18-year-old is pressing for a surprise debut despite not featuring in the Qualifiers. The forward has excelled in the youth teams and is known well by Coach Grgic who has her at Cinkarna Celje.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION			2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA U16 Women's European Cham. Div. B	8	23:45	28/59	3/10	22/25	6.1	2.1	10.9
2018	FIBA U16 Women's European Cham. Div. B	7	21:24	10/28	0/2	7/12	4.6	0.6	3.9

### Lea DEBELJAK



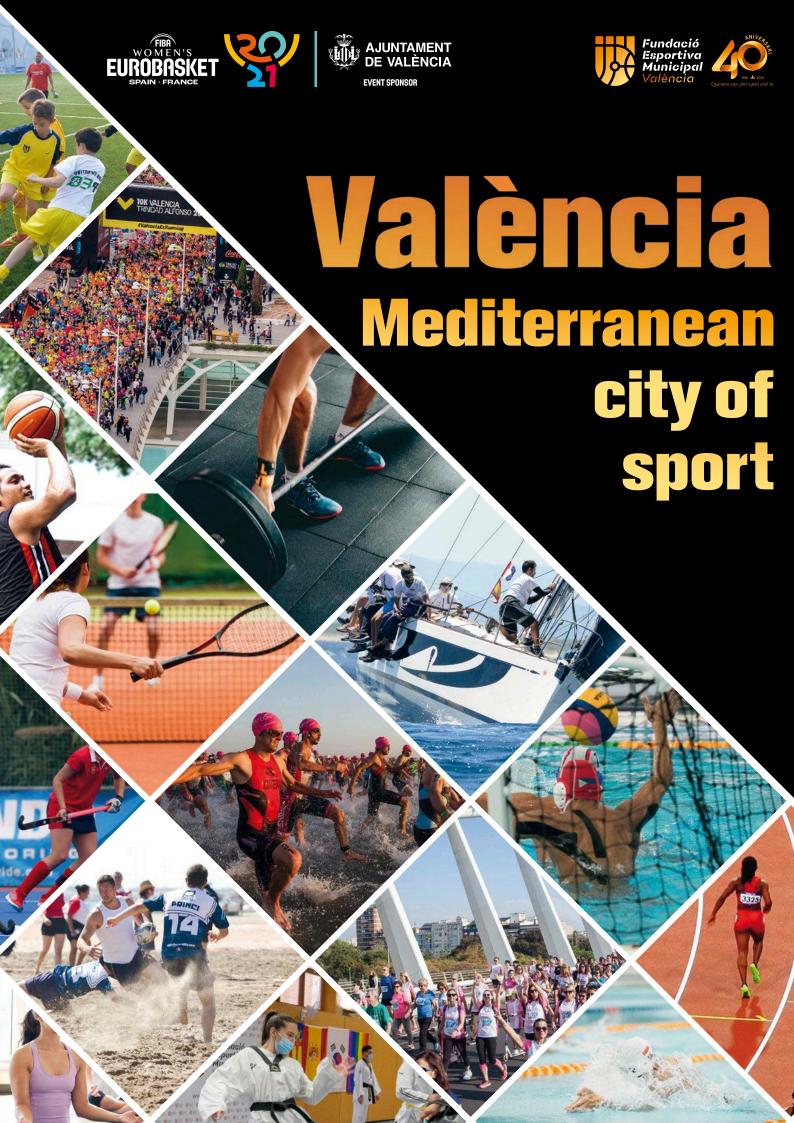
Height: 1.77
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 25/10/01
Place of Birth: Ljubljana

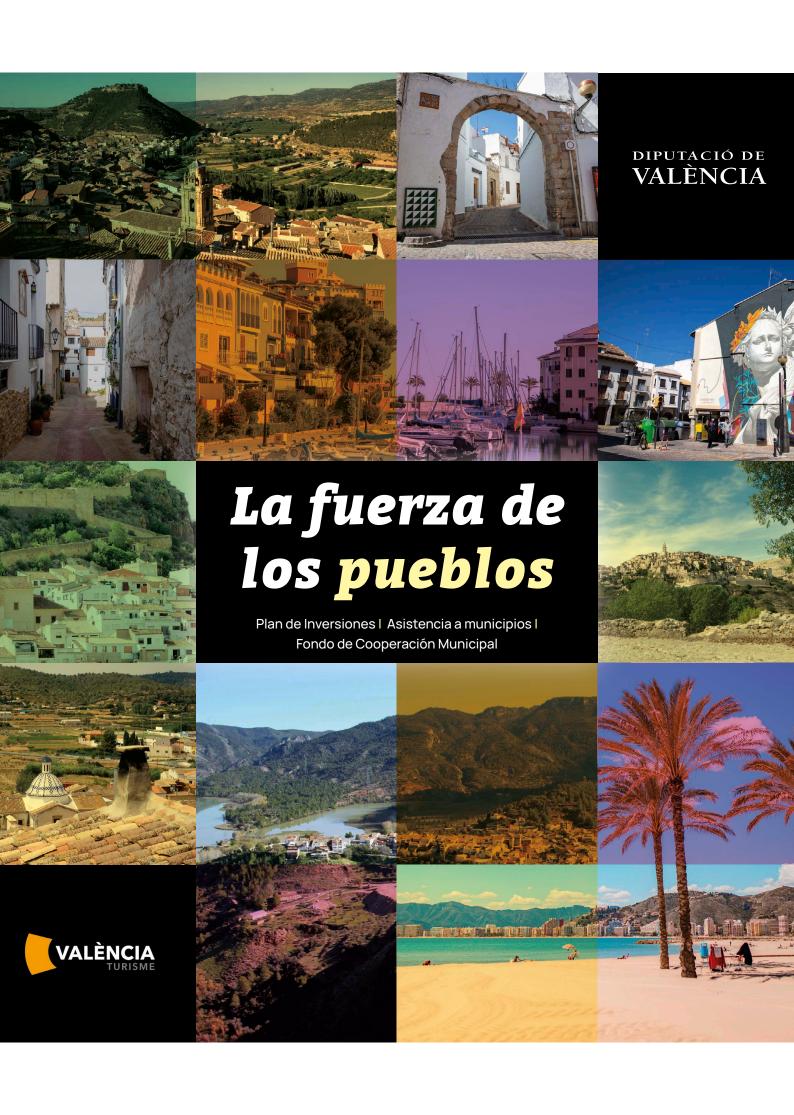
Club Team 2020-21: Cinkarna Celje (Slovenia-SKL)

Instagram: leadebeljak

he teenager will be hoping to squeeze onto the bench for a Women's EuroBasket debut after being handed an opportunity during the Qualifiers. She works with Coach Grgic in Celje at club level and has impressed in a national team vest at youth level.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	17:53	4/10	3/7	0/1	3.0	2.0	8.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	01:58	1/1	0/0	0/0	1.0	1.0	2.0







# **AN ACCEL**ERATED TRANSITION

With many observers having predicted a decline during these past few years, Turkey is only just managing to keep its head above water right now to prevent that analysis of regression from crystalizing.

They not only had to endure a tough group stage exit at the last edition, but they also came mightily close to missing the Women's EuroBasket for the first time in 16 years after only just scraping through the Qualifiers.

Plus, they managed to punch their ticket with the help of the legendary Isil Alben in their line-up, as well as the valuable and productive inside-outside game of Tilbe Senyurek. Now that both are confirmed as being absent due to recovering from their respective surgeries, the pace of transition has been accelerated much more than head coach Ceyhun Yildizoglu would probably have liked.

There is still a core with quality, but the overall experience within the squad of playing at this level of tournament has been severely diluted and that could be a factor when they take to the floor.

Turkey can at least still rely on playmaker Olcay Cakir who will direct traffic in the backcourt, while Pelin Bilgic is finally cementing her place as a new leader alongside her. There will also be a powerful anchor in the paint, whether Turkey opts to field Quanitra Hollingsworth or her naturalized peer, Kiah Stokes. Meanwhile, forward duo Bahar Caglar Okten and Tugce Canitez also offer veteran experience.

Outside of this, there will be a lot more unknowns than ever before and much will hinge on how bold the new faces, or those with limited experience, can be on the court. Opportunity knocks loudly and it will be a real signal of intent if teenager Goksen Fitik for example is handed a debut. The versatile winger is hugely talented and could prove a lightning rod for Turkey to turn the page towards their new generation.

One other dynamic is that many players may arrive undercooked, since so many players have been lacking court time during this past season, with their clubs having often preferred to turn to import players – rather than homegrown talents.

In the past, Turkey would have been heading into this tournament challenging for the podium. They made a first ever Final exactly a decade ago, while also taking bronze in 2013 - with a maiden Olympic trip wedged in between. Now reality is biting and they are arguably out to prove that they can still be competitive and to show they can keep punching at this level.



Olcay CAKIR

Busra AKBAS

Pelin BILGIC

Goksen FITIK

Tugce CANITEZ

Inci GUCLU

Kiah STOKES

Esra URAL TOPUZ

Harika Gozde ELDAS

Bahar CAGLAR OKTEN

Quanitra HOLLINGSWORTH 1.97

Coach: Ceyhun YILDIZOGLU

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# How did they qualify?

Qualifiers - 2nd in Group E (2 W - 2 L)

Las	t 10 FIBA Events		
Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Belgrade (SRB)	14th
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Tenerife (ESP)	10th
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Prague (CZE)	5th
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	6th
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Budapest (HUN)	5th
2014	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	4th
2013	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Orchies (FRA)	Bronze
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	5th
2011	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Lodz (POL)	Silver
2010	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Karlovy Vary (CZE)	Did not qualify

# FIBA EuroBasket 2015 Accumulated Stats

13/07/93 Fenerbahce Oznur Kablo

CBK Mersin

10/11/90 Fenerbahce Oznur Kablo

Galatasaray

30/03/93 Fenerbahce Oznur Kablo

26/02/99 Izmit Belediyespor

Kayseri Basketbol

08/03/95

11/08/01

18/08/91

15/11/88

15/07/94 Galatasaray

15/05/90 Nesibe Aydin

28/09/88 Botas

			FG		2PT	FG	3P1	FG	F			REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A		0	D	Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Quanitra HOLLINGSWORTH	4	30.1	19/24	79.2	19/24	79.2	0/0	-	14/16	87.5	0,8	5,0	5,8	0,3	3,5	1,3	1,3	3,5	13,0
Pelin BILGIC	4	23.7	17/40	42.5	11/20	55	6/20	30	2/3	66.7	1,5	2,5	4,0	3,5	2,0	2,3	0,0	1,5	10,5
Gizem YAVUZ	4	17.6	11/21	52.4	10/16	62.5	1/5	20	0/0	-	0,5	0,8	1,3	4,8	1,5	0,3	0,0	2,0	5,8
Tilbe SENYUREK	3	26.2	7/23	30.4	2/7	28.6	5/16	31.2	2/2	100	0,7	2,7	3,3	1,3	0,7	0,7	0,0	1,3	7,0
Olcay CAKIR	3	25.3	8/23	34.8	4/13	30.8	4/10	40	0/0	-	0,0	2,0	2,0	3,7	2,7	3,0	0,0	2,0	6,7
Tugce CANITEZ	3	22.1	8/18	44.4	7/15	46.7	1/3	33.3	4/6	66.6	2,3	4,3	6,7	3,0	1,7	0,0	0,0	1,7	7,0
Cansu KOKSAL	3	19.6	6/17	35.3	3/4	75	3/13	23.1	0/0	-	0,0	0,7	0,7	0,7	0,3	0,3	0,3	2,7	5,0
Merve AYDIN	3	12.1	1/12	8.3	1/5	20	0/7	0	2/4	50	0,0	1,3	1,3	0,7	0,0	0,3	0,0	1,0	1,3
Esra URAL TOPUZ	2	18.2	5/8	62.5	5/8	62.5	0/0	-	2/3	66.6	2,0	4,0	6,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	0,0	1,0	6,0
Aysegul GUNAY	2	12.4	4/8	50	1/2	50	3/6	50	0/0	-	0,0	1,0	1,0	1,5	0,5	0,0	0,0	2,0	5,5
Kubra ERAT	2	8.2	1/4	25	0/0	-	1/4	25	0/0	-	0,5	1,0	1,5	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,0	1,5	1,5
Goksen FITIK	2	5.4	1/5	20	1/2	50	0/3	0	0/0	-	0,0	0,5	0,5	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	1,0
Melis GULCAN	2	5	1/1	100	1/1	100	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	1,0	1,0	0,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	0,5	1,0
Isil ALBEN	1	43,7	6/11	54,5	3/5	60	3/6	50	2/2	100	0,0	1,0	1,0	5,0	2,0	1,0	0,0	1,0	17,0
Meltem YILDIZHAN	1	31,6	2/5	40	1/2	50	1/3	33,3	0/0	-	3,0	5,0	8,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	3,0	5,0
Asena YALCIN	1	18,5	1/4	25	0/0	-	1/4	25	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	3,0
Serife ONAR	1	14,9	4/8	50	2/4	50	2/4	50	0/0	-	0,0	2,0	2,0	2,0	2,0	0,0	0,0	4,0	10,0
Bahar CAGLAR OKTEN	1	14,2	1/2	50	1/2	50	0/0	-	0/0	-	1,0	5,0	6,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	2,0
Harika ELDAS	1	13,3	1/5	20	0/2	0	1/3	33,3	0/0	-	0,0	1,0	1,0	2,0	0,0	1,0	0,0	1,0	3,0
Sevgi UZUN	1	9,9	1/3	33,3	1/3	33,3	0/0	-	3/3	100	0,0	0,0	0,0	2,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	5,0
Meltem AVCI	1	4	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	1,0	0,0	1,0	0,0
Team/Coaches											1,3	2,3	3,5	0,0	2,0	0,0	0,0	0,5	
TOTALS		212,5	105/242	43,4	73/135	54,1	32/107	29,9	31/39	79,5	8,5	26,0	34,5	20,5	16,3	8,5	1,5	20,0	68,3

# Ceyhun YILDIZOGLU



Nationality: Turkish Date of Birth: 16/04/67 Place of Birth: Eskisehir

Team 2020-21: CBK Mersin (Turkey-KBSL) International Career: Turkey (2008-14, 2019-)

he play-caller masterminded Turkey's rise to prominence during his first spell, including making the Women's EuroBasket Final in 2011 his nation's maiden Olympics appearance at London 2012. Without as many established leaders this time around, he is overseeing a team in transition.

