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Badalona

Badalona is ready to become a major showcase for European sport on the occasion of the Final Four.

A basketball capital and a leading sports city, Badalona offers much more than a top-tier venue: it is a Mediterranean city, open to the sea, with a unique character shaped by more than two thousand years of history.

Located just a few minutes by car from Barcelona and home to over 230,000 inhabitants, Badalona combines heritage, culture, nature and a vibrant urban life. The ancient Roman city of Baetulo was established here, and its historical legacy can now be explored at the archaeological site of the Badalona Museum, one of the most important places to understand the city's origins, coexisting with a modern and dynamic city.

The sea is one of Badalona's main attractions, with more than four kilometres of beaches and an iconic seafront promenade that has become one of the city's most recognizable spaces. This is complemented by a modern and expanding port, along with a navigable canal currently under development that extends into the city, as well as a privileged natural environment, the Serralada de Marina.

Hosting the Final Four is an exceptional opportunity to showcase a vibrant, welcoming city deeply connected to sport, ready to receive fans and teams.



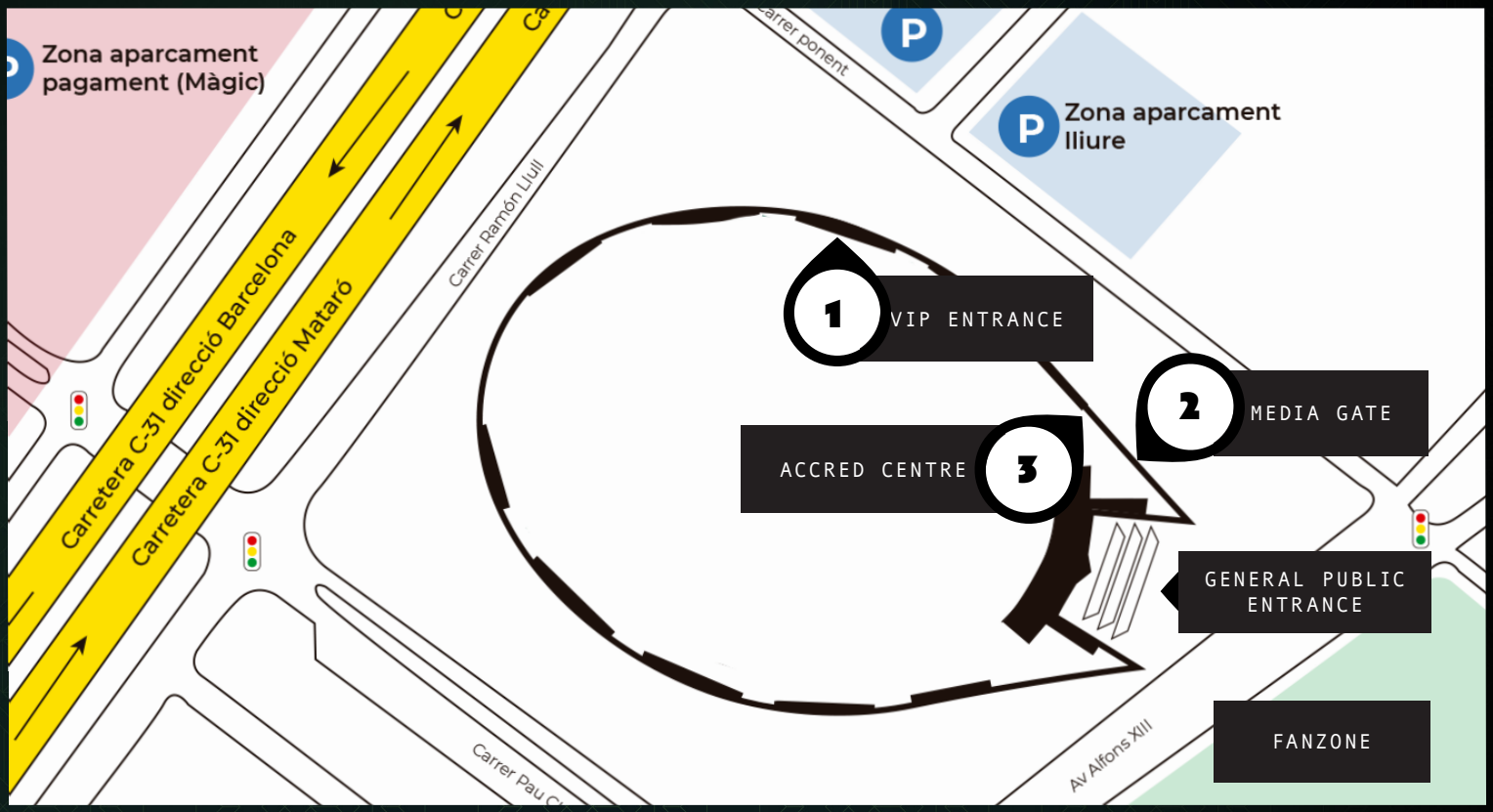
Badalona Municipal Sports Palace

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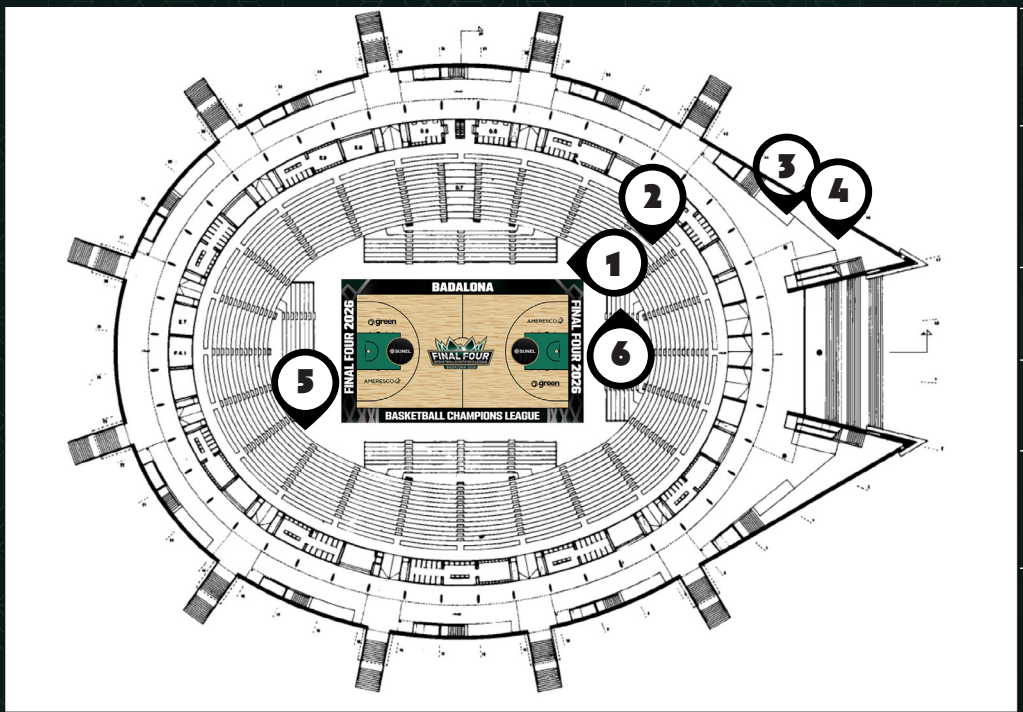
The **Palau Municipal d'Esports de Badalona**, one of the most iconic arenas in European basketball and a symbol of Badalona's sporting legacy, was inaugurated in 1991 for the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games. With a capacity of over 12,000 spectators, the Palau combines tradition and modernity, offering a unique experience for both players and fans. Home to Joventut Badalona, one of Europe's most historic clubs, it has witnessed some of the most memorable moments in international basketball. In 2026, the Palau will become the continental basketball epicenter by hosting the Basketball Champions League Final Four, establishing Badalona as a key destination in European sport. With its vibrant atmosphere and rich history, it promises to be the perfect stage to crown a new champion.



ACCESS MAPS



VENUE MEDIA AREAS



1	MIXED ZONE
2	NON-RIGHTS HOLDERS BLOCK 5 - UPPER PART - ACCESS FROM THE UPPER LEVEL
3	MEDIA WORKING ROOM
4	PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM
5	RADIOS ACCESS FROM AROUND THE COURT
6	RIGHTS HOLDERS BLOCK 29 - LOWER PART - ACCESS FROM THE COURT

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AMBASSADOR
Anna Cruz

The Season X Final Four hasn't even started and Anna Cruz had already delivered the coolest line of the entire event, describing Badalona's basketball culture: "We don't talk about Messi, we talk about Ricky." Born in Badalona, Anna went on to conquer the world, winning all the major trophies and medals, enjoying the championship parades in the WNBA, winning it with the Minnesota Lynx in 2015; following it up with a EuroLeague Women title with Dynamo Kursk in 2017; and connecting a pair of FIBA EuroBasket crowns in 2017 and 2019. This little box is not enough to list all her accolades, but the biggest one isn't a medal. It's the legacy Cruz left behind, with thousands of kids shouting her name while trying to replicate that legendary one-legged buzzer-beater against Türkiye in the Quarter-Finals of the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, paving the way towards silver medal, Spain's first and only Olympic medal in women's basketball. A proud Badalona native, she always put the city on her back, making sure that thousands of people worldwide learned about a certain basketball-first location in Spain called Badalona. The love for the game is still there for Anna even now that her playing days are behind her. Being a BCL Final Four ambassador is perfectly in line with her feel-good attitude about basketball, whether it comes to coaching, networking or enjoying a career in media, talking about everything that's happening in the basketball world, mostly about the NBA.