# **Asena YALCIN**



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

Team 2020-21: Galatasaray (Turkey-KBSL) Instagram: 14nisayalcin

alcin played more than 20 minutes per game last season in EuroLeague Women for Galatasaray and is likely to feature at her second Women's EuroBasket. She's a playmaker who has a consistent three-point shot if left open and that keeps the opposing defense busy.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION			2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	18:30	0/0	1/4	0/0	0.0	1.0	3.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	18:00	3/4	1/6	0/0	2.5	0.0	4.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	2	09:25	0/0	0/3	0/0	1.0	0.0	0.0
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	4	18:47	1/6	5/12	1/2	2.0	1.5	4.5

### **Inci GUCLU**



Inci GUCLU Height: 2.05 **Position: Center** Date of Birth: 26/02/99 Place of Birth: Corlu

Team 2020-21: Izmit Belediyespor (Turkey-KBSL)

Instagram: inciguelu

the towering center gets the go ahead to appear at her second edition of the event having debuted two years ago, she will be the tallest player in the competition. She gained valuable EuroLeague Women minutes with Izmit this past season and has played big minutes in preparation

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	2	05:41	1/1	0/0	0/0	0.5	0.0	1.0

### **Busra AKBAS**



Height: 1.74 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 08/03/95 Place of Birth: Tarsus

Team 2020-21: Botas (Turkey-KBSL) Instagram: busra.akbas4

t's always been tough for Akbas to move up a long list of playmakers but after a produc-

tive campaign for Botas, this could be the time when she may shine if given the chance. She has handed out more than 5 assists per game in the KBSL across the past two sea-

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB		PTS
2015	U20 European Champ. Women - Div. A	9	28:46	37/85	3/16	15/25	3.3	3.8	10.9
2014	U20 European Champ. Women - Div. A	9	24:20	14/37	6/23	4/6	2.0	1.3	5.6
2013	U18 European Champ. Women - DIV B	9	25:33	6/30	3/15	9/14	3.1	2.0	3.3
2012	FIBA U17 World Champ. for Women	7	31:42	15/39	9/35	11/21	4.9	2.3	9.7
2012	U18 European Champ. Women - DIV B	9	21:46	10/34	4/15	9/15	2.9	1.4	4.6

### **Pelin BILGIC**



Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 15/07/94 Place of Birth: Mersin

Team 2020-21: Galatasaray (Turkey-KBSL)

Twitter: pbilgic01 Instagram: pelinbilgic01

s well as a solid campaign in the Turkish League and EuroLeague Women, Bligic is now a key figure for Turkey as she prepares for her third edition. One of only three players to average double-digits in points during the Qualifiers, her scoring touch is

# **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	22:37	8/13	4/15	2/3	3.7	4.0	10.0
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	27:07	3/7	2/5	0/0	5.0	2.0	12.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	15:39	4/11	2/7	0/2	3.0	1.7	4.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	17:24	5/11	2/6	4/5	2.0	1.5	5.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	18:06	3/9	3/6	1/2	5.5	2.0	8.0

### **Bahar CAGLAR OKTEN**



Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

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

Team 2020-21: Botas (Turkey-KBSL)

Twitter: bhr9

Instagram: baharcaglar09

he forward will play at the Women's EuroBasket for an eighth time, underlining how important her veteran know-how will be for this team during its current transition. While not a big scorer, her defensive match-up capabilities remain important, as will be her work on the boards.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	14:09	1/2	0/0	0/0	6.0	1.0	2.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	16:01	4/7	0/0	4/4	2.3	0.7	4.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	25:37	7/32	0/0	9/12	5.2	1.4	4.6
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	3	28:17	10/23	0/0	6/8	5.0	2.0	8.7
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	35:23	30/59	0/0	10/11	4.8	2.3	11.7

### Quanitra HOLLINGSWORTH



Height: 1.97 Position: Center **Date of Birth: 15/11/88** 

Place of Birth: Portsmouth (USA) Team 2020-21: Galatasaray (Turkey-KBSL)

Twitter: QHollingsworth9 Instagram: qhollingsworth9

espite being leading scorer and rebounder for Turkey at the 2015 and 2017 editions, the naturalized Hollingsworth was overlooked in 2019. If back, she will provide a major physical presence, score, rebound and relentlessly set high post screens to get her teammates open.

# **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	30:03	19/24	0/0	14/16	5.8	0.3	13.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	23:42	22/41	0/0	24/41	6.8	0.0	11.3
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	4	20:56	20/33	0/0	8/14	6.3	1.0	12.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	30:26	11/23	0/1	12/19	8.3	0.3	11.3
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	28:41	39/61	0/0	28/43	9.3	0.2	17.7

# **Tugce CANITEZ**



Height: 1.88

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 10/11/90 Place of Birth: Konak

Team 2020-21: Fenerbahce Oznur Kablo (Turkey-KBSL)

Twitter: tugce\_canitez Instagram: tugcecanitez

will be a fifth straight Women's EuroBasket for the forward, who's main forte will be to crash the glass as she has done all her career - especially offensively. Canitez recently competed in the EuroLeague Women Final and won the Turkish Championship with Fen-

	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS	
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	22:07	7/15	1/3	4/6	6.7	3.0	7.0	
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	25:58	2/7	2/5	6/10	3.7	2.7	5.3	
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	22:18	2/15	6/14	16/17	5.7	1.7	6.3	
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	4	16:34	3/11	2/4	4/8	3.0	1.3	4.0	
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	21:54	10/30	0/4	3/7	5.2	1.5	3.8	

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

Team 2020-21: Fenerbahce Oznur Kablo (Turkey-KBSL)

Twitter: OlcayCakir4 Instagram: olcaycakir4

akir enjoyed a memorable breakout tournament in 2015 and will now appear at her fourth Women's EuroBasket. Her intensity and competitiveness is ever present, her quick hands always have her as a steals leader, which she is likely to top Turkey's assists chart too.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG			AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	25:20	4/13	4/10	0/0	2.0	3.7	6.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	23:10	17/29	4/9	14/17	2.3	4.3	10.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	25:31	10/21	2/9	11/11	3.0	1.0	12.3
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	4	19:28	7/15	1/5	6/7	2.3	1.3	5.8
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	15:03	14/27	2/9	10/16	1.0	2.5	7.3

# Sevgi UZUN



Height: 1.70

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

Team 2020-21: Fenerbahce Oznur Kablo (Turkey-KBSL)

Twitter: sevguzin Instagram: sevgiuzun10

The 23-year-old still hasn't played at a major tournament for her country, despite the success of her youth career and considerable talent. Crowned a Turkish Champion recently, she only had limited court time to shine with Fenerbahce, but everyone knows what she is capable of.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	09:53	1/3	0/0	3/3	0.0	2.0	5.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	02:40	0/0	1/1	0/0	0.0	1.0	3.0

# **Esra URAL TOPUZ**



Height: 1.98
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 18/08/91
Place of Birth: Mersin

Team 2020-21: Kayseri Basketbol (Turkey-KBSL)

Twitter: esoural Instagram: esrauraltopuz

ral Topuz waited a long time for her debut at the tournament but is now ready for her third consecutive edition. While not a scorer, she will come off the bench and use her height and towering presence to set ball screens, collect rebounds and provide a defensive presence.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS	
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	18:10	5/8	0/0	2/3	6.0	1.0	6.0	
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	1	05:13	0/2	0/0	0/2	4.0	0.0	0.0	
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	04:04	3/6	0/0	0/0	8.0	0.8	1.5	
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	2	08:32	2/4	0/0	3/4	4.0	1.0	3,5	
2017	FIRA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	08:09	7/14	0/0	3/7	3.2	0.6	3.4	

### **Goksen FITIK**



Height: 1.75

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

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

Team 2020-21: CBK Mersin (Turkey-KBSL)

Instagram: goksenfitik

he teenager posted a stellar youth career and featured at the prestigious Basketball Without Borders Global Camp. She can score, always wants the ball, has good handles and quick hands. Many are tipping her to debut and enjoy a long national team career.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	01:56	0/1	0/1	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	08:55	1/1	0/2	0/0	1.0	0.0	2.0

# **Serife ONAR**



Height: 1.70 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 25/11/97 Place of Birth: Seyhan

Team 2020-21: Ormanspor (Turkey-KBSL)

espite only featuring once in the Qualifiers and not having played at the Women's EuroBasket previously, Onar has made a strong case for inclusion due to her highly productive club form. She averaged almost 14 points and 5 assists per game last season for Ormanspor.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION			2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	14:53	2/4	2/4	0/0	2.0	2.0	10

### **Meltem YILDIZHAN**



Height: 1.86
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 05/08/99
Place of Birth: Istanbul

Team 2020-21: Galatasaray (Turkey-KBSL)

Instagram: yildizhanmeltem

first Women's EuroBasket outing could be about to happen for the forward who has long been heralded as an important player for the future of the national team. Mobile, long and with more experience at Galatasaray, she will want to turn promise into tangible results.

### Harika Gozde ELDAS



Height: 1.82

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 15/05/90 Place of Birth: Iskenderum

Team 2020-21: Nesibe Aydin (Turkey-KBSL)

Instagram: harikaeldas

Idas has barely featured for Turkey during her career and could prove a late bloomer on the international stage if she gets a tournament debut. She can do a little bit of everything and her inclusion would be a reward for a productive club season with Nesibe Aydin.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	13:16	0/2	1/3	0/0	1.0	2.0	3.0

# **Kigh STOKES**



Height: 1.91
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 30/03/93
Place of Birth: Marion (USA)
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Team 2020-21: Fenerbahce (Turkey-KBSL)

Twitter: kstokes41 Instagram: kstokes41

ebuting in 2019, the center could not prevent Turkey from exiting early after the group stage. That was despite a tournament double-double and leading her adopted country in points and boards. She is strong and a rebounding machine, just crowned a Turkish champion.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	32:18	14/24	0/0	10/11	10.7	1.3	12.7



# **OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS FOR THE CATS**

The buzz surrounding Belgium and the consequent weight of expectation heading into the 2019 edition proved to be a heavy burden for the Cats. Instead of a strong push towards the title itself, they only just managed to nervously stumble to their minimum target of a place in the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments.

Head coach Philip Mestdagh freely conceded that their status as one of the frontrunners had caused them to crack at key times under the mental pressure. It was the most valuable of lessons, insisted the playcaller, who was proven right by the fact that last year they punched their first ever Olympic ticket and did it on home soil in front of an expectant audience in Ostend.

The main question now is will Belgium reach a famous first Final to beat the brilliant bronze they grabbed in 2017? Or will they even climb to the top of the podium as so many people thought was a strong possibility two years ago?

Whatever their finishing position, there is only one guarantee when it comes to Belgium - their beautiful brand of team basketball will remain an absolute joy to watch for every fan of the game. Their ball movement in particular is arguably the best in the women's global game and has produced multiple highlight reels bulging with magical plays.

Yet within this relentless team ethos, the real beauty is that Belgium still have a major jewel in their crown who can lead them in the biggest moments. Emma Meesseman remains a Tour de Force and is a potential MVP in waiting. Her scoring, rebounding, amazing passing ability and composure remains essential.

In the backcourt, Julie Allemand and Kim Mestdagh are a classy duo who really help to make Belgium tick. The former has lit it up in a big way and was outstanding during her rookie WNBA season last summer. She will be vying to be held up as the best playmaker in the competition. Meanwhile, Mestdagh always brings it in a big way in the major tournaments. Her shooting ability from long-range is up there with the best, but she is also a leader on the floor.

The supporting cast is always impressive, too. Including the veteran leadership in the locker room of the legendary Ann Wauters, the super shot-blocking of Kyara Linskens, the reliability of Antonia Delaere, entertainment from playmaker Marjorie Carpreaux, the emergence of rising star-Billie Massey and the increasing influence of forward Jana Raman.

Yes, there is so much to love about the  $\mathsf{Cats}-\mathsf{but}$  will Belgium live up to their billing this time?

Achievement

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Bronze



Antonia DELAERE

Hanne MESTDAGH

Jana RAMAN

Laure RESIMONT

Becky MASSEY

Billie MASSEY

Kyara LINSKENS

Ann WAUTERS

Emma MEESSEMAN

Serena-Lynn GELDOF

Coach: Philip MESTDAGH

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12/03/90	Famila Schio (ITA)		Laci	: 10 FIBA Events	
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19/04/93	Namur		Year	Event	Place
14/03/96	Tenerife (ESP)		2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Belgrade (SRB)
15/02/91	Estudiantes (ESP)	П	2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Tenerife (ESP)
29/01/98	Hema SKW	П	2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Prague (CZE)
21/03/00	Hema SKW	П	2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)
21/03/00	Hema SKW	П	2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Budapest (HUN)
13/05/93	UMMC Ekaterinburg (RUS)	П	2014	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)
13/11/96	Magnolia Campobasso (ITA)	П	2013	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Orchies (FRA)
12/10/80	Did Not Play	Н	2012	Olympics	London (GBR)
02/03/97	Cadi La Seu (ESP)	П	2011	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Lodz (POL)
02/03/3/	Caul La Geu (LGI )	П	2010	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Karlovy Vary (CZE)

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Kim MESTDAGH	6	27,4	27/62	44	11/21	52	16/41	39	12/14	86	0,5	2,7	3,2	2,8	2,0	2,2	0,2	1,2	13,7
Antonia DELAERE	6	23,4	14/39	36	11/28	39	3/11	27	6/9	67	1,0	2,0	3,0	3,7	1,8	1,0	0,0	2,2	6,2
Jana RAMAN	6	21,6	21/37	57	19/29	66	2/8	25	6/12	50	2,0	2,8	4,8	2,7	1,7	1,7	0,0	1,8	8,3
Hanne MESTDAGH	6	16,8	8/22	36	1/2	50	7/20	35	4/5	80	0,2	1,3	1,5	0,3	0,5	0,0	0,0	0,8	4,5
Marjorie CARPRÉAUX	6	14,1	6/16	38	6/15	40	0/1	0	3/4	75	0,2	2,8	3,0	3,3	2,8	1,7	0,0	0,5	2,5
Ann WAUTERS	6	12,9	9/20	45	9/20	45	0/0	-	4/9	44	0,5	1,3	1,8	0,5	1,2	0,0	0,0	0,3	3,7
Heleen NAUWELAERS	6	8,9	0/10	0	0/1	0	0/9	0	1/2	50	0,2	1,3	1,5	0,7	0,7	0,3	0,0	0,5	0,2
Billie MASSEY	5	19,4	10/23	43	9/17	53	1/6	17	6/10	60	1,4	5,6	7,0	1,4	1,2	0,6	0,6	1,8	5,4
Emma MEESSEMAN	4	24,8	39/59	66	37/55	67	2/4	50	15/16	94	3,5	3,8	7,3	3,3	1,8	2,8	1,0	1,5	23,8
Julie ALLEMAND	4	24,3	13/27	48	7/12	58	6/15	40	3/5	60	0,8	3,3	4,0	6,0	2,5	0,3	0,3	1,8	8,8
Julie VANLOO	4	16,2	13/22	59	5/8	63	8/14	57	1/2	50	0,3	0,5	0,8	1,5	1,5	0,5	0,0	1,3	8,8
Serena-Lynn GELDOF	4	6,9	3/6	50	3/6	50	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,3	0,5	0,8	0,5	0,8	0,5	0,0	0,5	1,5
Laure RESIMONT	3	6,0	0/2	0	0/0	-	0/2	0	6/9	67	0,3	0,0	0,3	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	2,0
Kyara LINSKENS	2	20,0	10/17	59	9/15	60	1/2	50	2/2	100	0,0	5,5	5,5	3,5	1,5	1,5	1,5	3,0	11,5
Becky MASSEY	2	2,5	1/3	33	1/2	50	0/1	0	2/2	100	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	2,0
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TOTALS		200,0	29.0/60.8	47,7	21.3/38.5	55,4	7.7/22.3	34,30%	11.8/16.8	70,3	10,8	30,3	41,2	23,8	17,5	10,5	2,0	13,7	77.5

### COACH Philip MESTDAGH



Nationality: Belgian
Date of Birth: 26/01/63
Place of Birth: Roeselare
Club Team 2020-21: Namur (Belgium-D1)
International Career: Belgium Women (2015-)
Twitter: MestdaghPhilip

estdagh has transformed the standing of Belgian basketball on the global stage. He delivered history with a first FIBA Women's EuroBasket medal in 2017, first FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup appearance in 2018 and first ticket to the Olympic Games. The play-caller has also done it in style via brilliant team basketball.

# **Billie MASSEY**



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

Club Team 2020-21: Hema SKW (Belgium-D1)

ne of the most talented players of her generation, Massey looks ready for a tournament debut after impressing in the Qualifiers. Powerful inside, excellent at kicking the ball out to the shooters and a nice shot blocker, she could make an impact.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	02:32	1/2	0/1	2/2	0.0	0.0	2.0

## **Julie ALLEMAND**



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

Club Team 2020-21 BLMA (France-LFB)

Twitter: julieallemand Instagram: julieallemand

brilliant playmaker, Allemand is one of the world's leading point guards. Passionate and energetic, she will pull the strings and when she is playing well, Belgium come alive. If she finds her own scoring touch then even better for the Cats.