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AMBASSADOR
Jordi Villacampa

Soccer had Paolo Maldini, basketball has Jordi Villacampa. The one-club men always got loads of respect from everybody in the sports world, even their opponents couldn't help but admire the loyalty, especially when it's world class players. Villacampa spent his entire playing career with Joventut Badalona, making his debut in 1980, staying with the club until 1997. He was there for all the gigantic success the club saw in that span. Forming a lethal one-two punch with Rafa Jofresa, Villacampa led Joventut to a FIBA European League Final Four in 1992, losing out to Partizan in the Final, and they came back stronger two years later, edging out Olympiacos 59-57 in the Championship Game in Tel Aviv to claim the biggest European club trophy, with Villacampa scoring 16 points. Back then, there were yearly selections of the best European teams, and Jordi made the lineup three times. Plenty of reason to have him there as the two-time FIBA Korac Cup winner, two-time Spanish League champion, one-time Spanish Cup winner, and two-time Spanish Supercup champ. He wasn't done when he retired, either, creating a whole new generation of Joventut as club president from 2000 to 2017, further feeding into the one-club man story. Perhaps the greatest of all honors in his illustrious career isn't in the trophy room. All people have to do to realize how big a name Jordi Villacampa is: just look up. Joventut retired his jersey, nobody else will be wearing #8 in green-and-black. That speaks more than words.



REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

GROUP A	TEAM	P	W	L	%	PTS
1	RYTAS VILNIUS *	6	4	2	66.7%	10
2	MLP ACADEMICS HEIDELBERG **	6	3	3	50%	9
3	PROMITHEAS PATRAS BC VIKOS COLA **	6	3	3	50%	9
4	LEGIA WARSZAWA	6	2	4	33.3%	8

GROUP B	TEAM	P	W	L	%	PTS
1	ALBA BERLIN *	6	5	1	83.3%	11
2	ELAN CHALON **	6	5	1	83.3%	11
3	ERA NYMBURK **	6	1	5	16.7%	7
4	BC SABAH	6	1	5	16.7%	7

GROUP C	TEAM	P	W	L	%	PTS
1	ASISA JOVENTUT *	6	6	0	100%	12
2	HAPOEL NETANEL HOLON **	6	3	3	50%	9
3	CHOLET BASKET **	6	3	3	50%	9
4	BURSASPOR BASKETBOL	6	0	6	0%	6

GROUP D	TEAM	P	W	L	%	PTS
1	LA LAGUNA TENERIFE *	6	4	2	66.7%	11
2	TOFAS BURSA **	6	3	3	50%	9
3	TRAPANI SHARK **	6	3	3	50%	9
4	BNEI PENLINK HERZLIYA	6	2	4	33.3%	8

GROUP E	TEAM	P	W	L	%	PTS
1	GALATASARAY MCT TECHNIC *	6	5	1	83.3%	11
2	FITNESS FIRST WURZBURG BASKETS **	6	4	2	66.7%	10
3	PALLACANESTRO TRIESTE **	6	2	4	33.3%	8
4	IGOKEA M:TEL	6	1	5	16.7%	7

GROUP F	TEAM	P	W	L	%	PTS
1	AEK BC *	6	5	1	83.3%	11
2	NHSZ-SZOLNOKI OLAJBANYASZ **	6	3	3	50%	9
3	PATRIOTI LEVICE **	6	3	3	50%	9
4	VEF RIGA	6	1	5	16.7%	7

GROUP G	TEAM	P	W	L	%	PTS
1	UNICAJA *	6	6	0	100%	12
2	MERSIN SPORTS CLUB **	6	4	3	66.7%	10
3	KARDITSA IAPONIKI **	6	2	5	33.3%	8
4	FILOU OOSTENDE	6	0	6	0%	6

GROUP H	TEAM	P	W	L	%	PTS
1	DREAMLAND GRAN CANARIA *	6	6	0	100%	12
2	KK SPARTAK OFFICE SHOES **	6	3	3	50%	9
3	LE MANS SARTHE BASKET **	6	2	4	33.3%	8
4	SL BENFICA	6	1	5	16.7%	7

* QUALIFIED FOR ROUND OF 16

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ROUND OF 16 STANDINGS

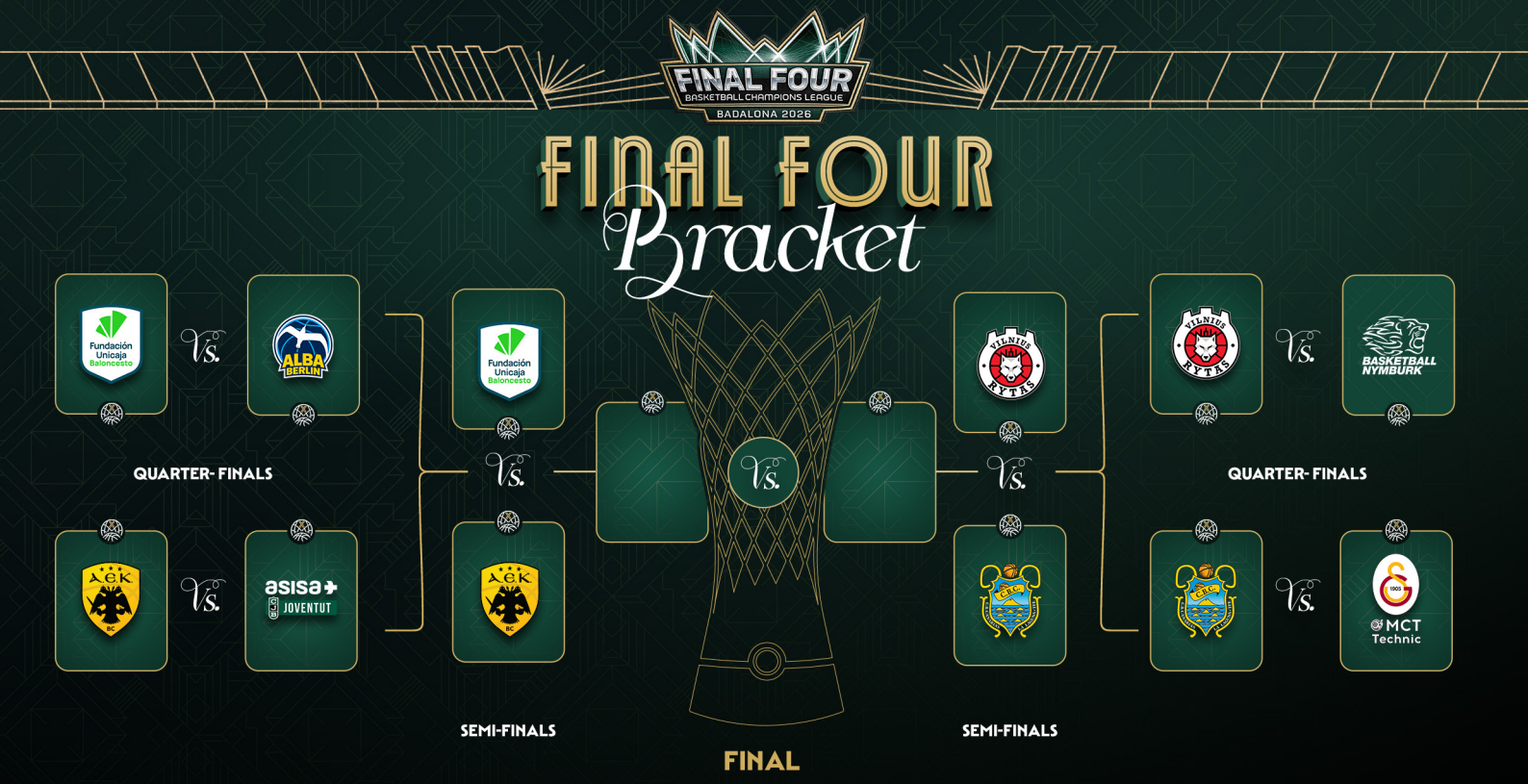
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GROUP K	TEAM	P	W	L	%	PTS
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2	ASISA JOVENTUT *	6	4	2	66.7%	10
3	ELAN CHALON	6	2	4	33.3%	8
4	FITNESS FIRST WURZBURG BASKETS	6	2	4	33.3%	8

GROUP J	TEAM	P	W	L	%	PTS
1	AEK BC *	6	6	0	100%	12
2	ALBA BERLIN *	6	4	2	66.7%	10
3	TOFAS BURSA	6	1	5	16.7%	7
4	KARDITSA IAPONIKI	6	1	5	16.7%	7

GROUP L	TEAM	P	W	L	%	PTS
1	LA LAGUNA TENERIFE *	6	5	1	66.7%	11
2	ERA NYMBURK *	6	3	3	50%	10
3	DREAMLAND GRAN CANARIA	6	3	3	50%	9
4	PALLACANESTRO TRIESTE	6	2	4	33.3%	6

* QUALIFIED FOR QUARTER-FINALS



GAME SCHEDULE

RYTAS VILNIUS

THURSDAY
May 7
SEMI-FINAL I
18:00 CET

LA LAGUNA TENERIFE

UNICAJA

THURSDAY
May 7
SEMI-FINAL II
21:00 CET

AEK BC

TBD

SATURDAY
May 9
THIRD-PLACE GAME
17:00 CET

TBD

TBD

SATURDAY
May 9
FINAL
20:00 CET

TBD

ALL GAME TIMES IN CENTRAL EUROPEAN TIME (CET)

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ROAD TO BADALONA
Bracket

QUARTER- FINALS

Fundación Unicaja Baloncesto

Vs.

ALBA BERLIN

Vs.

A.E.K. BC

Vs.

asisa JOVENTUT

SEMI FINALS

Fundación Unicaja Baloncesto

Vs.

A.E.K. BC

Vs.

FINAL

SEMI FINALS

VILNIUS RYTAS

Vs.

C.B. Canarias

QUARTER- FINALS

VILNIUS RYTAS

Vs.

BASKETBALL NYMBURK

Vs.

C.B. Canarias

Vs.

1905 Galatasaray MCT Technic





AEK BC

Built for This

Eight Greek Championships, five Greek Cups, two FIBA Saporta Cups, one FIBA Intercontinental Cup, and, of course, the 2018 Basketball Champions League title — AEK BC is a club that has always been about winning. They also finished second in 2020 and third last year as hosts. This is the club of Manny Harris, Kevin Punter, and Dušan Šakota. The club of Tyrese Rice, Keith Langford, and Nikos Zisis. And now, head coach Dragan Šakota has made it the club of RaiQuan Gray, Frank Bartley, and James Nunnally.

From the opening tip, this has looked like a roster built for this moment, and they have proven their championship credentials whenever challenged. They have lost just two games all season and hold the best record at 13–2.

From last year's Semi-Finalists, only a core group remains: point guards Dimitris Flionis and Nikos Arsenopoulos, captain and wing talisman RaiQuan Gray, veteran forward Mindaugas Kuzminskas, and big man Gaios Skordilis. Around them, they have been retooled effectively. Frank Bartley, Lukas Lekavičius, and Dimitris Katsivelis strengthen the backcourt, while James Nunnally adds championship pedigree on the wing alongside Vasilis Charalampopoulos. The frontcourt has been reshaped with the athleticism and rim-running of KeyShawn Feazell, Greg Brown II, and Marko Pecarski.

It's clear who the leaders are, but this is also a roster that gives Šakota the flexibility to dig deep into his rotations and find the right matchups to win any game.

Their opening game against VEF Riga produced a box score more reminiscent of Unicaja than AEk: all 12 players saw significant minutes, all but Skordilis scored, and nobody played more than 24 minutes in a comfortable 69–53 road win in Latvia. Chris Silva led the way with 19 points in their next home game, a 91–77 win over Szolnoki Olajbányász.

PF RAIQUAN GRAY

AEK BC

They left it late on the road against Patrioti Levice, where Bartley's floater sealed a 71–69 win — a moment that set the tone for a season full of clutch plays from him. They then completed season sweeps over both VEF Riga and Levice with 95–64 and 99–88 victories. Bartley scored 45 points across those two games as they secured their place in the Round of 16. Their only slip of the Regular Season came in an 80–69 road loss to Szolnoki on the final gameday, though by then, qualification had already been secured.

The Round of 16 undoubtedly raised the level of competition, with AEK drawn alongside fellow Greeks Karditsa Iaponiki, Tofas Bursa, and ALBA BERLIN. The challenge was also intensified by the loss of Chris Silva in early January. However, as the level increased, so did AEK's intensity and ruthlessness. They were the only team to go unbeaten in the Round of 16, finishing 6–0 to secure a Quarter-Finals berth.

Lekavičius set the tone early with a season-high 28 points in an 88–73 win over Karditsa. Bartley took over in the home game against ALBA BERLIN, finishing with 26 points and four assists in an 88–80 victory. Then it was Gray's turn to step up, leading them to a 93–90 win in Bursa with 23 points, five rebounds, and five assists — a statement performance in one of the toughest road environments in the competition.

They followed that with a 90–62 win at Karditsa and a 96–88 victory over Tofas to complete the sweeps and lock in their Quarter-Finals spot. Nunnally made a major statement after his midseason arrival, scoring 32 points in just 23 minutes against Karditsa. In the final game, they secured home-court advantage with a 93–88 win in Berlin, led by Bartley's 29 points, seven rebounds, and six assists, alongside Gray's 24 points and five assists.

Quarter-Finals don't come loaded with much more pressure than a match-up against the hosts of the Final Four, Asisa Joventut Badalona, led by the legendary Ricky Rubio. Despite injuries to key big men Simon Birgander and Ante Tomic, Badalona remained a dangerous opponent, and AEK couldn't afford to be charitable. They ultimately claimed the series 2–1 by winning both home games, but it was far from straightforward.

In Game 1, Bartley and Nunnally delivered in the clutch as they erased a 13-point deficit to take the series lead. Badalona responded with a dominant 88–66 win at home to level the series, setting up a decisive Game 3. AEK needed to lean on every decibel of noise from their incredible home fans to pick up a 72-67 win and reach another Final Four. Bartley and Gray led the way with 16 and 15 points, respectively.

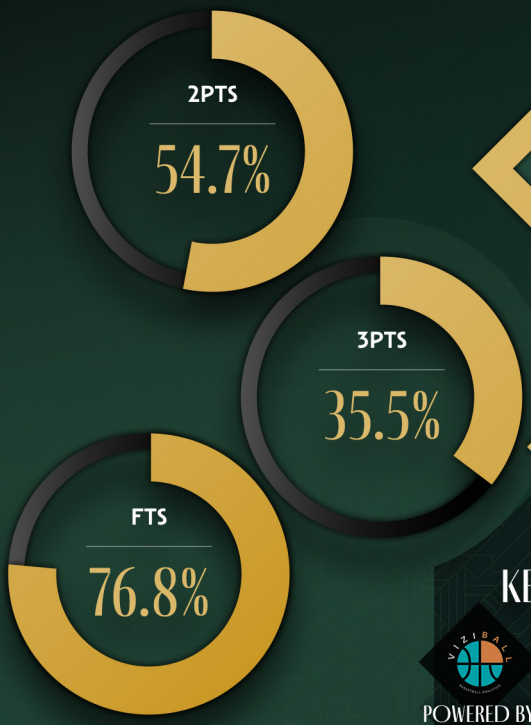
While their season has featured plenty of offensive firepower and standout individual performances, their calling card has, without doubt, been defense. They held the best defensive rating for much of the campaign and still enter the Final Four with the second-best mark, allowing just 103.7 points per 100 possessions. That defensive strength has also driven them to the second-best Net Rating in the competition at +12.3.

Gray stands out as one of the most versatile defenders in the BCL, capable of guarding all five positions, while Feazell and Brown provide consistent rim protection and energy in the frontcourt. Šakota's ability to adapt tactically gives them an edge, and with playmakers like Bartley and Nunnally, sometimes all they need is enough stops, and they can beat anyone.

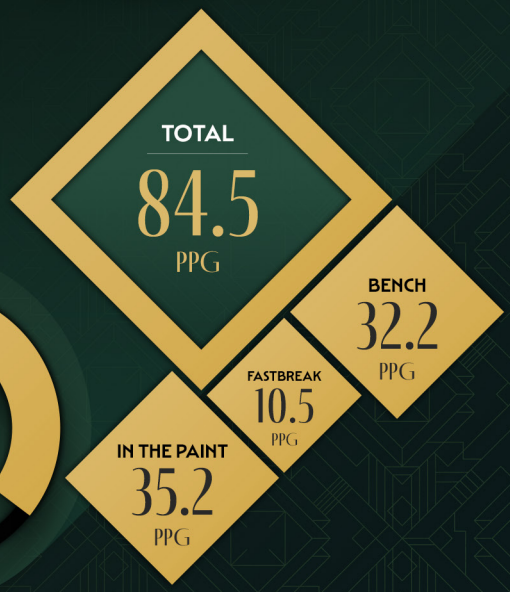
If you were to draw up a pre–Final Four Power Ranking, it would be difficult to place AEK BC anywhere other than at the top.