# **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	24:19	7/12	6/15	3/5	4.0	6.0	8.8
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (BEL)	3	29:32	7/12	3/11	7/7	3.0	5.3	10.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	21:39	2/7	0/4	0/0	2.0	1.5	2.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	31:16	19/34	6/20	16/24	4.2	4.0	12.0
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	6	26:12	16/28	3715	6/8	2.5	2.5	7.8

# Antonia DELAERE



Height: 1.80

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

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

Club Team 2020-21: IDK Eustotren (Spain-Liga Femenina)

Instagram: antonia\_delaere

n important team player who has played a significant role in helping to put Belgian basketball on the map. Delaere brings the all-important glue as she can score, create and is willing to do the hard work to help her backcourt and frontcourt colleagues.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION			2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	23:26	11/28	3/11	6/9	3.0	3.7	6.2
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (BEL)	3	30:59	5/12	2/3	4/5	3.7	2.3	6.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	26:27	17/40	0/8	1/5	2.3	1.8	5.8
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	25:52	14/24	2/7	7/8	1.7	2.7	6.8
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	6	20:35	4/13	6/13	4/7	2.0	2.0	5.0

# **Emma MEESSEMAN**



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

Club Team 2020-21: UMMC Ekaterinburg (Russia-Premier League)

Twitter: EmmaMeesseman Instagram: emma\_meesseman

ne of the best players in the world, Meesseman is a Tour De Force as Belgium's standout leader. The forward does it all at both ends of the court and should lead in points and rebounds. A potential tournament MVP if Belgium excel.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	24:46	37/55	2/4	15/16	7.3	3.3	23.8
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (BEL)	3	31:58	25/40	1/7	8/10	6.0	3.3	20.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	30:33	58/85	4/9	18/21	6.0	4.2	24.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	33:32	38/75	4/10	31/33	7.2	3.7	19.8
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	6	30:01	46/78	0/10	19/25	10.7	2.5	18.5

### **Kim MESTDAGH**



**Height:** 1.78 **Position:** Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 12/03/90 Place of Birth: leper

Club Team 2020-21: Famila Schio (Italy-A1)

Twitter: MestdaghKim Instagram: kimmestdagh

driving force behind the Belgian Cats rise on the global stage, Mestdagh is pivotal. She leads the team with her experience and know-how. She is also likely to be one of the leading scorers because of her firepower and shooting skills.

### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

	COMPETITION			2PT FG	3PT FG		REB		PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	27:25	11/21	16/41	12/14	3.2	2.8	13.7
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (BEL)	3	30:18	4/13	6/20	5/5	3.7	2.0	10.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	28:28	13/33	17/36	12/13	5.8	3.8	14.8
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	34:00	10/21	17/45	18/22	6.7	2.8	14.8
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	6	28:00	19/36	16/33	11/14	4.0	2.5	16.2

### **Ann WAUTERS**



Height: 1.94
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 12/10/80
Place of Birth: Sint-Niklaas
Club Team 2020-21: Did Not Play
Twitter: AnnWauters12
Instagram: annwauters12

European basketball legend, Wauters will have this event and the Olympics as a swansong. Her stellar career has witnessed multiple team medals and individual accolades, with her veteran experience hugely important in the Cats' locker room.

## **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	12:53	9/20	0/0	4/9	1.8	0.5	3.7
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (BEL)	3	08:08	0/4	0/0	0/2	1.3	0.0	0.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	19:17	10/17	0/0	3/3	7.0	2.0	11.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	15:06	6/24	0/0	5/11	2.2	0.8	2.8
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	6	11:52	10/16	0/0	2/6	2.2	1.2	3.7

# **Marjorie CARPREAUX**



Height: 1.61 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 17/09/87 Place of Birth: Boussu

Club Team 2020-21: Castors Braine (Belgium-D1)

Instagram: lilijo09

here are few players who can entertain quite as much as the eccentric playmaker who is very much a walking highlight reel. She loves to hand out assists, always looking for the spectacular if it is there, while also bringing bundles of energy.

	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	14:08	6/15	0/1	3/4	3.0	3.3	2.5
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (BEL)	3	08:44	0/1	0/1	0/0	1.0	1.3	0.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	19:05	10/23	0/4	3/5	2.2	5.0	3.8
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	07:08	5/9	0/2	2/2	1.3	1.8	2.0
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	6	17:22	8/19	1/4	2/2	2.0	4.0	3.5

Height: 1.87

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 15/02/91 Place of Birth: Gent

Club Team 2020-21: Estudiantes (Spain-LF2)

Twitter: Ramanski\_06
Instagram: @Raman\_jana\_6

rguably the most improved member of the Cats family in the last couple of years, Raman has really upped every element of her game. The forward has added more of a scoring threat, is a good team player and will go after rebounds and blocks with

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	21:36	19/29	2/8	6/12	4.8	2.7	8.3
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (BEL)	3	18:07	7/9	3/5	0/0	4.7	2.0	7.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	12:41	8/17	3/9	4/6	2.3	0.7	4.8
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	15:23	9/17	0/6	4/5	3.7	1.5	3.7
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	6	14:55	9/17	0/10	0/2	4.7	1.2	3.0

#### **Kyara LINSKENS**



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

Club Team 2020-21: Magnolia Campobasso (Italy-A1)

Twitter: LnskensKyara Instagram: kyaralinskensxo

big success story of this Belgian team, Linskens is an intelligent center who comes up with spectacular blocks and great assists. She might not look athletic and is slightly unorthodox, but don't judge a book by its cover. She is a baller.

#### NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	19:59	9/15	1/2	2/2	5.5	3.5	11.5
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (BEL)	3	21:32	10/16	1/3	4/6	5.3	1.0	9.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	13:55	7/13	0/0	0/0	5.5	0.5	7.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	16:49	12/33	0/1	4/5	5.3	1.3	4.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	25:06	11/25	0/5	6/8	5.8	2.5	7.0

#### **Heleen NAUWELAERS**



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2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	08:53	0/1	0/9	1/2	1.5	0.7	0.2
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (BEL)	2	02:12	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	09:24	1/4	2/9	0/0	1.0	0.2	1.6
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	10:04	0/1	2/4	2/2	1.3	0.5	2.0
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	3	05:49	0/1	0/5	1/2	3.0	0.0	0.3

#### Serena-Lynn GELDOF



Height: 1.96 Position: Center Date of Birth: 02/03/97 Place of Birth: Oostende

Club Team 2020-21: Cadi la Seu (Spain-Liga Femenina)

Instagram: serena\_lynn23

he towering frame of Geldof has only been seen occasionally in a senior vest, although despite limited minutes, she's now chasing a third edition. Geldof is always a useful option because of her height under the basket and an extensive wingspan.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	09:12	3/6	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.7	2.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	01:43	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	1	04:55	0/0	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.0	0.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	02:39	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0

#### **Julie VANLOO**



Height: 1.68

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

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

Club Team 2020-21: Zaragoza (Spain-Liga Femennina)

Twitter: JulieVanlooOff Instagram: Julie35vanloo

he guard will be hoping for a major tournament return after being left out of the 2020 FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament in her native Oostende. She can balance scoring and creativity, offers energy and has previously been a central figure.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

	OTHER PERIOD									
YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS	
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	16:11	5/8	8/14	1/2	0.8	1.5	8.8	
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	18:15	8/9	9/27	0/1	1.5	4.5	7.2	
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	10:26	2/5	1/13	3/4	1.2	1.5	1.7	
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	6	16:04	2/6	12/30	4/4	1.0	0.5	7.3	
2017	FIBA Women's FuroBasket	6	25:39	2/9	10/32	3/4	2.5	3.0	6.2	

#### **Hanne MESTDAGH**



Height: 1.78
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 19/04/93
Place of Birth: leper

Club Team 2020-21: Namur (Belgium-D1)

Twitter: HanneMestdagh
Instagram: hannemestdagh

hile the forward has had to be content with limited minutes, she epitomizes the ethos of Belgium. Mestdagh enters the court when needed, does a job for the team and is passionately supportive from the bench for her colleagues.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	27:25	11/21	16/41	12/14	3.2	2.8	13.7
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - (BEL)	3	30:18	4/13	6/20	5/5	3.7	2.0	10.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	28:28	13/33	17/36	12/13	5.8	3.8	14.8
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	34:00	10/21	17/45	18/22	6.7	2.8	14.8
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	6	28:00	19/36	16/33	11/14	4.0	2.5	16.2

#### **Laure RESIMONT**



Height: 1.85
Position: Power Forward/Center
Date of Birth: 29/01/98

Place of Birth: Mechelen
Club Team 2020-21: Hema SKW (Belgium-D1)

Twitter: laureresimont
Instagram: laureresimont

forward who can stretch the floor and shoot the three, she would love a green light for the event after missing out in 2017 and 2019. But Resimont has shifted up a gear by playing with Cadi La Seu in EuroCup Women, prior to returning to Hema SKW.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	06:02	0/0	0/2	6/9	0.3	0.0	2.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	03:57	2/2	0/2	0/2	1.5	0.3	1.0
2018	FIBA U20 Women's European Championship	7	27:38	23/46	14/43	21/31	6.0	2.0	15.6
2017	FIBA U20 Women's European Champ Div. A	7	27:48	19/37	8/31	28/37	3.3	1.3	12.9
2016	FIBA U18 Women's European Champ Div. A	7	31:57	24/51	6/23	20/30	5.0	2.6	12.3

#### **Becky MASSEY**



Height: 1.86

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

Club Team 2020-21: Hema SKW (Belgium-D1) Instagram: beckymassey25

t will be tough for Massey to force a Women's EuroBasket debut as she only briefly tasted action in the Qualifiers. But the young frontcourt operator has a great attitude, some nice skills and has been excellent at youth level, so will be ready if she's called upon.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	02:32	1/2	0/1	2/2	0.0	0.0	2.0

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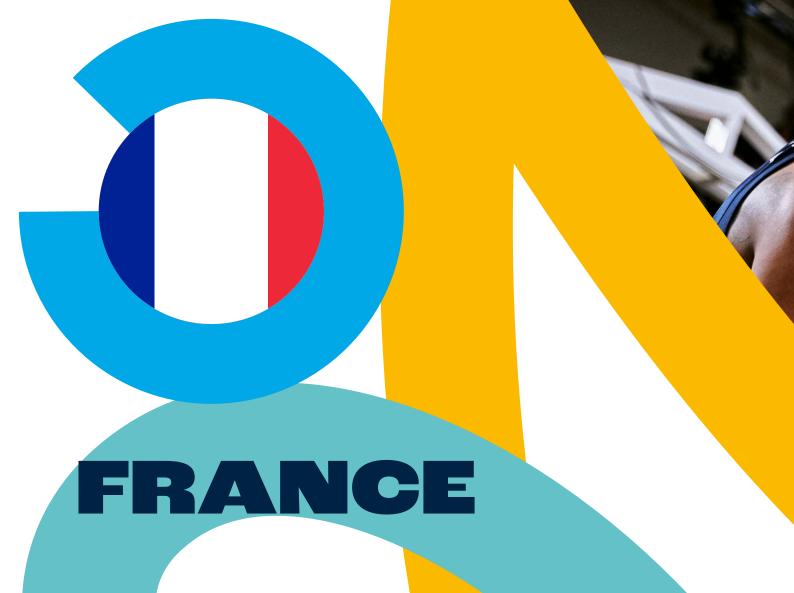
Russia - Czech Republic	12:00
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**Friday, 18 June 2021** 

Croatia - Russia	18:00
Czech Republic - France	21:00

**Sunday, 20 June 2021** 

Czech Republic - Croatia	15:00
France - Russia	21.00



#### **TIME TO UPGRADE TO GOLD**

Could it be a case of fifth time lucky for France after a run of four consecutive silver medals in the competition? It certainly feels like the heat is on to belatedly upgrade to gold for the first time in 12 years.

Likely to head into the tournament not only as co-hosts, but perhaps as outright favorites in the minds of many observers, they have all the ingredients in place for success.

As well as home advantage for part of the competition, they have a nice blend of youth and experience, depth in every position, some world class ballers, multiple game-winners in waiting, exciting young guns rising up and have even managed to get the naturalized Gabby Williams on board.

There is a lot to love and if they are fully locked in mentally as a group, this fully loaded roster should surely be disappointed with anything less than delivering a first title for France since 2009.

The classy and silky smooth Sandrine Gruda, who made the All-Star Five two years ago, will be a centerpiece of a frontcourt rotation that could be the best in the competition. She will be joined by the physical presence of Helena Ciak, long-serving warrior Endene Miyem, while Alexia Chartereau has been on fire and her extended shooting range is so important. Throw in the EuroLeague Women Young Player of the Year and recent WNBA draftee Iliana Rupert and France won't be lacking options in the paint.

The backcourt also has one of the biggest stars in the female game in Marine Johannes. The guard is a special and rare talent who never fails to get the fans off their seats, lighting up every highlight reel with her astounding assists. Meanwhile Olivia Epoupa led the team in both assists and steals at the last edition, also making her usual emphatic impact on the glass. The development of the super smart rising star Marine Fauthoux who debuted in 2019 should provide some nice backup, while Sara Michel is a defensive power and smart operator.

It is perhaps the wing positions where France has a bigger edge than before. The dynamic Valeriane Vukosavljevic offers an all-around game and Diandra Tchatchouang brings experience and a strong physical presence. Adding the naturalized Gabby Williams to the mix who was recently crowned EuroLeague Women Defensive Player of the Year makes them look like champions in waiting.

The time is now - surely.



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			FG		2PT	FG	3РТ	FG	F			REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A		M/A	%		D	Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Sandrine GRUDA	6	29.0	36/73	49.3	36/73	49.3	0/0	-	21/29	72.4	1,8	5,3	7,2	2,3	0,8	0,8	1,0	2,0	15,5
Olivia EPOUPA	6	28.0	19/49	38.8	15/39	38.5	4/10	40	8/10	80	1,2	5,0	6,2	5,3	2,2	2,7	0,0	2,8	8,3
Endene MIYEM	6	25.6	25/56	44.6	22/44	50	3/12	25	8/11	72.7	2,2	2,2	4,3	1,0	1,2	0,8	0,2	1,7	10,2
Marine JOHANNES	6	25.1	21/55	38.2	12/24	50	9/31	29	4/8	50	0,0	1,8	1,8	3,0	1,7	1,7	0,7	2,8	9,2
Bria HARTLEY	6	24.1	24/59	40.7	16/36	44.4	8/23	34.8	11/19	57.9	1,0	2,2	3,2	2,8	3,0	1,0	0,0	2,7	11,2
Valeriane AYAYI	6	23.7	13/39	33.3	6/22	27.3	7/17	41.2	8/11	72.7	0,5	3,7	4,2	2,2	1,3	0,3	0,7	2,0	6,8
Alexia CHARTEREAU	6	19.4	15/24	62.5	10/16	62.5	5/8	62.5	2/3	66.7	0,5	2,8	3,3	1,3	1,2	0,5	0,2	2,3	6,2
Sara CHEVAUGEON	6	11.3	8/16	60	6/10	60	2/6	33.3	0/0	-	0,7	0,5	1,2	0,8	0,8	0,3	0,0	1,3	3,0
Ornella BANKOLE	5	7.2	2/2	100	2/2	100	0/0	-	2/2	100	0,4	0,8	1,2	0,8	0,2	0,2	0,0	0,8	1,2
Marieme BADIANE	5	5.6	3/7	42.9	3/7	42.9	0/0	-	1/1	100	0,0	1,0	1,0	0,0	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,8	1,4
Marine FAUTHOUX	5	5.2	2/5	40	0/0	-	2/5	40	1/2	50	0,0	0,4	0,4	0,6	0,8	0,4	0,0	0,8	1,4
Iliana RUPERT	4	4.5	2/4	50	2/4	50	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	0,5	0,5	0,0	0,3	0,3	0,0	0,3	1,0
Team/Coaches											2,2	2	4,2		0,7				
TOTALS		204,2	170/389	43,7	130/277	46,9	40/112	35,7	66/96	68,8	10,3	27,7	38	20	14	9	2,8	19,8	74,3

#### COACH Valerie GARNIER



Nationality: French
Date of Birth: 09/01/65
Place of Birth: Cholet
Team 2020-21: Did No Coach
International Career: France Women (2014-)

s the glass half full or half empty with Garnier at the helm? She has guided France to an impressive four Finals in a row. It is incredibly consistent, but so is managing to lose every title game. This time she looks to have all the players needed to leliver not

#### **Gabby WILLIAMS**



Height: 1.90

Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 09/09/96 Place of Birth: Sparks (USA)

Team 2020-21: Sopron Basket (Hungary-D1)

Instagram: gabbywilliams

he decision to use the naturalized small forward could be one that finally gets France to gold. Recently crowned the EuroLeague Women Defensive Player of the Year, her energy, quick hands and also her offensive ability could see her excel on her debut.