STATISTICS

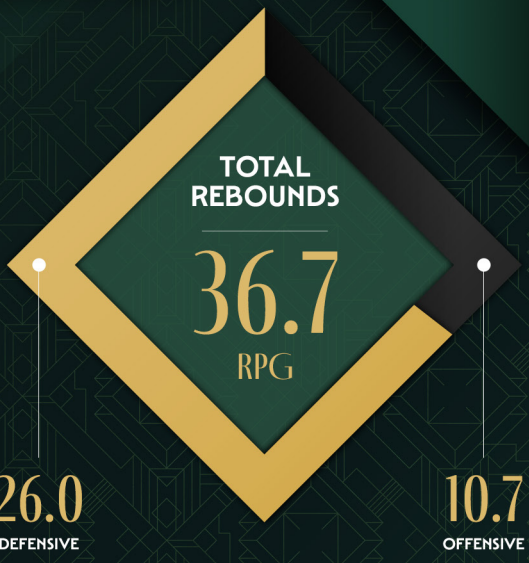
TEAM SHOOTING



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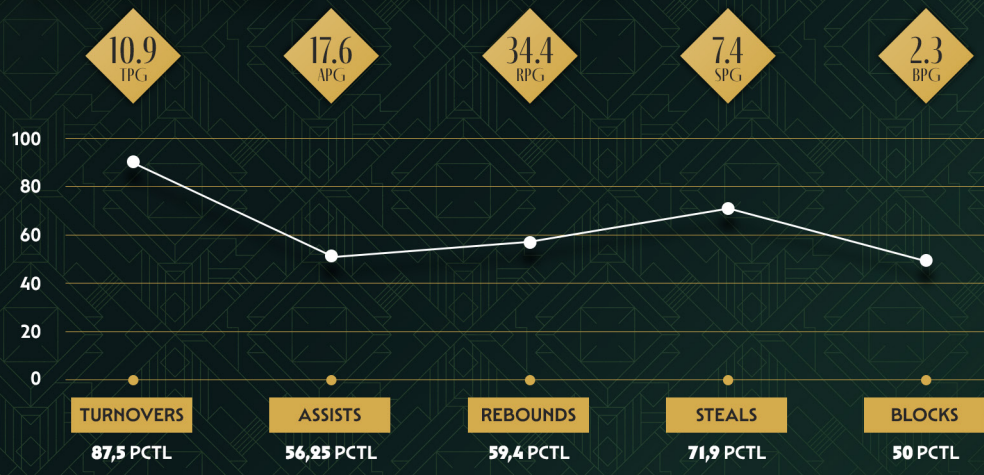


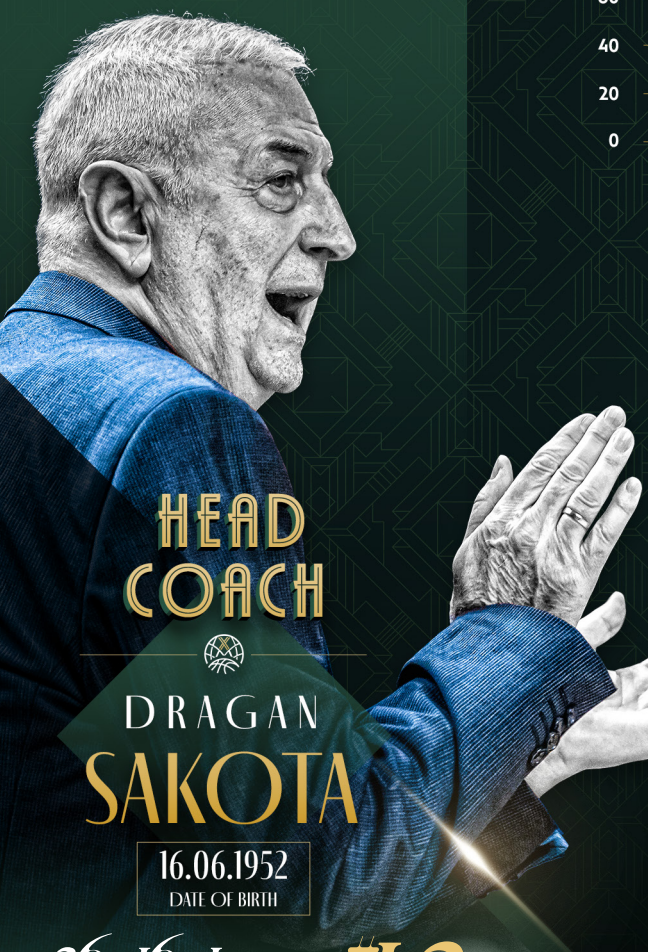
REBOUNDS



KEY STATS PERCENTILE VS. ALL 32 REGULAR SEASON CLUBS

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HEAD COACH

DRAGAN SAKOTA

16.06.1952
DATE OF BIRTH

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BCL
COACHING RECORD

#12
BCL RANK
IN COACHING WINS

Coaching career: IMT (YUG; 1983-88), Zadar (YUG; 1988-89), Cibona (YUG; 1989-90), PAOK (GRE; 1990-91, 1994-95), Apollon Patras (GRE; 1992-93), Iraklis (GRE; 1993-94, 1998-2000), Peristeri (GRE; 1995-97), Aris (GRE; 2000-01), AEK (GRE; 2001-03, 2014-16, 2017-18, 2024-), Olympiacos (GRE; 2003-04), Crvena Zvezda (SRB; 2005-07, 2019-20), Fortitudo Bologna (ITA; 2008), Trabzonspor (TUR; 2010-11), Antalya (TUR; 2011-12), Zaragoza (ESP; 2022), Pallacanestro Reggiana (ITA; 2022-23), Brindisi (ITA; 2023-24)

It's impossible to track down some of the records from the early days of Dragan Sakota's coaching career, but there is an official scoresheet from the game of Novi Beograd and Karaburma, played on April 22, 1973, stating that one of the coaches for that game was, indeed, Dragan Sakota! This time last year, there were talks about his quest to officially join the Guinness World Records, as his continuous coaching journey has now spanned over 53 years – just for comparison's sake, we'll note that his Semi-Finals opponent Ibon Navarro was born in 1976... One thing was consistent since the turn of the century. His love for AEK is unparalleled, and he made it public that he was a fan of the team long before he became a coach. That explains why he kept returning to the club repeatedly, making his current, fourth stay with the team the longest one to date. While he has had many memorable moments with the Queen, such as winning the Greek League in 2002, winning the Greek Cup in 2018, and reaching back-to-back Final Fours in years 52 and 53 of his coaching career, let's all agree that his finest moment came in 2018. Not only because he won the BCL with AEK, but because he had done it in front of 17,894 fans – still a BCL record for attendance – and because it was his son, Dusan, lifting the trophy as the team captain. One day, when all is said and done, coach Sakota can write a bestseller book about everything he witnessed from 1973 to today.

Duo TO WATCH



FRANK BARTLEY To RAIQUAN GRAY

15 into 30

ASSISTS POINTS



PPG

FRANK BARTLEY

18.5

PPG



EFF

FRANK BARTLEY

17.1

EFF

STATISTICAL Leaders



REB

GREG BROWN III

6.1

RPG



AST

FRANK BARTLEY

3.5

APG

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DATE OF BIRTH	07/07/1999
POSITION	POWER FORWARD
HEIGHT	203CM / 6'7''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	24 POINTS
@ ALBA BERLIN, MARCH 18, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	24 POINTS
@ ALBA BERLIN, MARCH 18, 2026	

RAIQUAN GRAY

Long Island Nets (USA; 2021-23), Brooklyn Nets (USA; 2023), Austin Spurs (USA; 2023-24), San Antonio Spurs (USA; 2024), AEK (GRE; 2024-)

Let's check back to his profile on these pages last season: "The way RaiQuan Gray has elevated his game from the first games all the way to this Final Four, he's certainly up there on the list of the best newcomers." That growth copy-pasted itself from Season IX to Season X, and Gray has been constantly improving, placing his name among the MVP and the Best Defensive Player contenders. He is quite literally the difference maker for AEK, posting a team-high +/- of +123 for the season - nobody else on the team is close to triple digits! Gray is a skillful creator in the short roll and in transition, while defensively being a wall capable of guarding "one" through "five" with ferocity. He improved from 9.3 points, 3.9 rebounds and 2.5 assists last season to 13.4, 6.0 and 3.3, respectively, this season, pushing AEK to back-to-back Final Fours.



DATE OF BIRTH	06/12/1987
POSITION	CENTER
HEIGHT	207CM / 6'9''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	8 POINTS
@ NHSZ-SZOLNOKI OLAJBANYASZ DECEMBER 16, 2025	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	10 POINTS
VS. LA LAGUNA TENERIFE JANUARY 8, 2020	

GAIOS SKORDILIS

Aris (GRE; 2006-11), Ikaros Kallitheas (GRE; 2011-12), Panathinaikos (GRE; 2012-13), Panionios (GRE; 2013-14), Apollon Patras (GRE; 2014-15, 2023), Faros Keratsiniou (GRE; 2015-17), Peristeri (GRE; 2017-21), Iraklis (GRE; 2021-22), Montreal Alliance (CAN; 2022), Grindvik (ISL; 2022-23), Milon (GRE; 2023-24), AEK (GRE; 2024-)

Throughout their decade in the Basketball Champions League, AEK always had a soft spot for veteran leadership at the center position. Over the past two seasons, it was Gaios Skordilis providing all the answers to the questions his younger teammates presented, while also stepping up to give the team some height and balance in the frontcourt when needed. Skordilis' best game came in December, when he scored 8 points against the Hungarian champions, but through all his BCL years, it remains a fact that his best performance was against none other than La Laguna Tenerife, back in January 2020. His road all over the world has been unique – not a lot of players can say they've had somebody like Lu Dort supporting them as a fan from the courtside seats. This happened to Skordilis during his short Canadian stint with the Montreal Alliance, Dort's hometown team.



DATE OF BIRTH	01/09/2001
POSITION	POWER FORWARD
HEIGHT	206CM / 6'9''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	13 POINTS
VS. TOFAS BURSA, MARCH 11, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	13 POINTS
VS. TOFAS BURSA, MARCH 11, 2026	

GREG BROWN III

Portland Trail Blazers (USA; 2021-23), Ontario Clippers (USA; 2022-23), Dallas Mavericks (USA; 2023-24), Texas Legends (USA; 2023-24), Mexico City Capitanes (MEX; 2024-25), Calgary Surge (CAN; 2025), AEK (GRE; 2025-)

If there were a Frequent Flyer award in the Basketball Champions League, look no further. Greg Brown III would win it unanimously, as time stops every time he takes off for a block, rebound or a dunk. There have been plenty of times where we thought the alley-oop passes were out of reach, only for him to sky dive and end up on the viral highlights. It's not a surprise, really, as Greg's grandfather was a college football star in the 1970s, his father was a part of the Denver Broncos roster in 2001, while his mother dominated with the Track and Field team at Texas in the late 1990s. We're not done yet – Brown's uncle was a basketball player, also at Texas, so it all makes sense. Still only 24, Greg's name will certainly be etched in European basketball landscape if he decides to stay on this side of the pond, of course.