#### **Marine JOHANNES**



Height: 1.77

**Position:** Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 21/01/95
Place of Birth: Lisieux

Team 2020-21: LDLC ASVEL Feminin (France-LFB)

Twitter: MarineJ5 Instagram: MarineJ5

ne of the most exciting players in the global game, Johannes always stuffs the highlights reel with her spectacular assists and plays. She always looks to entertain, is an offensive leader, can deliver in the clutch and could lead France in scoring.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

	COMPETITION			2PT FG	3PT FG		REB		PTS
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - Bourges, France	3	24:44	5/11	10/21	5/5	3.7	4.0	15.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	22:51	14/24	9/23	3/4	2.8	3.8	9.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	25:05	12/24	9/31	4/8	1.8	3.0	9.2
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	7	23:57	10/17	14/43	12/13	2.3	3.3	10.6
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	15:26	8/15	9/24	3/4	0.7	2.0	7.7

#### **Marine FAUTHOUX**



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

Team 2020-21: LDLC ASVEL Feminin (France-LFB)

Instagram: marine.fauthoux

he playmaker debuted as a teenager in 2019 and has continued improving with Lyon in EuroLeague Women. Composed, an excellent organizer and passer, her skills have been helped by her father who was a pro baller. Fauthoux is also a 2021 WNBA draft-

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - Bourges, France	3	05:35	1/2	0/1	0/2	1.3	0.7	0.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	5	05:12	0/0	2/5	1/2	0.4	0.6	1.4

#### Sandrine GRUDA



Height: 1.93

Position: Center/Power Forward
Date of Birth: 25/06/87
Place of Birth: Cannes

Team 2020-21: Famila Schio (Italy-A1)

**Twitter:** Sandrine\_Gruda **Instagram:** sandrine\_gruda

aving led the silver medalists in points, rebounds and efficiency in 2019, Gruda deservedly made the All-Star Five. A legend ready for her seventh appearance at the event, the center will be at the top of opponents' scouting reports due to her strength and skills.

#### NATIONAL TEAM STATS

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YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - Bourges, France	3	24:14	28/36	0/0	6/8	9.7	0.7	20.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	23:41	48/78	0/0	18/25	6.0	2.3	19.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	28:58	36/73	0/0	21/29	7.2	2.3	15.5
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	7	25:00	38/66	0/0	12/24	7.0	1.9	12.6
2016	FIRA Women 's Qualifying Tournament	3	17:29	8/20	n/n	2/4	47	2.0	6.0

#### **Endene MIYEM**



Height: 1.88

Position: Power Forward

Date of Birth: 15/05/88

Place of Birth: Reims

Team 2020-21: Carolo Basket (France-LFB)

Twitter: Endidi711 Instagram: endidi711

relentless warrior, Miyem will play at the tournament for the seventh time, which underlines her longevity and quality. The forward will once again use her intense physicality, experience and ability to make a significant scoring and rebounding con-

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - Bourges, France	3	18:54	10/19	3/4	5/6	2.7	0.7	11.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	19:15	21/39	2/8	9/12	5.6	1.2	11.4
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	25:37	22/44	3/12	8/11	4.3	1.0	10.2
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	7	23:55	24/46	6/17	14/19	3.9	1.6	11.4
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	27:20	39/66	4/5	10/12	5.0	2.2	16.7

#### Helena CIAK



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

Team 2020-21: LDLC ASVEL Feminin (France-LFB)

Twitter: helenaciak Instagram: helena\_ciak

he causes problems due to her size in the low and high post. The center also has nice hands, passing vision and smarts. Her father played for Poland and she also played 3x3 earlier in her career. Ciak is now an experienced and classy operator at the elite

#### NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - Bourges, France	3	12:14	9/12	0/0	0/4	3.3	1.3	6.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	16:08	23/39	0/0	5/8	4.7	0.5	8.5
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	7	13:11	19/34	0/0	14/16	3.6	0.3	7.4
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	19:20	17/36	0/0	7/13	4.7	0.7	6.8
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	19:40	26/36	0/0	3/4	5.8	1.0	9.2

#### Olivia EPOUPA



Height: 1.65 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 30/04/94 Place of Birth: Paris

Team 2020-21: Charnay Basket (France-LFB)

Twitter: OliviaEpoupa Instagram: oliviaepoupa

poupa has an electric turn of pace and is a force in the backcourt. She led France in both assists and steals at the last edition. Despite being the smallest player, her amazing leaping ability meant she was second best in rebounding too.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - Bourges, France	3	22:35	5/10	1/5	5/8	3.3	3.7	6.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	20:58	6/15	1/2	5/8	5.5	6.5	3.3
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2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	7	23:39	12/27	2/7	5/17	5.1	4.4	5.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	16:41	5/15	2/3	11/14	3.3	2.8	4.5

Height: 1.95 Position: Center Date of Birth: 03/02/95

Place of Birth: Vitry-sur-Seine

**Team 2020-21:** Basket Landes (France-LFB) **Instagram:** gaye\_abyy

still waiting for a Women's EuroBasket debut, Gaye has come close previously but always been squeezed out. But having injected impressive consistency into her game with Basket Landes in EuroLeague Women, her strength inside could be welcomed off the bench.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	10:13	5/7	0/0	4/5	1.5	0.0	7.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	12:55	11/17	0/0	6/9	4.0	0.6	5.6

#### Diandra TCHATCHOUANG



Height: 1.86

Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 14/06/91
Place of Birth: Villepinte
Team 2020-21: BLMA (France-LFB)
Twitter: DiandraTchatch
Instauram: diant/37

role model for aspiring ballers and especially those in the suburbs of Paris where she hails from, the winger is a powerful defensive presence. She missed out injured in 12019 but knows what it takes having stepped previously out at three editions.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - Bourges, France	3	14:06	3/7	1/4	0/0	1.3	1.7	3.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	17:22	4/12	6/15	0/0	3.0	2.8	5.2
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	7	21:44	10/16	6/15	1/5	3.7	2.6	5.6
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	20:55	4/9	2/3	3/4	1.5	2.0	8.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	21:19	16/34	1/6	11/16	3.2	1.8	7.7

#### **Alexia CHARTEREAU**



Height: 1.91

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

Team 2020-21: Bourges Basket (France-LFB)

Twitter: Alexia\_seven Instagram: alexia\_chartereau

Iready a leader at 22-years-old, this is her third edition of the event. On fire for Bourges, she can score in the paint, offers an extended shooting threat that also creates space inside for teammates, rebounds well and has veteran composure beyond her

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - Bourges, France	3	18:18	4/12	1/5	2/3	4.3	1.0	4.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	16:02	13/23	4/12	3/4	2.7	0.7	6.8
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	19:21	10/16	5/8	2/3	3.3	1.3	6.2
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	7	15:22	17/27	5/17	6/8	3.1	1.0	7.9
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	10:06	7/12	2/9	2/2	0.8	0.0	3.7

#### Sarah MICHEL



Height: 1.80

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

Team 2020-21: Bourges Basket (France-LFB)

Instagram: sarahmichel10\_

Perhaps one of the most underrated players around, Michel is versatile, a nice passer and can hurt teams from outside or with intelligent cuts to the basket. She is excellent defensively and was co-leader in EuroLeague Women last season for steals.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - Bourges, France	3	11:53	0/0	3/7	1/2	2.3	3.7	3.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	16:20	9/19	2/8	4/7	3.0	2.7	4.7
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	7	16:56	6/25	5/15	8/14	1.4	2.6	5.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	14:17	5/12	1/9	4/8	2.7	2.3	2.8
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	15:12	7/15	2/8	5/7	1.8	1.5	4.2

#### Tima POUYE



**Height:** 1.75

Position: Point Guard / Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 07/04/99
Place of Birth: Tulle

Team 2020-21: Carolo Basket (France-LFB)

Instagram: timapouye

fter an eye-catching youth career, Pouye is hoping to make the transition to her maiden senior tournament. A capable guard with nice skills and athletic ability, she was an important factor in Carolo Basket making the French Cup Final and EuroCup Women Final Four.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

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YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS	
2019	FIBA U20 Women's European Championship	7	25:46	21/57	12/52	14/19	3.3	2.6	13.1	
2018	FIBA U20 Women's European Championship	7	27:20	13/40	14/40	21/27	5.7	2.1	12.7	
2017	FIBA U19 Women's Basketball World Cup	7	24:51	21/55	6/26	6/6	3.1	3.1	9.4	
2017	FIBA U18 Women's European Champ Div. A	7	28:56	18/53	7/36	14/21	4.4	2.7	10.1	
2016	FIBA U18 Women's Furopean Champ Div. A	6	25:55	10/29	5/19	6/7	5.0	2.5	6.8	

#### Valeriane VUKOSAVLJEVIC



Height: 1.84

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 29/04/94 Place of Birth: Bordeaux

Team 2020-21: Basket Landes (France-LFB)

Twitter: valeriane\_ayayi
Instagram: valeriane ayayi

thletic, super competitive and feisty, Vukosavljevic can provide a do-it-all presence. When the winger is locked into a game, she's a handful for her opponents with her long arms and physicality. She chases rebounds, can make big plays and score inside

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAF	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB		PTS
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - Bourges, France	3	21:33	5/11	0/8	4/6	2.7	2.0	4.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	17:58	9/20	3/13	12/14	4.0	1.5	6.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	23:43	6/22	7/17	8/11	4.2	2.2	6.8
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	7	15:53	8/15	2/9	14/18	2.6	2.1	5.1
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	19:44	11/18	4/13	14/18	6.2	0.8	8.0

#### **Alix DUCHET**



Height: 1.63
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 30/12/97

Place of Birth: Roanne

Team 2020-21: Bourges Basket (France-LFB)

Instagram: a.duchet

espite featuring for France at the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2018, the point guard still awaits a FIBA Women's EuroBasket debut. She has posted a productive season for Bourges, averaging double-digits in scoring alongside her creative

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	11:46	1/3	0/0	0/0	3.0	2.0	2.0
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	6	05:43	1/2	1/4	4/4	1.0	1.3	1.5

#### Iliana RUPERT



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

**Team 2020-21:** Bourges Basket (France-LFB) **Twitter:** Iliana\_Rups Instagram: iliana.12

he teenager debuted at the last edition and will be more prominent this time due to her maturity, size, skills and IQ. She recently won the EuroLeague Women Young Player of the Year award for a second time and was a First Round WNBA Draft pick.

	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2020	FIBA Women's Olympic QT - Bourges, France	3	05:58	1/3	0/0	0/0	1.0	0.3	0.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	04:30	2/4	0/0	0/0	0.5	0.0	1.0



#### **ANY CLOS**ER TO FORMER GLORY?

It is beginning to look like quite the fall for Russia, even if they have maintained their incredible reputation as having always qualified for the Women's EuroBasket.

Once a dominant nation always battling for titles and medals, an entire decade has now elapsed since they last stood on a podium when they lifted the precious silverware in 2011. That success also came a year before the 2012 London Olympics, which to this day remains their last outing on the global stage.

As a famous and truly golden generation began to gradually melt away, it became clear that Russia would no longer be the force they once were. Indeed they had to work hard to qualify for this edition, losing at home to Bosnia and Herzegovina — something that would have been an unimaginable scenario only a handful of years ago.

To start pushing for medals again, or at the very least, get themselves into contention for the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2022, they must attain a top six finish and they have only achieved that once in their last four Final Round outings.

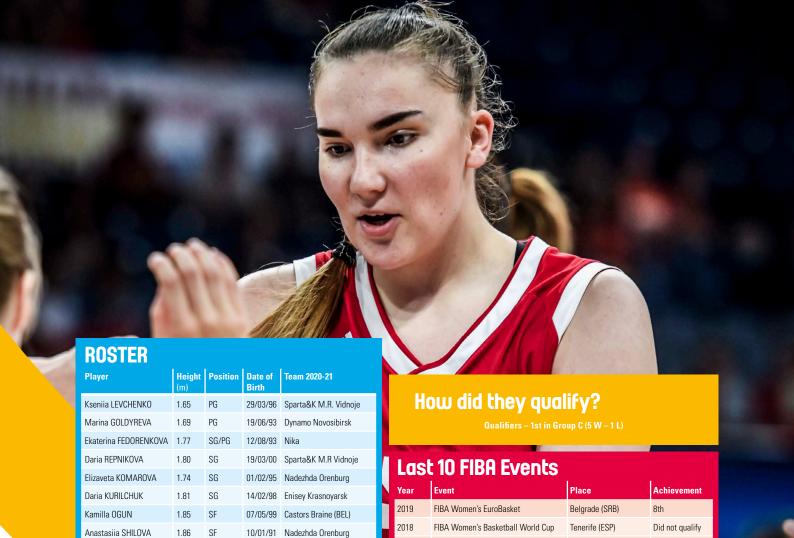
Anything is possible though with the brilliant Maria Vadeeva, who despite still only being 22 years of age, is about to participate for a staggering fourth time in the competition. Her leadership, power, composure, strength, scoring and rebounding power means she will be the centerpiece as usual.

Raisa Musina will also be hugely important. Highly skilled and hugely mobile, she will also provide a fruitful scoring touch, with her partnership alongside Vadeeva having been proven — no more so than when taking Russia to the FIBA U19 Women's Basketball World Cup title in 2017.

The devastating three-point shooting power of Anastasiia Shilova is also something that could prove to be vital. The winger is a serious momentum-shifter or possible game-changer for Russia, although few people can figure out why she had to wait until 2019 for her debut.

Several 'X-Factors' are likely to determine Russia's success - or otherwise. The rejuvenated Kseniia Levchenko must perform in the all-important playmaking spot. A standout youth star, she seemed to briefly lose her way at senior level but has since gotten back on track. Meanwhile head coach Alexander Kovalev could hand debuts to an array of supporting cast members, but they simply don't have the time or luxury to ease themselves in.

The time is now for Russia because if they don't perform, they'll miss an unthinkable fifth consecutive FIBA global event and fifth Women's EuroBasket podium.



#### 2017 FIBA Women's EuroBasket Prague (CZE) 9th Adelina ABAIBUROVA 1.84 SF/PF 02/05/95 WBC Enisey Krasnoyarsk 2016 Rio de Janeiro (BRA) Olympics Did not qualify Raisa MUSINA 1.92 31/03/98 Dynamo Kursk 2015 FIBA Women's EuroBasket Budapest (HUN) 6th Nina GLONTI 1.88 PF 14/01/97 MBA Moscow 2014 FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Istanbul (TUR) Did not qualify Zhosselina MAIGA 1.93 PF/C 30/04/96 Dynamo Kursk 2013 FIBA Women's EuroBasket Orchies (FRA) 13th Maria VADEEVA 1.90 С 16/07/98 UMMC Ekaterinburg 2012 Olympics London (GBR) 4th Elizaveta SHABANOVA С 1.97 07/12/97 Dynamo Kursk 2011 FIBA Women's EuroBasket Lodz (POL) Gold Aleksandra SHTANKO 21/02/91 MBA Moscow С 1.92 2010 FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Karlovy Vary (CZE) 7th Coach: Alexander KOVALEV

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Maria VADEEVA	6	22.5	41/70	58.6	40/6	462.5	1/6	16.7	10/13	76.9	3,7	5,8	9,5	2,0	0,8	1,5	1,8	1,5	15,5
Anastasiia SHILOVA	6	21.1	14/36	38.9	7/17	41.2	7/19	36.8	5/6	83.3	0,5	1,2	1,7	1,7	0,7	1,5	0,3	1,3	6,7
Elizaveta KOMAROVA	5	17.7	15/22	68.2	9/13	69.2	6/9	66.7	3/4	75	0,2	1,6	1,8	2,6	1,6	1,0	0,0	1,4	7,8
Kseniia TIKHONENKO	5	15.1	7/16	43.8	7/15	46.7	0/1	0	3/7	42.9	1,6	2,4	4,0	0,8	1,6	0,0	0,2	1,0	3,4
Kseniia LEVCHENKO	4	25	8/24	33.3	2/9	22.2	6/15	40	12/17	70.6	0,8	2,0	2,8	6,8	2,0	2,3	0,0	1,8	8,5
Anna LESHKOVTSEVA	4	22.6	12/24	50	9/14	64.3	3/10	30	5/8	62.5	0,8	2,0	2,8	3,3	1,5	0,5	0,0	2,3	8,0
Raisa MUSINA	4	21.6	29/51	56.9	24/43	55.8	5/8	62.5	10/14	71.4	3,0	3,5	6,5	2,0	2,0	1,5	1,0	2,0	18,3
Albina RAZHEVA	4	13.1	14/25	56	14/25	56	0/0	-	1/2	50	1,8	1,5	3,3	0,8	1,0	0,0	0,3	1,8	7,3
Elizaveta SHABANOVA	4	11.3	8/16	50	7/14	50	1/2	50	2/4	50	0,3	1,8	2,0	0,8	0,3	0,8	0,5	1,3	4,8
Marina GOLDYREVA	3	17	5/13	38.5	2/5	40	3/8	37.5	0/2	0	1,3	0,7	2,0	5,7	0,7	2,7	0,0	1,3	4,3
Anastasiia LOGUNOVA	3	14.1	5/13	38.5	4/8	50	1/5	20	3/4	75	1,0	1,0	2,0	1,3	1,0	0,7	0,7	2,0	4,7
Mariia CHEREPANOVA	2	19	5/14	35.7	3/7	42.9	2/7	28.6	2/2	100	1,0	5,0	6,0	1,5	1,0	0,5	0,5	1,0	7,0
Anna BUROVAYA	2	18,6	2/7	28,6	1/3	33,3	1/4	25	0/0	-	0,0	3,5	3,5	3,0	3,0	3,0	0,0	2,0	2,5
Daria KURILCHUK	2	18,2	9/13	69,2	3/5	60	6/8	75	3/4	75	0,5	3,0	3,5	3,5	2,0	0,5	0,0	0,5	13,5
Adelina ABAIBUROVA	2	16,7	4/12	33,3	3/8	37,5	1/4	25	3/4	75	1,0	3,0	4,0	0,5	1,5	1,0	0,5	0,5	6,0
Karina NIZAMOVA	2	15,2	3/9	33,3	2/4	50	1/5	20	3/4	75	0,0	3,0	3,0	4,0	2,0	1,5	0,0	1,5	5,0
Daria NAMOK	2	11,4	1/4	25	1/3	33,3	0/1	0	0/0	-	0,5	0,5	1,0	0,5	2,0	0,0	0,0	3,0	1,0
Natalia ANOIKINA	2	9,9	3/7	42,9	3/7	42,9	0/0	-	4/7	57,1	1,5	0,5	2,0	0,0	1,5	0,5	1,0	2,0	5,0
Ekaterina FEDORENKOVA	2	7,4	2/6	33,3	1/1	100	1/5	20	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	1,5	1,0	0,0	0,0	0,5	2,5
Natalia ZHEDIK	1	31,8	4/6	66,7	2/2	100	2/4	50	4/4	100	1,0	3,0	4,0	5,0	2,0	0,0	0,0	3,0	14,0
Zhosselina MAIGA	1	14,8	1/5	20	1/5	20	0/0	-	3/4	75	0,0	6,0	6,0	2,0	2,0	0,0	1,0	2,0	5,0
Alexandra MARCHENKOVA	1	13,6	1/3	33,3	1/2	50	0/1	0	0/0	-	0,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	0,0	2,0
Daria REPNIKOVA	1	11,1	2/3	66,7	0/0	-	2/3	66,7	0/0	-	0,0	4,0	4,0	2,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	6,0
Anna ZAITCEVA	1	3,2	1/2	50	1/2	50	0/0	-	0/0	-	1,0	3,0	4,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	2,0
Team/Coaches											1,3	2,8	4,2	0,0	0,5	0,0	0,0	0,2	
TOTALS		200	196/401	48,9	147/276	53,3	49/125	39,2	76/110	69,1	14,3	30,2	44,5	25,5	15,5	11,2	4,8	17,5	86,2

#### COACH Alexander KOVALEV



Nationality: Russian
Date of Birth: 13/10/68
Team 2020-21: Did Not Coach
International Career: Russia (2020-)

he play-caller has a strong track record from his time working within the Federation at various levels. He was an Assistant at London 2012 and has done fine work with the youth teams. He famously led Russia to the FIBA U19 Women's Basketball World Cup gold in 2017.

#### **Maria VADEEVA**



Height: 1.90 Position: Center Date of Birth: 16/07/98 Place of Birth: Moscow

Team 2020-21: UMMC Ekaterinburg (Russia-Premier League)

Twitter: masha\_vadeeva Instagram: maria\_vadeeva

phenomenal presence and leader at just 22-years-old, this is already her fourth Women's EuroBasket. A multiple EuroLeague Women champion with WNBA experience, Vadeeva is Russia's centerpiece and will look to lead and dominate in scoring and rebounding as usual.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	22:28	40/64	1/6	10/13	9.5	2.0	15.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	26:39	34/73	2/9	15/20	9.0	1.7	14.8
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	24:08	43/62	2/6	4/9	8.2	2.2	16.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	22:14	34/59	0/1	17/23	4.6	1.8	17.0

#### Raisa MUSINA



Height: 1.92

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 31/03/98 Place of Birth: Moscow

Team 2020-21: Dynamo Kursk (Russia-Premier League)

Twitter: Musinka4
Instagram: musinka4

usina often reserves her best when donning a Russia jersey. A highly-skilled forward with quick feet, good mobility and a sweet touch around the basket, she can also score from range and runs the floor well. She will be a leading contributor in points and rebounds.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	21:35	24/43	5/8	10/14	6.5	2.0	18.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	19:13	17/33	8/17	13/18	5.7	1.8	11.8
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	22:24	17/45	2/14	2/6	6.8	0.8	7.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	2	03:16	1/4	0/0	0/0	1.5	0.5	1.0

#### Adelina ABAIBUROVA



Height: 1.84

Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 02/05/95 Place of Birth: Noyabursk

Team 2020-21: WBC Enisey Krasnoyarsk (Russia-Premier League)

Instagram: adelinaabaiburova

isappointed when missing the roster for the competition two years ago, the versatile forward will be hoping to land a debut this time. She recently underlined her ability to contribute in all areas with a good scoring, rebounding and assists return for Enisey

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB		PTS .
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	16:44	2/8	1/4	3/4	4.0	0.5	6.0

#### **Ekaterina FEDORENKOVA**



Height: 1.77

Position: Shooting Guard/Point Guard

Date of Birth: 12/08/93 Place of Birth: Moscow

Team 2020-21: Nika (Russia-Premier League)

Twitter: Fedorenkova\_K Instagram: fender\_defender

long wait for a Women's EuroBasket appearance ended two years ago when the combo guard was rewarded for her patience. She didn't get a lot of court time during the Qualifiers but her experience and versatility could be a welcome asset after a solid campaign domestically.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	07:22	1/1	1/5	0/0	0.0	1.5	2.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	07:30	0/0	0/0	0/0	1.0	2.0	0.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	17:32	6/18	1/10	4/6	1.0	1.8	3.2

#### **Daria REPNIKOVA**



Height: 1.80 Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 19/03/00

Team 2020-21: Sparta&K M.R. Vidnoje (Russia-Premier League)

Instagram: djaba18

talented guard who loves to hit triples as well as create for her teammates, Repnikova has played almost 30 minutes per game in EuroCup Women with Sparta&K. She was an important player for Russia at youth level and is now looking to make an impression at senior level.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	11:07	0/0	2/3	0/0	4.0	2.0	6.0

#### **Daria KURILCHUK**



Height: 1.81

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 14/02/98 Place of Birth: Samara

Team 2020-21: Enisey Krasnoyarsk (Russia-Premier League)

Instagram: dariakurilchuk

ne of the unsung heroes of the FIBA U19 Women's Basketball World Cup triumph, the guard averaged double digits during the tournament. Now she is hoping her scoring touch will be welcomed at a first Women's EuroBasket having shot well in the last Qualifiers bubble.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YE		COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
20	121	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	18:10	3/5	6/8	3/4	3.5	3.5	13.5

#### Kamilla OGUN



Height: 1.85

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 07/05/99 Place of Birth: Belograd

Team 2020-21: Castors Braine (Belgium-D1)

Instagram: kam\_kungfu

big talent at youth level, some injuries curtailed the pace of successful transition to the senior team. Ogun now looks ready to make a sustained breakthrough. She played EuroCup Women last season with Castors Braine and could be an effective all-action winger for her country.

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	17:07	2/3	1/3	3/4	5.0	5.0	10.0



Height: 1.69 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 19/06/93 Place of Birth: Kurgan

Team 2020-21: Dynamo Novosibirsk (Russia-Premier League)

Instagram: marisharyavkina

he playmaker has just had her best ever club season with some terrific performances and numbers for Dynamo Novosibirsk. She also performed well in the Qualifiers with almost 6 assists and 3 steals per game to make a strong claim for a debut at the showpiece event.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	17:00	2/5	3/8	0/2	2.0	5.7	4.3

#### Elizaveta KOMAROVA



Height: 1.74
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 01/02/95
Place of Birth: Sverdlovsk

Team 2020-21: Nadezhda Orenburg (Russia-Premier League)

Instagram: komarovali.3

he guard was outstanding in the Qualifiers and used her shooting skills to convert an eye-popping 68 percent from the field. Komarova can also create and should be a central figure at her maiden Women's EuroBasket, especially after a solid EuroLeague Women campaign.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	17:43	9/13	6/9	3/4	1.8	2.6	7.8

#### Elizaveta SHABANOVA



Height: 1.97
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 07/12/97
Place of Birth: Volgograd

Team 2020-21: Dynamo Kursk (Russia-Premier League)

he center is in the mix for a Women's EuroBasket debut after logging double digit minutes in EuroLeague Women this past season. She achieved the same level of court time in the Qualifiers and impressed after shooting the ball well and using her height well in the paint.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	11:16	7/14	1/2	2/4	2.0	0.8	4.8

#### Anastasiia SHILOVA



Height: 1.86
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 10/01/91
Place of Birth: Krasnoyarsk

Team 2020-21: Nadezhda Orenburg (Russia-Premier League)

Instagram: shilka91

t's difficult to fathom how a devastating and consistent perimeter shooter like Shilova had to wait until 2019 to step out at the tournament. An established EuroLeague Women momentum shifter, she can erupt in any game with her shooting, but can also put the lall on the floor.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	21:05	7/17	7/19	5/6	1.7	1.7	6.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	18:40	7/9	7/29	5/8	2.3	1.3	6.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	12:15	2/4	2/6	0/0	0.0	2.0	5.0

#### Kseniia LEVCHENKO



Height: 1.65
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 29/03/96
Place of Birth: Tynda

Team 2020-21: Sparta&K M.R. Vidnoje (Russia-Premier League)

Twitter: LevchenkoKsenia Instagram: ksenia\_229

iminutive in stature but a big personality, Levchenko is a lightning quick playmaker. She's belatedly confirmed herself as her nation's premier point guard with a near 7 assists per game in the Qualifiers and has matured since her two previous Women's EuroBasket outings.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	24:59	2/9	6/15	12/17	2.8	6.8	8.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	18:11	4/5	2/3	0/0	2.0	7.0	14.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	13:41	7/20	1/4	13/15	0.8	1.0	5.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	13:51	5/9	4/7	5/7	1.0	2.7	4.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	1	03:55	1/2	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	2.0

#### **Zhosselina MAIGA**



Height: 1.93
Position: Power Forward/Center
Date of Birth: 30/04/96
Place of Birth: Rostov-on-Don

Team 2020-21: Nadezhda Orenburg (Russia-Premier League)

Instagram: maiga\_32

aiga had been featuring in past months with the Russian 3x3 team and so had to parachute into camp late. Despite this, she will be hoping her previous experience and smooth mid-range shot are positives to ensure that she gets to appear at her

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	14:50	1/5	0/0	3/4	6.0	2.0	5.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6	15:30	8/26	0/0	11/16	2.7	0.8	4.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	17:39	19/32	0/0	6/11	3.2	1.3	7.3
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	4	22:57	13/30	0/0	7/13	5.5	1.5	8.3
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	12:29	8/15	0/0	7/10	1.8	1.0	5.8

#### Nina GLONTI



Height: 1.88

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 14/01/97

Team 2020-21: MBA Moscow (Russia-Premier League)

Instagram: glonti\_n

nother player chasing a debut, Glonti is a potential option because she not only has the size to make an impact in the paint, but she can also stretch defenses with her shooting range. She can score consistently from behind the three-point line and that is a big plus.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION			2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2017	FIBA U20 Women's European Champ Div. A	7	19:54	17/41	2/8	10/10	5.1	1.4	7.1
2016	FIBA U20 Women's European Champ Div. A	7	16:05	12/30	3/12	3/3	2.1	0.6	5.1
2015	FIBA U18 European Champ. Women - DIV B	2	12:30	4/6	1/2	0/0	3.5	0.0	5.5
2012	FIBA U16 European Champ. Women - DIV A	6	04:20	2/4	0/0	1/2	1.2	0.0	0.8

#### Aleksandra SHTANKO



Height: 1.92 Position: Center Date of Birth: 21/02/91 Place of Birth: Samara

Team 2020-21: MBA Moscow (Russia-Premier League)

t's been a long wait for the center, but at 30-years-old, Shtanko may finally step out at a major tournament. She has put up some big displays during preparation, showing she can score at this level. Strong defensively as well, it would be a deserved reward for her patience.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
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#### **TIME TO STOP A DOWNWARD TREND?**

A highly impressive campaign during the Qualifiers could perhaps energize Czech Republic to try and restore their reputation as a leading nation on the FIBA Women's EuroBasket stage, while simultaneously burying the disappointment of their last few Final Round appearances.

While trying to rediscover the kind of past glories which saw them regularly pushing for the podium is probably a step too far, it is a worrying fact that Czech Republic have missed out on the Quarter-Finals at the last three editions. It looks and feels like they must aim to buck the trend which has seen them go from 6th place during 2013 to 11th, 13th and 15th two years ago.

There were some observers who didn't expect them to even qualify for this edition at all, so maybe even just asking for the Quarter-Finals is still a reach. Especially when head coach Stefan Svitek will have to do without Lenka Bartakova and the naturalized Kia Vaughn.

But even with this in mind, the Czech team demonstrated that they are a very dangerous opponent after they were crowned group winners with five wins and just the one defeat. They still have one of the most consistent and prolific shooters and scorers in Katerina Elhotova and her ZVVZ USK Praha colleague Veronika Vorackova is now living up to the billing after her stellar youth career having posted a breakout season at club level.

There is further good news with the return of the dynamic Alena Hanusova who only managed to play in a couple of the Qualifiers and missed the last Final Round. The forward provides a welcome boost and some athleticism alongside the strength and power of center pairing Renata Brezinova and Julia Reisingerova who has been superb in Euro League Women. Indeed, she could be the kingpin for this Czech team on what will be her first outing at the Final Round.

While Tereza Vyoralova can do a job in the backcourt, it really will be a case of whether Coach Svitek can find a strategy to somehow make up for the absent Bartakova who played almost 30 minutes in every Qualifier and handed out a sensational 8 assists per game. It looks to be a tough task with no standout successor and some good young players, but nobody offering the invaluable experience so often needed at the Final Round.

With such a mixed bag of fortune heading into the competition, it's difficult to know if Czech Republic will be able to improve on their recent run of uninspiring placings, but it certainly can't be discounted.