DATE OF BIRTH	01/10/1991
POSITION	POINT GUARD
HEIGHT	194CM / 6'4''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	13 POINTS
TWICE	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	17 POINTS
@ VIRTUS BOLOGNA, FEBRUARY 6, 2019	

DIMITRIS KATSIVELIS

Olympiacos (GRE; 2010-15), AEK (GRE; 2015-16, 2020-21, 2025-), Astana (KAZ; 2016-17), PAOK (GRE; 2017-18, 2024-25), Promitheas Patras (GRE; 2018-20), Peristeri (GRE; 2021-22), Kolossos Rodou (GRE; 2022-23), Aris (GRE; 2023-24)

There is a 2-1-1 formula in the NBA Playoffs, meaning to collect four wins and advance, you need your star player to win two games, your second-best player to get another and the last one belongs to unlikely heroes. Enter stage, Dimitris Katsivelis! The experienced guard returned to AEK for the third time last summer, and came up big when coach Dragan Sakota needed him the most, in Game 3 of their Quarter-Finals series with Asisa Joventut. A big triple over Ricky Rubio, followed by the game-winning layup over Jabari Parker, and just like that, Katsivelis has another major Semi-Final in his resume. He had won the EuroLeague twice with Olympiacos, picked up the FIBA Intercontinental Cup in 2013, a pair of Greek League titles, a double in Kazakhstan, and a series of medals with the youth national teams. Oh, and don't forget, he's also a bronze medal winner from FIBA EuroBasket 2025.



DIMITRIS FLIONIS

DATE OF BIRTH	08/04/1997
POSITION	GUARD
HEIGHT	193CM / 6'4''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	15 POINTS
VS. KARDITSA IAPONIKI JANUARY 21, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	15 POINTS
VS. KARDITSA IAPONIKI JANUARY 21, 2026	

Aris (GRE; 2015-21), AEK (GRE; 2021-)

An absolute legend and fan favorite, Dimitris Flionis is back for his second BCL Final Four. Following the tradition of the lefty Greek guards with elite defensive instincts, it feels like Flionis is the one that coach Dragan Sakota trusts the most, a chemistry which was easy to form given their long-term commitments to the Queen. He was the one guarding Ricky Rubio during the Quarter-Finals series, explaining that this experience is what makes basketball fantastic, "every year I love what I do more and more, and I have more motivation." Now, you don't expect a whole lot of 29-year-olds to be veterans of the game, but get this – Dimitris Flionis is among the rare players who had played in Season I of the BCL, and are still active. He was 19 when he made his debut with Aris in 2016, appearing in 12 Regular Season games.



KEYSHAWN FEAZELL

DATE OF BIRTH	23/10/1998
POSITION	CENTER
HEIGHT	208CM / 6'9''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	17 POINTS
@ ELAN CHALON, DECEMBER 16, 2025	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	17 POINTS
@ ELAN CHALON, DECEMBER 16, 2025	

Vilpas Vikings (FIN; 2022-23), Marineros de Puerto Plata (DOM; 2023), CSO Voluntari (ROU; 2023-24), Brose Bamberg (GER; 2024-25), Maccabi Ramat Gan (ISR; 2025), Kuwait SC (KUW; 2025), ERA Nymburk (CZE; 2025-26), AEK (GRE; 2026-)

Playing a Final Four tournament and getting 13 points and 7 rebounds in the Semi-Finals, then 16 points and 8 boards in the Final – that's already impressive. Well, Keyshawn Feazell made it even more impressive, by doing it in street shoes! The center's basketball shoes never made it from Romania to Denmark for the European North Basketball League Final Four in 2024, and yet he looked unstoppable for Voluntari, earning a trip to Brose Bamberg the following season. He started this campaign with Nymburk and was a regular on the weekly Top 10 plays with his thunderous dunks, which is why coach Dragan Sakota and AEK's front office immediately brought him over once Chris Silva left the city. The move was a successful one, as Feazell is a valuable piece of the AEK puzzle heading into this Final Four. With proper basketball shoes this time around, hopefully.



LUKAS LEKAVICIUS

DATE OF BIRTH	30/03/1994
POSITION	GUARD
HEIGHT	184CM / 6'0''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	28 POINTS
VS. KARDITSA IAPONIKI JANUARY 21, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	28 POINTS
VS. KARDITSA IAPONIKI JANUARY 21, 2026	

Zalgiris (LTU; 2012-17, 2019-25), Panathinaikos (GRE; 2017-19), AEK (GRE; 2025-)

Is AEK really a contender without a reliable Lithuanian waiting around the corner to win a game or two? Like the famous Kanye meme, guess we'll never know, as the tradition carries on, from Tomas Delininkaitis, Jonas Maciulis and Mindaugas Kuzminskas, all the way to Lukas Lekavicius. He already had one of those games this season, going crazy for 28 points in 27 minutes against Karditsa, and he's putting up 9.2 points with 3.0 assists on a 52-44-83 percent shooting split. At 32 years of age, he's probably not Žaibas Makvynas (Lightning McQueen) anymore, the nickname given to him back in 2015. But even in this latter stage of his career, he is still open to trying out new things in life: signing with AEK last summer meant that for the first time in his 14-year long career as a pro, Lukas Lekavicius would not be wearing a green or a white jersey!



NIKOS ARSENOPOULOS

DATE OF BIRTH	19/05/2000
POSITION	POINT GUARD
HEIGHT	196CM / 6'5''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	3 POINTS
TWICE	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	3 POINTS
THREE TIMES	

Olympiacos (GRE; 2017-20), Kolossos Rodou (GRE; 2020-21), Ionikos Nikaias (GRE; 2021-23), PAOK (GRE; 2023-24), CD Povoa (POR; 2024-25), AEK (GRE; 2025-)

Time flies. Once dubbed "Olympiacos' next big thing" as a 16-year-old phenom, Nikos Arsenopoulos will be celebrating his 26th birthday just after the Final Four in Badalona. He was a unique player in youth events, capable of pouring in 41 points in a game at the Next Generation Tournament in 2018 against Brose Bamberg, or counting to 35 at the FIBA U19 Basketball World Cup against Senegal in 2019. However, he couldn't translate that kind of scoring to the pros and struggled to get any playing time at Olympiacos to start his career. He is among the rare Greek players with experience of playing in Portugal, putting up 14.1 points per game before returning to his homeland and signing with AEK in February 2025. He saw only 26 minutes of action in the BCL this season, but you know he will stay ready if coach Dragan Sakota calls his name.



MINDAUGAS KUZMINSKAS

DATE OF BIRTH	19/10/1989
POSITION	POWER FORWARD
HEIGHT	205CM / 6'9''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	13 POINTS
VS. NHSZ-SZOLNOKI OLAJBANYASZ OCTOBER 15, 2025	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	40 POINTS
VS. HAPOEL HOLON, MARCH 5, 2024	

Sakalai (LTU; 2006-07), Perlas (LTU; 2007-08), Siauliai (LTU; 2008-10), Zalgiris (LTU; 2010-13), Unicaja (ESP; 2013-16), New York Knicks (USA; 2016-17), Olimpia Milano (ITA; 2018-19), Olympiacos (GRE; 2019), Lokomotiv Kuban (RUS; 2019- 21), Zenit Saint Petersburg (RUS; 2021-22), Karsiyaka (TUR; 2022-23), AEK (GRE; 2023-)

That is not a typo up there – Mindaugas Kuzminskas really scored 40 points in a BCL game just two years ago. The forward loves it in Athens, and despite seeing limited minutes this season, his veteran presence and leadership is much needed in the locker room. Even if he doesn't play in the Semi-Finals, you know that the opposing fans will give him a standing ovation, as Kuzminskas spent three years of his career with Unicaja, AEK's Semi-Finals opponent. He has seen it all in his career, so you're probably wondering what's his motivation to keep going at 36? Well, it's the biggest motivation of all: to give his kid a chance to see him play, creating memories for a lifetime, and probably pointing the next generation towards basketball. He should know, after all, he remembers watching his mom playing as a kid, and how much it meant to him then.



JAMES NUNNALLY

DATE OF BIRTH	14/07/1990
POSITION	FORWARD
HEIGHT	201CM / 6'7''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	32 POINTS
@ KARDITSA IAPONIKI FEBRUARY 10, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	32 POINTS
@ KARDITSA IAPONIKI FEBRUARY 10, 2026	

Kavala (GRE; 2012), Bakersfield Jam (USA; 2012-14), Atlanta Hawks (USA; 2014), Texas Legends (USA; 2014), Philadelphia 76ers (USA; 2014), Cangrejeros de Santurce (PUR; 2014), Estudiantes (ESP; 2014), Maccabi Ashdod (ISR; 2014-15), Sidigas Avellino (ITA; 2015-16), Fenerbahce (TUR; 2016-18, 2020), Minnesota Timberwolves (USA; 2018-19), Houston Rockets (USA; 2019), Olimpia Milano (ITA; 2019), Shanghai Sharks (CHN; 2019), New Orleans Pelicans (USA; 2021), Maccabi Tel Aviv (ISR; 2021-22), Partizan (SRB; 2022-24), Zhejiang Lions (CHN; 2025), AEK (GRE; 2026-)

Back in the late 1980s and early 1990s, there was a never-ending, 2,137 episodes long TV series called Santa Barbara. It's only fitting that a never-ending, 700-game long basketball career started at the University of California, Santa Barbara. James Nunnally has seen the entire basketball world, and has enjoyed the love of the fans wherever he showed up, whether it was Avellino, Partizan or AEK. But the connection is probably the strongest with Serbia, or the Serbian coaches, to be precise, as Nunnally had already won major trophies with Zeljko Obradovic and could now be en route to winning with Dragan Sakota, too. The front office knew what they were getting when they signed him, as he brought his unique game-winning clutch feeling to Athens, and made the game-winning triple to defeat Asisa Joventut in Game 1 of the Quarter-Finals. Consider that triple as charting the map towards Badalona.