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Pamela-Therese EFFANGOVA

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Natalie STOUPALOVA

Renata BREZINOVA

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Lenka BARTAKOVA	6	28,2	35/58	60,3	17/30	56,7	18/28	64,3	9/11	81,8	0,3	2,5	2,8	2,3	1,8	0,8	0,0	1,7	16,2
Katerina ELHOTOVA	6	28,1	15/37	40,5	13/26	50	2/11	18,2	15/17	88,2	0,2	2,8	3,0	8,0	1,5	1,7	0,0	1,5	7,8
Renáta BREZINOVA	6	20,9	16/38	42,1	14/25	56	2/13	15,4	8/8	100	1,0	4,5	5,5	1,3	1,3	0,3	1,2	1,3	7,0
Julia REISINGEROVA	6	19,5	29/49	59,2	29/49	59,2	0/0		18/21	85,7	1,7	3,0	4,7	1,2	2,5	0,0	1,0	3,2	12,7
Veronika VORACKOVA	4	21,6	14/23	60,9	11/15	73,3	3/8	37,5	0/0	-	0,8	5,5	6,3	2,3	1,0	1,5	1,3	2,0	7,8
Romana HEJDOVA	4	21,2	12/28	42,9	5/10	50	7/18	38,9	0/0	-	1,0	4,0	5,0	2,5	2,0	0,0	0,0	2,5	7,8
Natálie STOUPALOVA	4	17,1	8/19	42,1	7/13	53,8	1/6	16,7	1/2	50	0,5	4,0	4,5	1,8	0,5	0,0	0,8	1,3	4,5
Tereza VYORALOVA	4	11,9	4/7	57,1	4/4	100	0/3	0	0/0	-	0,3	1,8	2,0	2,8	1,0	1,0	0,0	1,0	2,0
Michaela MATUSKOVA	3	19,4	7/18	38,9	3/6	50	4/12	33,3	1/2	50	0,0	1,7	1,7	0,7	1,0	1,3	0,3	2,3	6,3
Beáta ADAMCOVA	3	16,7	4/12	33,3	1/6	16,7	3/6	50	5/8	62,5	1,7	1,0	2,7	2,3	1,0	1,0	0,0	2,0	5,3
Petra ZAPLATOVA	3	12,7	4/13	30,8	3/10	30	1/3	33,3	6/6	100	1,0	1,0	2,0	1,3	0,7	0,7	0,0	1,3	5,0
Michaela KREJZOVA	3	9,9	4/10	40	3/4	75	1/6	16,7	0/0	-	0,7	0,7	1,3	0,7	1,7	0,0	0,0	1,3	3,0
Eliska MIRCOVA	3	3,8	0/3	0	0/0	-	0/3	0	0/0	-	0,0	1,0	1,0	0,3	0,3	0,0	0,0	0,3	0,0
Kia Niema VAUGHN	2	29,6	9/16	56,2	9/16	56,2	0/0		1/4	25	1,5	4,5	6,0	2,5	3,0	2,5	0,5	1,0	9,5
Alena HANUSOVA	2	22,4	7/15	46,7	4/7	57,1	3/8	37,5	4/6	66,7	0,5	3,5	4,0	2,5	1,5	1,5	1,0	2,0	10,5
Kamila STEPANOVA	2	12,7	1/5	20	1/5	20	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,5	2,5	3,0	0,5	2,0	0,5	0,0	1,5	1,0
Klára POCHOBRADSKA	1	5,1	0/1	0	0/1	0	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	2,0
Veronika SIPOVA	1	4,9	1/2	50	1/1	100	0/1	0	0/0	-	2,0	0,0	2,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Barbora HOLUBOVA	1	2,8	0/1	0	0/1	0	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Sarah BERANKOVA	1	2,8	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
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#### COACH Stefan SVITEK



Nationality: Slovakian Date of Birth: 20/11/66 Place of Birth: Gelnica

Team 2020-21: Did not coach International Career: Hungary (2011-12, 2015-17);

espite the disappointment of an underwhelming performance two years ago, the Czech Federation smartly kept faith in the experience of Svitek. He delivered by masterminding a super campaign in the Qualifiers and he also has know-how from Final Round appearances at the helm of Hungary.

#### Alena HANUSOVA



Height: 1.91

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 29/05/91 Place of Birth: Sokolov

Team 2020-21: Bretagne Landerneau (France-LFB)

Twitter: AHanusova7 Instagram: ajkah7

fter missing the last edition, the team will be relieved to welcome back Hanusova, who is also coming back to her homeland next season to re-join Praha after a club season in France. She can be the spark with her energy, excellent transition game and also experience from four previous editions.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	22:26	4/7	3/8	4/6	4.0	2.5	10.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	28:45	22/51	11/21	22/28	6.0	3.0	16.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	27:50	13/22	2/11	0/1	6.3	2.0	10.7
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	7	33:00	28/71	9/24	21/24	6.0	0.3	14.9
2014	FIBA World Championship for Women	4	16:55	7/20	2/5	4/4	2.5	1.3	6.0

#### Katerina ELHOTOVA



Position: Shooting Guard **Date of Birth: 14/10/89** Place of Birth: Prague

Team 2020-21: ZVVZ USK Praha (Czech Republic-ZBL)

Instagram: 11caki11

ne of the great shooters of the European game, Elhotova is a double Olympian and about to step out at an incredible 8th Women's EuroBasket. She is more than just instant offense or a momentum-shifting game winner. As well as her devastating input from the arc, her vast experience is also essential.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	28:07	17/30	18/28	9/11	2.8	2.3	16.2
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	27:06	18/33	6/15	2/3	2.0	2.6	11.2
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	31:41	10/24	5/12	5/6	2.3	3.0	13.3
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	32:57	10/19	6/19	0/0	3.0	3.7	12.7
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	7	33:00	31/50	11/27	14/14	2.4	2.1	15.6

#### **Julie REISINGEROVA**



Height: 1.94 Position: Center **Date of Birth: 17/04/98** Place of Birth: Tirschenreuth

Team 2020-21: Spar Girona (Spain-Liga Femenina)

Instagram: julia.reisingerova

he imposing presence of Reisingerova could be a difference-maker. Strong at both ends of the floor, she will look to dominate on the boards, provide a scoring thrust in the paint and will be important defensively. She has just posted a super season with Spar Girona and will play at her first Women's EuroBasket.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION			2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	19:27	29/49	0/0	18/21	4.7	1.2	12.7
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	07:19	7/9	0/0	2/6	3.3	0.0	5.3

#### Pamela-Therese EFFANGOVA



Height: 1.78

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

Team 2020-21: Sokol Hradec Kralove (Czech Republic-ZBL)

Instagram: pamik\_93

he winger has always pushed for a place on the roster but has never quite made the cut. This could belatedly be the moment when she is finally given the green light to make a major tournament debut, having posted a highly productive club season with Hradec Kralove, averaging 13 points per outing.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2013	U20 European Championship Women - Div. B	8	20:37	20/54	3/16	24/30	2.4	1.6	9.1
2012	U20 European Championship Women - Div. B	7	11:51	5/15	0/2	15/20	1.6	0.7	3.6

#### **Gabriela ANDELOVA**



Position: Point Guard / Shooting Guard

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

Team 2020-21: Saarlouis Royals (Germany-DBBL)

Instagram: gabriel\_andelova

earching for a debut and having not appeared during the Qualifiers, the guard will be hoping to make a big impression in the pre-tournament camps. Last summer, the guard left her homeland for the first time to showcase her skills and gain new experiences by playing in Germany.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2016	FIBA U20 Women's European Champ Div. B	6	20:55	8/30	4/20	10/14	2.5	1.7	6.3
2014	FIBA U18 European Champ. Women - DIV B	9	18:46	5/26	14/49	5/6	1.6	0.8	6.3
2013	FIBA U18 European Champ. Women - DIV B	8	21:15	13/49	10/37	7/11	4.6	1.9	7.9
2012	FIBA U16 European Champ. Women - DIV A	9	30:46	14/54	23/78	9/16	5.2	1.9	11.8

#### Kristyna BRABENCOVA



Height: 1.83

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 16/12/99 Place of Birth: Brno

Team 2020-21: University of South Florida (USA-NCAA)

Instagram: braabkaa

big talent on the wings and a player that could add a dynamic element to the roster, her NCAA commitments stopped her from playing in the Qualifiers, but she could be about to force her way into the team. A great shooter, her grandfather Kamil was a three-time Olympian and a Czech basketball legend.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

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YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG			AST	PTS
2019	FIBA U20 Women's European Championship	7	17:12	15/34	6/15	6/6	4.0	2.6	7.7
2017	FIBA U18 Women's European Champ Div. A	7	25:23	18/42	7/15	11/19	5.3	2.9	9.7
2016	FIBA U17 Women's World Championship	7	28:20	20/48	1/23	18/29	7.0	1.4	8.7
2015	FIBA U16 European Champ. Women - DIV A	9	12:33	6/14	4/10	9/13	2.2	0.6	3.7

#### Veronika SIPOVA



Height: 1.81

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

Team 2020-21: ZVVZ USK Praha (Czech Republic-ZBL)

Instagram: veronikasipova21

ipova is gradually breaking through at club and national team level after a super youth career for her country. She has gained more court time with EuroLeague Women powerhouse ZVVZ USK Praha of late and was handed some minutes for the Czech side during the Qualifiers, which is a positive sign.

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Height: 1.75

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

Team 20120-21: ZVVZ USK Praha (Czech Republic-ZBL)

Instagram: vorackovaa

espite being only 21-years-old heading into this event, it will be a third edition for Vorackova and surely her most impactful yet. Excellent in the Qualifiers she used her length to lead the team in rebounds. She made big strides in EuroLeague Women this past season and is a Czech NT leader in the making.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	27:07	8/10	3/6	0/0	9.0	2.5	12.5
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	16:01	3/5	0/2	0/0	3.5	2.0	3.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	18:08	6/11	0/0	0/0	4.3	2.5	3.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	2	05:44	0/2	0/0	0/0	0.5	1.5	0.0

#### Tereza VYORALOVA



Height: 1.76

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 16/01/94 Place of Birth: Weissenfels (GER)

Team 2020-21: ZVVZ USK Praha (Czech Republic-ZBL)

Instagram: terkavyo

yrolaova will feature for a fifth time at the Women's EuroBasket and will be hoping to start rather than coming off the bench to use her creative ability and smart shot selection. From a basketball family, her dad Vladimir Vyoral won silver at EuroBasket 1985, while her brother Tomas also plays professionally.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

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ľ	YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS	
	2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	11:56	4/4	0/3	0/0	2.0	2.8	2.0	
	2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	16:39	2/11	1/1	3/4	2.3	4.3	3.3	
	2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	29:42	5/14	1/8	5/8	3.7	4.7	6.0	
	2015	FIRA Women's FuroBasket	4	11:00	2/6	0/1	3/4	1.0	1.3	1.8	

#### **Natalie STOUPALOVA**



Height: 1.88

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

Place of Birth: Brno

Team 2020-21: Zabiny Brno (Czech Republic-ZBL)

Instagram: natalistoupalova

yeing a debut at the event, Stoupalova made a good impression during the Qualifiers.
The Zabiny Brno forward played in most games and showed how she can finish around the hoop and crash the glass. If she is given the green light, she will also look to use her extended shooting range.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	17:08	7/13	1/6	1/2	4.5	1.8	4.5

#### **Petra ZAPLATOVA**



Height: 1.75
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 29/12/1991
Place of Birth: Trutnov

Team 2020-21: Al-Qazeres (Spain-Liga Femenina)

Instagram: petra\_zaplatova

our years ago, Zaplatova played at her maiden Final Round and while the hosts endured a painful early exit, the guard did a good job. Even if she didn't play two years ago, a second edition for the guard could be forthcoming after broadening her horizons during this past club season in Spain.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	16:04	3/4	1/2	6/6	1.0	0.0	15.0
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	11:00	0/6	0/1	0/0	2.5	2.0	0.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	20:14	5/15	2/14	5/6	1.8	2.5	3.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	17:27	6/11	1/6	0/0	0.0	1.3	5.0

#### Romana HEJDOVA



Height: 1.83

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward Date of Birth: 09/05/88

Place of Birth: Brno

Team 2020-21: Nantes Reze (France-LFB)

Twitter: roomca6 Instagram: romca6

hen Hedjova ended her 6 year hiatus from national team duties in 2019, she did it in style and was the standout player. While her country exited at the Group Stage, the experienced swingman produced some excellent individual efforts and led the team in both scoring and rebounding.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	21:14	5/10	7/18	0/0	5.0	2.5	7.8
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	24:52	14/30	7/22	6/9	7.2	2.0	9.2
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	32:01	11/22	7/16	3/6	6.0	1.0	15.3
2014	FIBA World Championship for Women	3	06:26	1/4	1/3	0/0	1.3	0.0	1.7
2013	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	5	04:12	2/7	0/1	0/0	1.0	0.0	0.8

#### Renata BREZINOVA



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

Place of birth: Rychnov nad Kneznou Team 2018-19: KP Brno (Czech Republic-ZBL)

Instagram: brizicka8

elatedly making her Women's EuroBasket debut in 2019, the center was one of three players to log a double-digit scoring return at the tournament. Always standing out with her distinctive tattoos, Brezinova cemented her role during the Qualifiers by doing more good work at both ends of the court.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	20:51	14/25	2/13	8/8	5.5	1.3	7.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	09:03	4/5	0/0	1/1	2.0	0.0	9.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	3	25:18	10/18	4/11	3/4	4.0	2.0	11.7

#### Klara POCHOBRADSKA



Height: 1.86
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 03/05/89
Place of Birth: Hradec Kralove
Team 2020-21: Firenze (Italy-A2)
Instagram: klapochobradska

he experienced center hasn't played at the tournament before, but could be given the opportunity. She has represented the Czech Republic at multiple World University Games events and tasted action during the recent Qualifiers. She'll be hoping to add some rebounding and defense off the bench.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	05:05	1/1	0/1	0/0	0.0	0.0	2.0

#### Eliska HAMZOVA



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

Team 2020-21: Zabiny Brno (Czech Republic-ZBL)

Instagram: eliska.hamzova

amzova knows what is required to play at the top level due to her Olympian mother Romana, who also made the title game at the Women's EuroBasket. The teenager continues to learn and has a shot at making the roster after a great season at Brno where she averaged 12 points and 3 assists per game.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2019	FIBA U18 Women's European Championship	7	22:02	14/36	3/9	19/24	5.3	1.6	8.0
2017	FIBA U16 Women's European Cham Div. A	7	15:44	7/21	0/11	9/12	3.7	1.1	3.3



#### **EAGER TO SURPRISE**

Absent at both the 2017 and 2019 editions of the Women's EuroBasket, there were few people outside of the Croatia camp backing a return to the event for 2021.

Yet in a fiercely competitive but relatively balanced Qualifiers group, Croatia did the business to see off Latvia and Germany who both missed out.

Much of the credit for the reversal in fortunes was quite rightly handed to head coach Stipe Bralic.

Back to weave his magic, the playcaller achieved unprecedented success during his first spell at the helm and most notably, a captivating run to fifth place in 2011 which opened the door to a fairytale first Olympic outing a year later.

A similar run would seem unlikely. But since the pressure is off now that the main aim of a Final Round return has been secured, Croatia can, and probably will make life difficult for their opponents.

They have a marquee player in Ivana Dojkic who was the co-leader of the overall scoring charts in the Qualifiers. The guard must replicate that form to help her country meet their aim of continuing to surprise.

Her backcourt partner Iva Slonjsak has also been on fire in national team colors and the shooting guard is playing some of the best basketball of her career, which means the backcourt is very able at keeping the scoring ticking over.

The frontcourt also has some talent and quality, with Ana-Marija Begic a great passer, as well as an important scoring and rebounding presence. Her mobility and poise will be important.

If Marija Rezan is able to suit up, then Croatia have a top quality center to rely upon under the basket and in the high post. She is quick for her position and will deliver in the pick and roll, as well as mopping up on the glass.

If the rest of the roster can shift up a gear, then there are possibilities that Croatia will enjoy being back for the first time in six years. They will play aggressive team basketball and enjoy the challenge.

But to be a success and maneuver their way past the Group phase, they will need some luck. This is because their depth is questionable and with an over reliance on the starting five, any injury or foul trouble could hit them hard.

However, Coach Bralic thrives on being able to defy the doubters. He also knows that being back in the spotlight is timely in terms of the bigger picture, since there are lots of skilled youngsters coming down the talent pipeline.

So, whatever happens at this tournament, there should be bright times ahead.