FRANK BARTLEY

DATE OF BIRTH	25/02/1994
POSITION	POINT GUARD
HEIGHT	191CM / 6'3''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	29 POINTS
@ ALBA BERLIN, MARCH 18, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	29 POINTS
@ ALBA BERLIN, MARCH 18, 2026	

Saint John Riptide (CAN; 2018-19), Ciudad de Valladolid (ESP; 2019-20), Medi Bayreuth (GER; 2020-21), Bakken Bears (DEN; 2021), Ironi Ness Ziona (ISR; 2021-22), Pallacanestro Trieste (ITA; 2022-23), Qingdao Eagles (CHN; 2023), New Basket Brindisi (ITA; 2023-24), PAOK (GRE; 2024-25), AEK (GRE; 2025-)

Imagine telling Frank Bartley in 2018 or 2021 he'll have the 10,000 AEK fans singing out his name and shouting "MVP!" Through plenty of detours from Canada, Spain, Germany, Denmark, Israel, Italy and China, Bartley finally found his home in Greece. Last season, he carried PAOK towards the Finals in the FIBA Europe Cup, hitting clutch shots along the way, and he just continued doing the same after moving to AEK over the summer. It was Bartley who nearly ended AEK's 2024-25 season in the Greek League, hitting clutch shots in the Quarter-Finals series, only to be outdone by RaiQuan Gray, his opponent then, his closest friend right now. First thing you'll notice about him – his upper body strength. Those shoulders are big because of two reasons, (1) his father being a record-breaking linebacker at UL in the 1970s, and (2) from carrying all those AEK fans on his back all season long.



VASILIS CHARALAMPOPOULOS

DATE OF BIRTH	06/01/1997
POSITION	FORWARD
HEIGHT	203CM / 6'7''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	13 POINTS
VS. ALBA BERLIN, JANUARY 28, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	19 POINTS
@ CHOLET BASKET, JANUARY 3, 2024	

Panathinaikos (GRE; 2012-18), PAOK (GRE; 2017-18), Lavrio (GRE; 2018-19), Olympiacos (GRE; 2019-21), Ionikos Nikaias (GRE; 2019-20), Reyer Venezia (ITA; 2021), Fortitudo Bologna (ITA; 2021-22), VL Pesaro (ITA; 2022-23), Dinamo Sassari (ITA; 2023-24), Turk Telekom (TUR; 2024-25), AEK (GRE; 2025-)

Dubbed the Human Alphabet, Vasilis Charalampopoulos is the go-to guy for AEK early in the games, taking responsibility and figuring out a way how to facilitate the offense with his lefty swing and smooth finishes around the rim. He is the prime example of not judging players by their height, as 203 centimeters aren't exactly intimidating, but his massive 211-centimeter wingspan is what allows him to alter shots, get deflections, steals or blocks, while being present in the rebounding battles. Regaining physical confidence was the biggest obstacle in front of Vasilis this season, as he missed 350 days of action after a torn ACL while playing for Turk Telekom in 2024-25. There were no signs of rust in Season X, though, as his best games were the most important ones for AEK, setting his season-high against ALBA BERLIN and doing a bit of everything against Asisa Joventut in the Quarter-Finals.


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LA LAGUNA TENERIFE

Clockwork Kings

In the Txus Vidorreta era, Tenerife have reached the Final Four so consistently that you could almost set your clock — and your entire calendar — around them qualifying for the showpiece event in May. This is now the seventh Semi-Final they have reached in the ten seasons of this competition. They were, of course, the inaugural champions in 2017, and then claimed a second title at the famous Bilbao Final Four in 2022. It's also worth noting that one of the seasons in which they didn't reach the Final Four was Season 3 — when Vidorreta was not in charge. They are undoubtedly the most successful club in the history of the competition.

That said, this year in Badalona presents a unique challenge to that status, as both Unicaja and Tenerife have the chance to become the first club to win a third title. It goes without saying that they will arrive with a strong sense that they have a dynasty to defend. If you need evidence of that, look no further than the late-season addition of Boomers and NBA legend Patty Mills — a statement of intent as strong as any seen in the competition's decade-long history. Outside of Mills' arrival, the roster has a familiar feel. Marcelinho Huertas orchestrates at point guard, with Wesley Van Beck, Bruno Fitipaldo, and Jaime Fernandez filling out the backcourt rotation. On the wings are Joan Sastre, Thomas Scrubb, and long-time stalwarts Tim Abromaitis and Aaron Doornekamp. As always, the paint is anchored by hometown hero Fran Guerra and the legendary Giorgi Shermadini.

For the first four games of the Regular Season, everything appeared to be business as usual for them in Group D. They opened the campaign with an 84–78 win in Italy over Trapani Shark, with Doornekamp leading the way with 13 points on 66.7 percent shooting. That was followed by a dominant 108–85 home win over Bnei Penlink Herzliya, where Fernández poured in a season-high 25 points in just 21 minutes.

PG MARCELINHO HUERTAS

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LA LAGUNA TENERIFE

Next came the double-header against Tofas Bursa. They continued their excellent record against Turkish clubs with an 84–61 road win and an 80–70 victory at home, with Fitipaldo scoring 32 points across the two games. With their place in the Round of 16 already secured, they appeared to ease off slightly in the closing stages of the group, knowing that anything less than a six-point margin of victory for Trapani would secure top spot. As it turned out, they suffered their first home defeat since December 2021, with Trapani claiming a surprise 83–80 win at the Santiago Martín Arena. However, it wasn't enough to deny them first place. They also lost their final Regular Season game, 94–86, against Herzliya, but still advanced to the next round refreshed and ready to respond.

In a mirror image of their Semi-Final opponents, Rytas Vilnius, they followed a 4–2 Regular Season record with another 4–2 showing in the Round of 16, once again securing home-court advantage for the Quarter-Finals. They opened the R16 with a routine 104–80 win over ERA Nymburk, with Huertas contributing 17 points and five assists in the effortless way that only he can.

That was followed by a hard-fought 84–82 win at home against Pallacanestro Trieste, where Fitipaldo's 17 points and a late Doornekamp three-pointer proved decisive. Their first loss of the R16 came against local rivals Dreamland Gran Canaria, who claimed a 72–70 home win. They responded by completing the double over Nymburk with a 69–55 road victory, powered by Van Beck's 21 points, before securing a Quarter-Finals berth — along with home advantage — in the return, home game against Gran Canaria. Huertas delivered a season-defining performance with 28 points and five assists in a crucial 79–76 win. They did fall 82–76 to Trieste in the final game of the round, but by then, their focus had already shifted to Galatasaray in the Quarter-Finals.

The series against Gala offered a chance for revenge after their defeat to James Palmer Jr. and company at the Athens Final Four last year. They got it — but not without a fight. The first two games were decided by just three points total. In Game 1, they survived a 14–0 Galatasaray run in the final 3:30 of the game to claim an 84–83 win and take the 1-0 series lead to Turkiye. The return leg in Istanbul saw them fall 64–62 in a defensive battle, before they responded emphatically with a dominant 99–59 victory in the deciding game to return to their happy place: the BCL Final Four. Shermadini's 20 points and 13 rebounds in that game demonstrated that he is ready to shift up into the championship gear to close out the season.

By this point, we don't need to tell anyone what Tenerife basketball looks like on the hardwood. The system is so well known, yet so ruthlessly executed, that there seems to be very little anyone can do to stop it: a blur of movement and misdirection away from the ball inevitably leads to a shooter running off screens, or Shermadini and Guerra setting ball screens that are read to perfection by everyone on the floor. This team always gets the shot they want and always play at the pace of their choice.

The numbers reflect that dominance. They boast the most efficient offense in the league, scoring 119 points per 100 possessions, and they are the best three-point shooting team in the Final Four at 36.6 percent. They also commit the fewest turnovers in the competition, averaging an absurdly low 9.8 per game.

There is no ambiguity about their ambition. Their championship clock is ticking once again, and the digits are only counting down towards them lifting trophy #3. Stopping them will require a truly monumental effort.