FIBA Women's Eurol	Basket 2021 Qualifiers f	Accumulated Stats
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Nina PREMASUNAC

Coach: Stipe BRALIC

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Empoli (ITA)

20/03/94 Magnolia Campobasso (ITA)

ZVVZ USK Praha (CZE)

			FG		2PT	FG	3P1	r FG				REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A		0	D	Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
Ivana DOJKIC	4	38,2	27/58	46.6	18/38	47.4	9/20	45	39/45	86,7	0,5	4,3	4,8	5,5	4,0	3,3	0,0	3,3	25,5
Ana-Marija BEGIC	4	28	14/34	41.2	10/22	45.5	4/12	33,3	4/5	80	1,5	5,8	7,3	1,3	1,3	1,5	0,8	3,3	9,0
Mia MASIC	4	20,1	5/19	26.3	3/8	37.5	2/11	18,2	0/0		0,3	2,5	2,8	2,0	1,5	0,5	0,3	1,5	3,0
Klaudia PERISA	4	13,2	6/11	54.5	3/4	75	3/7	42,9	2/2	100	0,5	1,0	1,5	0,5	0,8	0,0	0,0	3,0	4,3
Andrijana CVITKOVIC	4	9,2	1/7	14.3	1/7	14.3	0/0		5/6	83,3	0,8	2,8	3,5	0,3	1,5	0,3	0,5	2,0	1,8
Iva SLONJSAK	3	28,6	19/31	61.3	11/22	50	8/9	88,9	6/7	85,7	0,3	5,3	5,7	1,7	1,3	0,7	0,3	2,3	17,3
Ivana TIKVIC	3	22,1	11/24	45.8	11/23	47.8	0/1	0	5/10	50	2,3	3,0	5,3	0,3	2,0	0,3	0,7	3,3	9,0
Lea MILETIC	3	13,1	4/9	44.4	2/5	40	2/4	50	6/7	85,7	0,0	2,3	2,3	0,3	1,3	1,7	0,3	1,0	5,3
Iva BRKIC	2	28,7	7/23	30.4	5/13	38.5	2/10	20	3/5	60	0,5	1,5	2,0	6,0	3,0	0,5	0,0	3,0	9,5
Nina PREMASUNAC	2	18,5	3/9	33.3	3/8	37.5	0/1	0	3/3	100	1,0	2,5	3,5	0,0	0,5	0,5	1,0	2,0	4,5
Ana PETRAK	2	15,4	3/12	25	2/5	40	1/7	14,3	2/2	100	0,0	1,5	1,5	2,5	0,5	0,5	0,0	1,0	4,5
Ruzica DZANKIC	2	3,9	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	1/2	50	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,5	1,0	0,0	0,0	0,5	0,5
Marija REZAN	1	26,8	7/13	53.8	7/13	53.8	0/0	-	3/3	100	3,0	3,0	6,0	0,0	1,0	0,0	2,0	5,0	17,0
Karla ERJAVEC	1	12,9	0/1	0	0/1	0	0/0	-	1/4	25	0,0	1,0	1,0	0,0	2,0	0,0	0,0	3,0	1,0
Josipa SILOV	1	0,9	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0/0	-	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Team/Coaches											3,0	3,0	6,0		0,5				
TOTALS		800	107/251	42,6	76/169	45	31/82	37,8	80/101	79,2	10,0	31,0	41,0	15,8	16,5	8,3	3,5	23,3	81,3

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FIBA Women's EuroBasket

FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup

Olympics

Orchies (FRA)

London (GBR)

Karlovy Vary (CZE)

Lodz (POL)

11th

10th

5th

Did not qualify

#### COACH Stipe BRALIC



Nationality: Croatian
Date of Birth: 10/06/1973
Place of Birth: Sibenik
Club Team 2020-21: Sibenik (Croatia-A1)
International Career: Croatia (2009-2013; 2019-)
Instagram: stipeb33

he play-caller is at the helm for a second time. He delivered historic success by taking Croatia to their first ever Olympic Games in 2012. In his second spell he has propelled his country back to the Women's EuroBasket after they missed out in both 2017 and 2019.

#### Ivana DOJKIC



Height: 1.80

Position: Shooting Guard/Point Guard

Date of Birth: 24/12/97 Place of Birth: Rijeka

Club Team 2020-21: ZVVZ USK Praha (Czech Republic-ZBL)

Instagram: idojkic18

special talent who can deliver the offense that Croatia need to be competitive and to realize their dreams. Dojkic is a scoring machine when she finds her rhythm, is a go-to in the clutch and fired an amazing 25 points per game in the Qualifiers.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

	OMIL I LINI OTHIO								
YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	38:13	18/38	9/20	39/45	4.8	5.5	25.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	19:58	2/6	3/10	4/4	1.5	2.0	8.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	23:26	11/18	3/15	9/12	2.8	2.0	10.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	10:39	3/4	1/2	0/0	1.5	2.0	4.5

#### Ana-Marija BEGIC



Height: 1.91

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 17/01/94 Place of Birth: Split

Club Team 2020-21: Virtus Segafredo Bologna (Italy-A1)

Instagram: ambegic

egic provides a classy touch due to her movement and ability to score in multiple ways. The forward has an extensive shooting range, will chase down rebounds and is a tough defensive assignment for opponents because of her mobility and passing

#### Marija REZAN



Height: 1.98 Position: Center Date of Birth: 08/08/89 Place of Birth: Zadar

Club Team 2020-21: ZVVZ USK Praha (Czech Republic-ZBL)

Instagram: marijarezan9

n imposing presence, Rezan is the key in the paint for Croatia because she is such a good physical presence and finisher. A proven EuroLeague Women performer for many years, she is tough to stop because of her length and footwork.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	28:01	10/22	4/12	4/5	7.3	1.3	9.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	15:38	11/23	0/1	5/7	4.8	0.7	4.5
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	12:42	5/11	0/1	2/5	3.0	0.5	2.0
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket - 2nd Qual. Round	2	03:00	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	7	18:51	14/32	0/1	4/9	3.9	0.3	4.6

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

	COMPETITION			2PT FG	3PT FG		REB		PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	26:45	7/13	0/0	3/3	6.0	0.0	17.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	29:30	45/87	0/1	18/22	8.8	1.8	18.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	26:55	19/36	0/0	9/12	8.0	0.5	11.8
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket - 2nd Qual. Round	4	14:30	13/24	0/0	7/8	6.0	1.0	8.2

#### **Matea TADIC**



Height: 1.76
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 25/10/89
Place of Birth: Zagreb

Club Team 2020-21: Piestanske Cajky (Slovakia-Extraliga)

Instagram: mateatadic7

he guard is looking to parachute her way into contention after a call-up to the camp, despite not playing in the Qualifiers. Tadic has had a superb club season at Piestanske Cajky, where she accumulated more than 14 points and 5 assists per outing.

#### Ivana UJEVIC



Height: 1.76
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 21/02/2000
Place of Birth: Zagreb

Club Team 2020-21: Sibenik (Croatia-A1)

Instagram: ujevic5

he young guard celebrated a stunning 17 points per game for Sibenik in the Croatian League last season and also came up with big numbers on the glass and while passing the rock. As Coach Bralic is her club play-caller, he has seen all her great work.

#### NATIONAL TEAM STATS

	OMIL ILIM OTHIO								
YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2018	FIBA U20 Women's European Championship	2	23:43	6/9	0/3	14/20	4.0	4.0	13.0
2017	FIBA U18 Women's European Champ Div. A	7	23:50	17/33	0/5	15/23	3.3	3.6	7.0
2016	FIBA U18 Women's European Champ Div. A	5	20:38	15/23	2/8	15/18	1.6	3.4	10.2
2015	FIBA U16 European Champ. Women - DIV A	9	26:53	25/45	4/25	28/42	4.1	1.6	10.0
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#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2016	FIBA U16 Women's European Cham Div. A	2	05:32	0/0	0/1	0/0	0.5	0.0	0.0

#### Mia MASIC



Height: 1.80

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 04/04/93 Place of Birth: Rijeka

Club Team 2020-21: TK Hannover (Germany-DBBL)

Instagram: masic.mia2

asic can shift up the gears offensively at the tournament after not shooting her best in the Qualifiers. She still gets healthy minutes because she plays tough defense and is a relentless worker always looking after the intangibles for her team.

#### NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	20:07	3/8	2/11	0/0	2.8	2.0	3.0

#### Klaudia PERISA



Height: 1.80

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 10/12/96 Place of Birth: Sibenik

Club Team 2020-21: Saarlouis Royals (Germany-DBBL)

Instagram: perisaklaudia

Starting the past club season in Spain with CD Zamarat and then switching to Germany, Perisa finished the campaign impressively. She is an essential cog in the wheel for Coach Bralic as she takes smart shots and plays hard at the defensive end.

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YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	11:36	1/1	1/2	0/0	1.0	1.0	2.5
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	14:46	2/3	2/5	2/2	2.0	0.0	6.0



Height: 1.90

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 28/04/94 Place of Birth: Rijeka

Club Team 2020-21: Rutronik Stars Keltern (Germany-DBBL)

Instagram: andrijana10

vitkovic is looking forward to a competition debut in what could be an exciting year. The forward has already enjoyed helping Rutronik Stars Keltern land the German Championship by shooting the ball really well and doing great work on the glass.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR (	COMPETITION			2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021 I	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	09:51	0/3	0/0	1/2	1.5	0.5	0.5
2021 I	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	08:32	1/4	0/0	4/4	5.5	0.0	3.0

#### Iva SLONJSAK



Height: 1.83
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 16/04/97
Place of Birth: Zagreb

Club Team 2020-21: Saint-Amand Hainaut Basket (France-LFB)

Instagram: slonjsak\_1604

difference-maker during the Qualifiers with some brilliant performances, Slonjsak racked up more than 17 points per game and shot 61 percent from the floor. Deadly from beyond the arc, she'll be an option in the clutch and help out on the boards.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS	
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	28:34	11/22	8/9	6/7	5.7	1.7	17.3	
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	12:09	2/6	0/4	0/0	1.8	1.3	1.0	

#### Ivana TIKVIC



Height: 1.94
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 20/03/94
Place of Birth: Zagreb

Club Team 2020-21: Magnolia Campobasso (Italy-A1)

Instagram: ivana.tikvic7

ne of the few survivors from Croatia's last appearance in 2015, Tikvic should be a bigger influence this time. She has more experience to call upon, while her height is a big asset at both ends of the court and she has just posted a strong club season.

#### NATIONAL TEAM STATS

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	22:07	11/23	0/1	5/10	5.3	0.3	9.0
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	15:14	15/21	0/2	2/3	3.8	0.8	8.0
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	16:58	5/14	0/0	1/6	4.8	0.5	2.8
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket - 2nd Qual. Round	2	02:30	0/1	0/0	0/0	0.5	0.0	0.0
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	5	12:36	9/27	0/0	9/11	3.4	0.0	5.4

#### **Lea MILETIC**



Height: 1.84

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 22/08/95 Place of Birth: Rijeka

Club Team 2020-21: Piestanske Cajky (Slovakia-ExtraLiga)

Instagram: lea\_miletic

iletic should help to extend the frontcourt rotation after some cameos in the Qualifiers, but most notably a superb year with Piestanske Cajky. She finished with a tremendous season double-double with more than 11 points and 10 rebounds

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	3	13:06	2/5	2/4	6/7	2.3	0.3	5.3
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	5	14:06	4/18	1/3	7/7	3.6	1.0	3.6

#### **Nina PREMASUNAC**



Height: 1.87
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 25/10/92

Place of Birth: Pula Club Team 2020-21: Empoli (Italy-A1)

Instagram: ninaprema

n experienced and trusted option in the paint, Premasunac could make her Women's EuroBasket debut at 28-years-old. She could see increased court time compared to the Qualifiers after an eye-catching near season double-double with Empoli.

#### **Ana PETRAK**



Height: 1.68 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 27/07/98 Place of Birth: Zagreb

Club Team 2020-21: Medvescak (Croatia-A1)

Instagram: ana\_petrak

etrak has been outstanding for Medvescak this past season and dished out a stellar 7.6 assists per game. She also showed that she can score as well as create and as a result, Coach Bralic may be ready to give her even more opportunities.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION		MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	18:27	3/8	0/1	3/3	3.5	0.0	4.5
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	6	20:27	15/21	0/5	7/9	5.7	1.7	6.2
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	4	22:49	9/23	2/2	6/9	6.3	1.0	7.5
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket - 2nd Qual. Round	1	09:00	1/3	0/0	0/0	4.0	0.0	2.0

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	2	15:24	2/5	1/7	2/2	1.5	2.5	4.5

#### **Karla ERJAVEC**



Height: 1.80 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 17/06/99 Place of Birth: Zagreb

Club Team 2020-21: Miami University (USA-NCAA)

Instagram: karlaerjavec

he guard will be hoping she can celebrate her birthday by being handed a Women's EuroBasket debut. Erjavec did briefly feature in the Qualifiers and has been praised at Miami University for her vision, composure and leadership.

#### **NATIONAL TEAM STATS**

YEAR	COMPETITION			2PT FG	3PT FG		REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	12:55	0/1	0/0	1/4	1.0	0.0	1.0

#### **Josipa SILOV**



Height: 1.77

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 19/03/98
Place of Birth: Sibenik

Club Team 2020-21: Ragusa (Croatia-A1)

Instagram: Silovska7

nspired to play by the legendary Drazen Petrovic, the guard is pushing for more minutes off the bench. She could get them after a productive club season for Ragusa that harvested multiple trophies, including the Croatian Championship.

YEAR	COMPETITION	G	MIN	2PT FG	3PT FG	FT	REB	AST	PTS
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers	1	00:52	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0	0.0	0.0





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### FIBA WOMEN'S EUROBASKET 2021 QUALIFIERS

<b>GROUP A</b>							
	GAMES	w	L	PF	PA	PD	POINTS
1. Slovenia	6	6	0	480	381	99	12
2. Greece	6	4	2	464	380	84	10
3. Bulgaria	6	2	4	409	411	-2	8
4. Iceland	6	0	6	351	532	-181	6

<b>GROUP B</b>	GROUP B										
	GAMES	w	L	PF	PA	PD	POINTS				
1. Sweden	4	3	1	302	215	87	7				
2. Montenegro	4	3	1	275	253	22	7				
3. Israel	4	0	4	209	318	-109	4				

GROUP C										
	GAMES	W	L	PF	PA	PD	POINTS			
1. Russia	6	5	1	517	328	189	11			
2. Bosnia & Herzegovina	6	5	1	455	370	85	11			
3. Switzerland	6	2	4	348	471	-123	8			
4. Estonia	6	0	6	330	481	-151	6			

GROUP D										
	GAMES	w	L	PF	PA	PD	POINTS			
1. Czech Republic	6	5	1	453	359	94	11			
2. Italy	6	5	1	475	386	89	11			
3. Denmark	6	1	5	400	495	-95	7			
4. Romania	6	1	5	389	477	-88	7			

GROUP E											
	GAMES	w	L	PF	PA	PD	POINTS				
1. Serbia	4	4	0	320	264	56	8				
2. Turkey	4	2	2	273	248	25	6				
3. Lithuania	4	0	4	238	319	-81	4				

GROUP F										
	GAMES	w	L	PF	PA	PD	POINTS			
1. Belarus	4	3	1	293	233	60	7			
2. Great Britain	4	2	2	268	269	-1	6			
3. Poland	4	1	3	229	288	-59	5			

GROUP G										
	GAMES	w	L	PF	PA	PD	POINTS			
1. Belgium	6	6	0	465	351	114	12			
2. Ukraine	6	4	2	465	429	36	10			
3. Portugal	6	1	5	366	405	-39	7			
4. Finland	6	1	5	364	475	-111	7			

<b>GROUP H</b>							
	GAMES	W	L	PF	PA	PD	POINTS
1. Slovakia	4	2	2	261	252	9	6
2. Hungary	4	2	2	257	250	7	6
3. Netherlands	4	2	2	248	264	-16	6

<b>GROUP I</b>							
	GAMES	w	L	PF	PA	PD	POINTS
1. Croatia	4	3	1	325	300	25	7
2. Latvia	4	2	2	293	282	11	6
3. Germany	4	1	3	282	318	-36	5