STATISTICS

TEAM SHOOTING

2PTS 56.7%

3PTS 36.6%

FTS 84%

SCORING

TOTAL 83.1 PPG

BENCH 39.1 PPG

FASTBREAK 5.0 PPG

IN THE PAINT 29.6 PPG

REBOUNDS

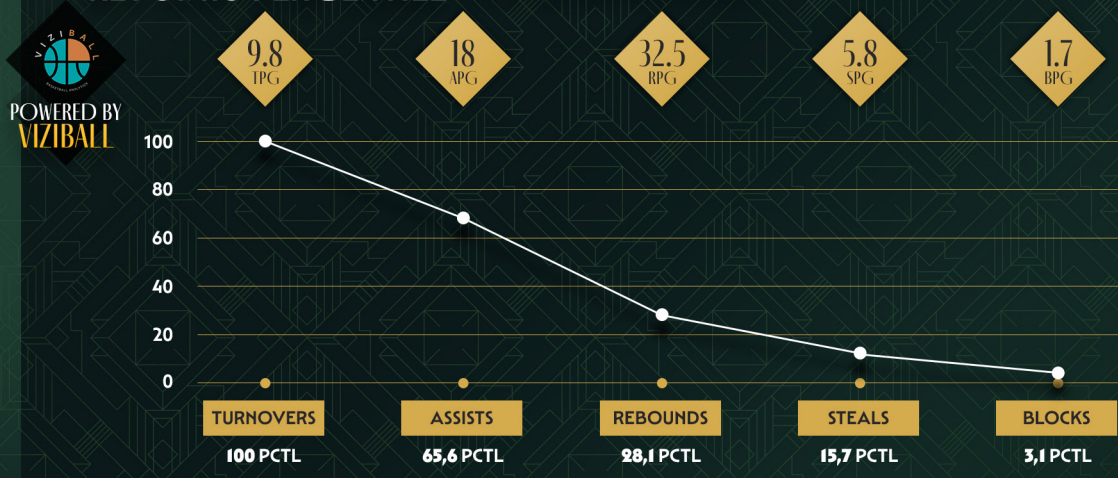
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23.7 DEFENSIVE

8.7 OFFENSIVE

KEY STATS PERCENTILE VS. ALL 32 REGULAR SEASON CLUBS

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HEAD COACH

TXUS VIDORRETA

20.06.1966
DATE OF BIRTH

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BCL COACHING RECORD

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BCL RANK IN COACHING WINS

Coaching career: Cajabilbao (ESP; 1992-94), Askartza (ESP; 1995-96, 1997-98), Bilbao Patronato (ESP; 1996-97), La Palma (ESP; 1998-2001), Bilbao (ESP; 2001-10), Lucentum Alicante (ESP; 2010-12), Estudiantes (ESP; 2012-15), Tenerife (ESP; 2015-17, 2018-), Valencia (ESP; 2017-18)

Is there anything left to say about Txus Vidorreta? At 114 career wins, he is already the winningest coach in BCL history, and he's a full 49 wins ahead of everybody else on that list, meaning he probably will not get caught soon. The master of the Xs and Os, Vidorreta has created a monster of a team which will be playing its fifth straight Final Four, seventh over the last decade, with two more Quarter-Finals exits in Final 8 formats. Last season, he was making Oscar jokes as he finally won the Coach of the Season award in the BCL, after being the Finalist... well, basically every single season up until Season IX. That was also one of the rare moments that we got to witness Mr Vidorreta talking about his off-the-court habits, as he is a big time movie aficionado, especially when it comes to classics. It makes total sense, doesn't it? All his teams are built of iconic players who are put in exactly the right roles, all doing their part to contribute to this masterpiece called Tenerife Basketball. Vidorreta has two BCL championships to his name, being the only coach to win them on separate years (2017 and 2022), compared to Joan Penarroya (2020, 2021) and Ibon Navarro (2024, 2025). Speaking of that, he must be extremely motivated heading into this Final Four. After all, he could become the first coach with three BCL titles to his name, further cementing his legacy as one of the most creative and innovative coaches in European basketball history.

Duo TO WATCH



MARCELINHO HUERTAS To GIORGI SHERMADINI

17 into 34

ASSISTS POINTS



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PATTY MILLS

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MARCELINHO HUERTAS

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MARCELINHO HUERTAS

DATE OF BIRTH	25/05/1983
POSITION	POINT GUARD
HEIGHT	191CM / 6'3''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	28 POINTS
VS. DREAMLAND GRAN CANARIA MARCH 11, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	31 POINTS
@ PERISTERI, MARCH 19, 2024	

FMU Sao Paulo (BRA; 2001-02, 2003-04), Pinheiros (BRA; 2002-03), Joventut Badalona (ESP; 2004-07), Bilbao (ESP; 2007-08), Fortitudo Bologna (ITA; 2008-09), Baskonia (ESP; 2009-11), Barcelona (ESP; 2011-15), Los Angeles Lakers (USA; 2015-17), Baskonia (ESP; 2017-19), Tenerife (ESP; 2019-)

Back-to-back... to-back? Marcelinho Huertas was easily the best player of the Basketball Champions League for the past two seasons, becoming the first player to win the MVP of the Season award twice in a row, but a foot injury slowed him down during Round of 16 this time around. The point god is eternal, there is no facts or figures left for us to share with you, other than this Final Four being a full circle in a way. It was in Badalona that Huertas started his European part of the career, winning the FIBA Europe Cup with Joventut in 2006. Longevity is unparalleled, he's still getting to 20+ points both in the BCL and the Liga Endesa. Here's a mathematical breakdown of his career: he has won 45 major awards and trophies in his career. Of those 45, a whopping 29 came in the 2020s! Reminder, he was born in 1983.



JAIME FERNANDEZ

DATE OF BIRTH	04/06/1993
POSITION	SHOOTING GUARD
HEIGHT	186CM / 6'1''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	25 POINTS
VS. BNEI HERZLIYA, OCTOBER 14, 2025	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	25 POINTS
VS. BNEI HERZLIYA, OCTOBER 14, 2025	

Estudiantes (ESP; 2010-17), Andorra (ESP; 2017-18), Unicaja (ESP; 2018- 22), Tenerife (ESP; 2022-)

If you have a kid or know a kid back home who wants to play basketball, here's a piece of advice for you: just show him film of Jaime Fernandez moves. The skillset on his layups is out of this world, the speed from which he goes from a dribble to a layup is impressive, and his shots off the dribble are one of the safest bets out there. While some may have thought the backcourt was becoming a bit crowded with the addition of Wesley van Beck and Patty Mills, it just turned out that all of these guards now have the green light to play at 100 percent all the time, knowing that the rotation is so deep, the others will keep the rhythm going. This explains why Fernandez is shining, why he set his BCL career-high this season, even after missing all that time with tough injuries and rehabs.



WESLEY VAN BECK

DATE OF BIRTH	22/01/1996
POSITION	SHOOTING GUARD
HEIGHT	193CM / 6'3''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	21 POINTS
@ ERA NYMBURK, FEBRUARY 10, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	24 POINTS
VS. HAPOEL HOLON, JANUARY 7, 2025	

South Bay Lakers (USA; 2018-19), Tigrillos Medellin (COL; 2020-21), Palma (ESP; 2021-22), Kalev/Cramo (EST; 2022-23), Niners Chemnitz (GER; 2023-24), Aliaga Petkimspor (TUR; 2024-25), Tenerife (ESP; 2025-)

Sasu Salin, David Kramer – Wesley van Beck. Coach Txus Vidorreta liked what he saw in Round of 16 last year, as Tenerife faced van Beck's Aliaga Petkimspor, and he decided to tweak Wesley's habits a bit to make him a useful addition to this Tenerife roster. He's playing less with the ball in his hands, more coming off the screens and just using that sweet lefty shot of his. Van Beck has been red hot, getting 42 percent of his threes to drop in the BCL, on five attempts per game, and – get this – 56 percent (yes, fifty-six) on four attempts per game in the Liga Endesa! Usually when you have a shooter like that, the equation should be simple, he makes more, team wins more. But Wesley has been consistent even in defeats, hitting 52 percent of his threes attempted in all Tenerife's defeats in Liga Endesa this term.



BRUNO FITIPALDO

DATE OF BIRTH	02/08/1991
POSITION	POINT GUARD
HEIGHT	183CM / 6'0''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	18 POINTS
@ ERA NYMBURK, FEBRUARY 10, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	24 POINTS
@ DINAMO SASSARI, NOVEMBER 4, 2020	

Club Malvin (URU; 2006-14), Obras Sanitarias (ARG; 2014-16), Orlandina (ITA; 2016), Galatasaray (TUR; 2016-17), Avellino (ITA; 2017-18), San Pablo Burgos (ESP; 2018-20), Tenerife (ESP; 2020-)

With plenty of focus on the two-time MVP Marcelinho Huertas, the returnee Jaime Fernandez, and the hot shooting newcomers Patty Mills and Wesley van Beck, it has gone under the radar that Bruno Fitipaldo was the best player for Tenerife for most of the season in the Basketball Champions League. Aside from that season-high set on the road in Czechia, Bruno hit 17 points twice, 15 once, and there are three more double digit games, all done through the first nine appearances. His recent form has not been as impressive, but Fitipaldo is the man coach Txus Vidorreta will always mention as a part equally important to the team as Marcelinho in the point guard role. The Uruguayan legend also has a thing or two to say about longevity, they all do in Tenerife, but don't forget that he's celebrating the 20th anniversary of his first game as a pro this year.