## HEAD TO HEAD RECORDS

BELGIUM						
	WIN %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
Montenegro	100	1	1	0	66	64
Russia	66	3	2	1	199	205
Slovenia	60	5	3	2	356	346
Sweden	50	2	1	1	132	132
Turkey	50	2	1	1	142	132
Slovakia	50	8	4	4	557	567
Belarus	33	3	1	2	199	206
Italy	31	16	5	11	925	1077
France	25	8	2	6	494	545
Greece	25	4	1	3	235	258
Croatia	25	4	1	3	307	348
Serbia	25	4	1	3	280	290
Czech Republic	14	7	1	6	416	511
Spain	12	8	1	7	468	592
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	1	0	1	78	98
Total	33	76	25	51	4854	5371

BELARUS						
	WIN %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
Sweden	100	2	2	0	156	132
Bosnia and Herzegovina	100	4	4	0	309	220
Croatia	66	3	2	1	223	187
Belgium	66	3	2	1	206	199
Greece	50	6	3	3	429	416
Italy	50	4	2	2	269	274
Czech Republic	42	7	3	4	454	447
Turkey	37	8	3	5	509	524
Russia	33	6	2	4	383	404
Slovakia	25	4	1	3	239	268
Serbia	25	4	1	3	252	236
Montenegro	0	1	0	1	72	77
Spain	0	5	0	5	298	360
France	0	7	0	7	405	452
Slovenia	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
Total	39	64	25	39	4204	4196

<b>BOSNIA AND</b>	HER	ZEGC	VIN	A		
	WIN %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
Belgium	100	1	1	0	98	78
France	100	1	1	0	85	73
Russia	100	1	1	0	76	75
Slovenia	100	1	1	0	100	52
Greece	50	2	1	1	122	142
Montenegro	50	2	1	1	138	144
Slovakia	20	5	1	4	329	376
Italy	20	5	1	4	307	357
Turkey	0	4	0	4	233	316
Belarus	0	4	0	4	220	309
Czech Republic	0	4	0	4	279	366
Serbia	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
Croatia	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
Total	27	30	8	22	1987	2288

CROATIA						
	WIN %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
Greece	100	2	2	0	149	130
Italy	75	8	6	2	538	529
Belgium	75	4	3	1	348	307
Spain	50	6	3	3	399	443
Sweden	50	4	2	2	267	249
Montenegro	50	2	1	1	133	140
Slovakia	42	7	3	4	472	482
Turkey	33	3	1	2	220	231
Belarus	33	3	1	2	187	223
France	0	7	0	7	401	532
Russia	0	3	0	3	184	237
Slovenia	0	1	0	1	59	74
Czech Republic	0	5	0	5	314	382
Serbia	0	3	0	3	206	254
Bosnia and Herzegovina	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
Total	38	58	22	36	3877	4213

<b>CZECH REPU</b>	<b>IBLIC</b>					
	WIN %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
Sweden	100	1	1	0	71	64
Bosnia and Herzegovina	100	4	4	0	366	279
Croatia	100	5	5	0	382	314
Belgium	85	7	6	1	511	416
Italy	80	5	4	1	368	293
Turkey	60	5	3	2	333	293
Belarus	57	7	4	3	447	454
Greece	50	6	3	3	396	373
Spain	30	13	4	9	814	883
France	27	11	3	8	744	779
Russia	20	10	2	8	599	704
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	49	80	39	41	5402	5303

FRANCE						
	WIN %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
Greece	100	10	10	0	661	566
Croatia	100	7	7	0	532	401
Belarus	100	7	7	0	452	405
Belgium	75	8	6	2	545	494
Slovakia	75	8	6	2	483	401
Slovenia	75	4	3	1	294	230
Czech Republic	72	11	8	3	779	744
Montenegro	66	3	2	1	235	193
Serbia	66	6	4	2	436	369
Italy	57	19	11	8	1111	1061
Turkey	57	7	4	3	411	376
Russia	56	16	9	7	1038	1032
Sweden	50	4	2	2	290	301
Spain	33	12	4	8	743	757
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	1	0	1	73	85
Total	67	123	83	40	8083	7415

SPAIN						
	WIN %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
Greece	100	2	2	0	135	101
Turkey	100	4	4	0	269	230
Belarus	100	5	5	0	360	298
Serbia	100	6	6	0	462	404
Belgium	87	8	7	1	592	468
Slovakia	71	7	5	2	512	443
Czech Republic	69	13	9	4	883	814
Montenegro	66	3	2	1	198	190
France	66	12	8	4	757	743
Sweden	66	9	6	3	708	586
Croatia	50	6	3	3	443	399
Italy	45	11	5	6	746	764
Russia	40	15	6	9	1016	1057
Slovenia	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
Total	67	101	68	33	7081	6497

GREEUE						
	WIN %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
Montenegro	100	1	1	0	76	63
Belgium	75	4	3	1	258	235
Serbia	66	3	2	1	215	206
Belarus	50	6	3	3	416	429
Bosnia and Herzegovina	50	2	1	1	142	122
Czech Republic	50	6	3	3	373	396
Sweden	50	2	1	1	151	171
Turkey	50	2	1	1	134	116
Slovenia	50	2	1	1	138	119
Italy	33	6	2	4	328	368
Slovakia	33	6	2	4	367	429
Russia	16	6	1	5	325	427
Croatia	0	2	0	2	130	149
Spain	0	2	0	2	101	135
France	0	10	0	10	566	661
Total	35	60	21	39	3720	4026

ITALY						
	WIN %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
Slovenia	100	1	1	0	75	57
Sweden	83	6	5	1	429	365
Bosnia and Herzegovina	80	5	4	1	357	307
Belgium	68	16	11	5	1077	925
Greece	66	6	4	2	368	328
Montenegro	66	3	2	1	180	182
Serbia	66	3	2	1	219	183
Slovakia	62	8	5	3	513	500
Spain	54	11	6	5	764	746
Belarus	50	4	2	2	274	269
France	42	19	8	11	1061	1111
Croatia	25	8	2	6	529	538
Czech Republic	20	5	1	4	293	368
Turkey	14	7	1	6	375	431
Russia	11	9	1	8	526	599
Total	50	111	55	56	7040	6909

RUSSIA						
	WIN %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
Croatia	100	3	3	0	237	184
Montenegro	100	2	2	0	151	119
Italy	88	9	8	1	599	526
Turkey	83	6	5	1	436	386
Greece	83	6	5	1	427	325
Czech Republic	80	10	8	2	704	599
Slovakia	70	10	7	3	727	655
Slovenia	66	3	2	1	226	183
Belarus	66	6	4	2	404	383
Spain	60	15	9	6	1057	1016
Serbia	50	4	2	2	277	234
France	43	16	7	9	1032	1038
Sweden	40	5	2	3	317	291
Belgium	33	3	1	2	205	199
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	1	0	1	75	76
Total	66	99	65	34	6874	6214

MONTENEGRO									
	WIN %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against			
Slovenia	100	2	2	0	145	116			
Belarus	100	1	1	0	77	72			
Czech Republic	100	2	2	0	141	109			
Slovakia	66	3	2	1	231	204			
Bosnia and Herzegovina	50	2	1	1	144	138			
Serbia	50	2	1	1	141	140			
Croatia	50	2	1	1	140	133			
France	33	3	1	2	193	235			
Italy	33	3	1	2	182	180			
Spain	33	3	1	2	190	198			
Turkey	20	5	1	4	277	307			
Russia	0	2	0	2	119	151			
Sweden	0	2	0	2	109	136			
Greece	0	1	0	1	63	76			
Belgium	0	1	0	1	64	66			
Total	41	34	14	20	2216	2261			

SLOVENIA						
	WIN %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
Croatia	100	1	1	0	74	59
Greece	50	2	1	1	119	138
Belgium	40	5	2	3	346	356
Sweden	33	3	1	2	178	190
Turkey	33	3	1	2	187	216
Russia	33	3	1	2	183	226
France	25	4	1	3	230	294
Italy	0	1	0	1	57	75
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	1	0	1	52	100
Slovakia	0	4	0	4	225	305
Montenegro	0	2	0	2	116	145
Serbia	0	1	0	1	69	88
Czech Republic	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
Belarus	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
Total	27	30	8	22	1836	2192

<b>SERBIA</b>								
	WIN %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against		
Slovenia	100	1	1	0	88	69		
Croatia	100	3	3	0	254	206		
Sweden	100	1	1	0	87	49		
Slovakia	100	1	1	0	76	74		
Czech Republic	100	1	1	0	75	59		
Belarus	75	4	3	1	236	252		
Belgium	75	4	3	1	290	280		
Montenegro	50	2	1	1	140	141		
Russia	50	4	2	2	234	277		
France	33	6	2	4	369	436		
Greece	33	3	1	2	206	215		
Italy	33	3	1	2	183	219		
Turkey	25	4	1	3	262	282		
Spain	0	6	0	6	404	462		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	N/A	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	49	43	21	22	2904	3021		

SWEDEN						
	WIN %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
Montenegro	100	2	2	0	136	109
Slovenia	66	3	2	1	190	178
Russia	60	5	3	2	291	317
Croatia	50	4	2	2	249	267
Belgium	50	2	1	1	132	132
France	50	4	2	2	301	290
Greece	50	2	1	1	171	151
Spain	33	9	3	6	586	708
Slovakia	16	6	1	5	401	487
Italy	16	6	1	5	365	429
Belarus	0	2	0	2	132	156
Czech Republic	0	1	0	1	64	71
Turkey	0	4	0	4	252	293
Serbia	0	1	0	1	49	87
Bosnia and Herzegovina	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
Total	35	51	18	33	3319	3675

SLOVAKIA						
	WIN %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
Slovenia	100	4	4	0	305	225
Czech Republic	100	3	3	0	235	203
Sweden	83	6	5	1	487	401
Bosnia and Herzegovina	80	5	4	1	376	329
Belarus	75	4	3	1	268	239
Greece	66	6	4	2	429	367
Croatia	57	7	4	3	482	472
Belgium	50	8	4	4	567	557
Italy	37	8	3	5	500	513
Montenegro	33	3	1	2	204	231
Russia	30	10	3	7	655	727
Spain	28	7	2	5	443	512
France	25	8	2	6	401	483
Turkey	0	4	0	4	222	283
Serbia	0	1	0	1	74	76
Total	50	84	42	42	5648	5618

TURKEY						
	WIN %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
Sweden	100	4	4	0	293	252
Bosnia and Herzegovina	100	4	4	0	316	233
Slovakia	100	4	4	0	283	222
Italy	85	7	6	1	431	375
Montenegro	80	5	4	1	307	277
Serbia	75	4	3	1	282	262
Slovenia	66	3	2	1	216	187
Croatia	66	3	2	1	231	220
Belarus	62	8	5	3	524	509
Belgium	50	2	1	1	132	142
Greece	50	2	1	1	116	134
France	42	7	3	4	376	411
Czech Republic	40	5	2	3	293	333
Russia	16	6	1	5	386	436
Spain	0	4	0	4	230	269
Total	62	68	42	26	4416	4262



## **HIGH SPEED FOR EVERYONE**









### ALL-TIME RECORDS

POINTS										
Player	PTS	Nation	Edition	Opponent / Result						
Romualda Gruszcynska-Olesiewicz	52	Poland	1956	vs Austria 92-44						
Marija Veger-Demsar	41	Yugoslavia	1976	vs Poland 90-81						
Hilkka Hakola	41	Finland	1956	vs Switzerland 70-54						
Marija Veger-Demsar	40	Yugoslavia	1970	vs Belgium 115-56						
Marija Veger-Demsar	40	Yugoslavia	1970	vs Bulgaria 77-66						
Judith Balogh	39	Hungary	1995	vs Moldova 73-79						
Irene Guidotti	39	France	1974	vs Bulgaria 74-76						
Alina lagupova	38	Ukraine	2019	vs Spain 77-95						
Malgorzata Dydek	38	Poland	2001	vs Yugoslavia 76-82						
Katalin Ratvay-Czirakine	38	Hungary	1966	vs Netherlands 70-73						

ASSISTS									
Player	AST	Nation	Edition	Opponent / Result					
Jelena Skerovic	13	Montenegro	2015	vs Ukraine 84-71					
Irina Osipova	13	Russia	2015	vs Serbia 77-53					
Katalin Honti	13	Hungary	2015	vs Slovak Republic 86-74					
Nika Baric	12	Slovenia	2019	vs Turkey 62-55					
Gordana Kovacevic	12	Yugoslavia	1999	vs Croatia 88-61					
Carmen Miloglav	11	Croatia	2015	vs Slovak Republic 62-84					
Isil Alben	11	Turkey	2015	vs Czech Republic					
Nika Baric	10	Slovenia	2019	vs Hungary 84-88					
Lolita Lymoura	10	Greece	2017	vs Turkey 84-55					
Jelena Skerovic	10	Montenegro	2017	vs Latvia 55-76					
Birsel Vardarli Demirmen	10	Turkey	2017	vs Slovakia 72-56					
Isil Alben	10	Turkey	2015	vs Czech Republic					
Jelena Skerovic	10	Montenegro	2015	vs Romania 79-61					
Veronika Bortelova	10	Czech Republic	2015	vs Ukraine 80-79					
Johannah Leedham-Warner	10	Great Britain	2013	vs Croatia 85-79					
Dalma Ivanyi	10	Hungary	2001	vs Slovakia 79-68					
Vesna Bajkusa	10	Yugoslavia	1999	vs Lithuania 69-99					
Gordana Grubin	10	Croatia	1999	vs Croatia 88-61					
Andrea Hohl	10	Germany	1997	vs Yugoslavia 73-74					

REBOUNDS									
Player	REB	Nation	Edition	Opponent / Result					
Quanitra Hollingsworth	21	Turkey	2017	vs Italy 54-53					
Maria Vadeeva	21	Russia	2017	vs Greece 58-62					
Malgorzata Dydek	21	Poland	2003	vs Spain 81-87					
Anete Steinberga	20	Latvia	2017	vs Belgium 58-62					
Kiah Stokes	19	Turkey	2019	vs Slovenia 55-62					
Sancho Lyttle	18	Spain	2017	vs Ukraine 76-54					
Malgorzata Dydek	18	Poland	2003	vs Slovakia 78-61					
Marlies Askamp	18	Germany	1999	vs Czech Republic 86-76					
Angelica Robinson	17	Montenegro	2017	vs Belgium 64-66					
Angelica Robinson	17	Montenegro	2015	vs Belarus 77-72					
Sancho Lyttle	17	Spain	2013	vs Sweden 73-49					
Elzbieta Trzesniewska	17	Poland	1999	vs BIH 99-69					
Gordana Kovacevic	17	Yugoslavia	1999	vs Czech Republic 85-75					

STEALS									
Player	STL	Nation	Edition	Opponent / Result					
Romana Hamzova	9	Czech Republic	1997	vs BIH 91-62					
Johannah Leedham-Warner	7	Great Britain	2019	vs Latvia 74-60					
Marta Xargay	7	Spain	2015	vs Croatia 95-52					
Jelena Skerovic	7	Montenegro	2011	vs Lithuania 68-59					
Sandra Linkeviciene	7	Lithuania	2007	vs Czech Republic 67-75					
Linda Frolich	7	Germany	2007	vs Latvia 67-77					
Milica Dabovic	7	Serbia	2007	vs Lithuania 77-74					
Nevriye Yilmaz	7	Turkey	2005	vs Lithuania 76-82					
Irina Soumnikova	7	Russia	1995	vs Lithuania 76-67					

BLOCKS										
Player	BLK	Nation	Edition	Opponent / Result						
Olga Arteshina	7	Russia	2007	vs Greece 86-47						
Natalia Vieru	6	Russia	2015	vs Spain 57-66						
Malgorzata Dydek	6	Poland	2003	vs Czech Republic 66-74						
Emma Meesseman	5	Belgium	2017	vs Italy 79-66						
Ann Wauters	5	Belgium	2017	vs Russia 76-75						
Anastasiya Verameyenka	5	Belarus	2013	vs Czech Republic 60-39						
Zane Teilane	5	Latvia	2011	vs Lithuania 56-75						
Natasa Popovic	5	Montenegro	2011	vs Germany 76-64						
leva Kublina	5	Latvia	2005	vs Germany 77-67						
Gabriela Toma	5	Romania	2005	vs Turkey 64-66						

## ALL-TIME MEDALISTS

YEAR	VENUE	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
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 Dem. Rep.
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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