THOMAS SCRUBB

DATE OF BIRTH	26/09/1991
POSITION	FORWARD
HEIGHT	198CM / 6'5''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	11 POINTS
	TWICE
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	24 POINTS
	@ ERA NYMBURK, JANUARY 23, 2018

Kataja (FIN; 2015-16), Giessen 46ers (GER; 2016-17), Scandone Avellino (ITA; 2017-18), Varese (ITA; 2018-19), SIG Strasbourg (FRA; 2019-20), Ottawa BlackJacks (CAN; 2020), JL Bourg (FRA; 2020-21), Obradoiro (ESP; 2022-24), Tenerife (ESP; 2024-)

There are some players who move in such a way on the floor that you are certain they'll have elite coaching careers one day. If Thomas Scrubb decides to move in that direction, the world is his to conquer. A lot of time has passed since his career-high with Avellino, but he adjusted his game to making the difference with that endless wingspan both on the defensive end, and on the offensive glass, as one of the best in the business. You'll often find him lurking around in the dunker's spot, probably as the key part of Tenerife's 4v3 offense when the opponents are hedging or doubling the ball screen. Scrubb has all the tools to change the game, and in a tournament like this, he could end up being the game-winner. At 21.4 minutes per game, he's among the rare players with 20+ minutes in this lineup.



JOAN SASTRE

DATE OF BIRTH	10/12/1991
POSITION	SMALL FORWARD
HEIGHT	201CM / 6'7''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	13 POINTS
	VS. GALATASARAY MCT TECHNIC APRIL 15, 2026
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	22 POINTS
	VS. HAPOEL JERUSALEM, MARCH 6, 2024

Inca (ESP; 2008), Mallorca (ESP; 2008-09), Sevilla (ESP; 2009-14), Zaragoza (ESP; 2014-16), Valencia (ESP; 2016-21), Tenerife (ESP; 2021-)

Tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and – Joan Sastre. Those are the four indicators that the winter is over and the spring is here. Every single season, when the most important part of it arrives, Joan Sastre is ready and playing his best basketball, proving to be a key contributor in Tenerife's Quarter-Finals win over Galatasaray. The sweetest looking shooting stroke is a bit off this season, 32 percent from deep being the lowest of his BCL career, but that also speaks volumes of his usual efficiency because others would be more than satisfied at that percentage. Over the course of his BCL career, he has missed only four free throws, the last of them coming more than two years ago, in April 2024. To make it a tradition in these guides, we'll mention once more that he's not the only famous Joan Sastre from Mallorca, as footballer Joan Sastre is still playing as right back for PAOK.



GIORGI SHERMADINI

DATE OF BIRTH	02/04/1989
POSITION	CENTER
HEIGHT	216CM / 7'1''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	20 POINTS
	VS. GALATASARAY MCT TECHNIC APRIL 15, 2026
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	26 POINTS
	VS. BAKKEN BEARS, OCTOBER 20, 2020

Maccabi Tbilisi (GEO; 2005-08), Panathinaikos (GRE; 2008-10), Union Olimpija (SLO; 2010-11), Cantu (ITA; 2011-12, 2014-15), Maccabi Tel Aviv (ISR; 2012), Olympiacos (GRE; 2012-13, 2014), Zaragoza (ESP; 2013, 2014), Andorra (ESP; 2015-17), Unicaja (ESP; 2017-19), Tenerife (ESP; 2019-)

If Marcelinho Huertas and Txus Vidorreta are the two pillars in the foundation of this Tenerife temple of basketball, Giorgi Shermadini is the third one. The all-time leading scorer in the Basketball Champions League, Shermadini amassed 1416 career points, and could become the first player with 1500 to his name. The Georgian giant was named to three All-Star Five lineup of the season in the BCL, with another Second Team inclusion, and he also picked up two MVP of the Season awards in Liga Endesa, in 2021 and 2023. Let's do the same math as with Marcelinho: of the 21 major awards and trophies in Giorgi Shermadini's career, 16 of them came in the 2020s, when he made Tenerife his home for good. He is entering the Final Four playing his best basketball of the season, picking up the MVP of the Quarter-Finals award after dominating the painted area against Galatasaray's bigs.



TIM ABROMAITIS

DATE OF BIRTH	17/09/1989
POSITION	POWER FORWARD
HEIGHT	201CM / 6'7''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	10 POINTS
	VS. TRAPANI SHARK DECEMBER 10, 2025
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	23 POINTS
	VS. FRIBOURG OLYMPIC OCTOBER 23, 2018

ASVEL (FRA; 2012-13), SIG Strasbourg (FRA; 2013-14), Braunschweig (GER; 2014-15), Tenerife (ESP; 2015-19, 2022-), Zenit (RUS; 2019-20), Unicaja (ESP; 2020-22)

One of the originals is still here! Tim Abromaitis formed a deadly one-two forward punch with Aaron Doornekamp to point Tenerife towards the title in Season I, and a decade later, they are both still here. Abromaitis is still the owner of the Abromaitis Corner pin on Google maps, located in the right corner of the court in San Cristobal de La Laguna, and he's knocking down 37.1 percent of his shots from deep in Season X. He needs three rebounds to become the first player with 600 boards in BCL history, and he is already the all-time leader in games played with 129. However, the Semi-Finals will be present a first for him, as in the first time he's facing Rytas Vilnius, a team from his "other" homeland. Abromaitis' great-grandparents came to the United States from Lithuania, and he even tried applying for a Lithuanian citizenship ten years ago.



ROKAS GIEDRAITIS

DATE OF BIRTH	16/08/1992
POSITION	SMALL FORWARD
HEIGHT	200CM / 6'6''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	17 POINTS
VS. TOFAS BURSA, NOVEMBER 11, 2025	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	17 POINTS
VS. TOFAS BURSA, NOVEMBER 11, 2025	

Siauliu ABRO-Universitetas (LTU; 2011-12), Mazeikiai (LTU; 2012-13), Siauliai (LTU; 2013-15), Rytas Vilnius (LTU; 2015-18), ALBA BERLIN (GER; 2018-20), Baskonia (ESP; 2020-23), Crvena Zvezda (SRB; 2023-25), Tenerife (ESP; 2025-)

It will be a unique feeling for Rokas Giedraitis, facing Rytas Vilnius in the Final Four. He spent three years of his career with the club, before embarking on a journey through Germany, Spain and Serbia. It will, however, not be the first time he goes up against Rytas, as he played probably his two best games of the season against them, putting up 16 and 23 points for ALBA BERLIN against Vilnius' finest in EuroCup in 2019. However, he's probably more connected to Siauliai as a club, since both him and his father Robertas played there. This is his first BCL season, and he provided Tenerife with some much-needed athleticism on both sides of the floor, dominating their Top 10 plays of the season. At 22.4 minutes per game, he's second only to Marcelinho Huertas in minutes played for La Laguna Tenerife in the BCL this season.



AARON DOORNEKAMP

DATE OF BIRTH	05/12/1985
POSITION	POWER FORWARD
HEIGHT	201CM / 6'6''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	18 POINTS
VS. ERA NYMBURK, JANUARY 20, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	23 POINTS
VS. FILOU OOSTENDE JANUARY 11, 2017	

Carleton (CAN; 2004-09), Caserta (ITA; 2009-12), Braunschweig (GER; 2013-14), Skyliners Frankfurt (GER; 2014-16), Tenerife (ESP; 2016-17, 2020-), Valencia (ESP; 2017-20)

One of the originals is still here! Aaron Doornekamp formed a deadly one-two forward punch with Tim Abromaitis to point Tenerife towards the title in Season I, and a decade later, they are both still here. Doornekamp's legacy also includes the 2022 trophy, and as of December, he's the other 40+ year old on this team, joining Marcelinho Huertas. Let's go through the record books quickly: Aaron is Top 20 in all-time points, third in rebounds, Top 20 in steals, second only to Sasu Salin in three-pointers made (207 to 191), and one of nine players with 100+ games played. An incredible career is far from being over, as he showed in January, he's still capable of beating you by himself in that 18-point explosion against Nymburk. Long story short, he's still the exact same player he was a decade ago, when he set his career-high against Filou Oostende.



FRAN GUERRA

DATE OF BIRTH	23/12/1992
POSITION	CENTER
HEIGHT	214CM / 7'0''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	12 POINTS
TWICE	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	20 POINTS
@ KARSIYAKA, OCTOBER 2, 2024	

Estudiantes (ESP; 2012-16), Forca Lleida (ESP; 2014-15), Ourense (ESP; 2016-17), Melilla (ESP; 2017-18), Palma (ESP; 2018-19), Tenerife (ESP; 2019-)

When talking about players who are learning new skills throughout the career, you must mention Fran Guerra. Since joining Tenerife amid their 2019 rehaul, Guerra has not only become an efficient finisher around the rim, but also an elite passer in 4v3 situations and short rolls, essential to keep the Tenerife offensive machine going. His progress did not go unnoticed by the national team, either, earning regular caps for Spain since 2021. The motivation will be off the charts with Fran, as he missed last season's Final Four through injury, knowing he could've been the one to help Tenerife get their third crown. Playing for a team from the Canary Islands probably means more to him than the others, as he was born in Las Palmas. His connection with coach Txus Vidorreta is also strong, as Vidorreta was the one giving him first pro minutes with Estudiantes in 2012.



PATTY MILLS

DATE OF BIRTH	11/08/1988
POSITION	GUARD
HEIGHT	183CM / 6'0''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	20 POINTS
VS. GALATASARAY MCT TECHNIC APRIL 1, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	20 POINTS
VS. GALATASARAY MCT TECHNIC APRIL 1, 2026	

Portland Trail Blazers (USA; 2009-11), Idaho Stampede (USA; 2009-10), Melbourne Tigers (AUS; 2011), Xinjiang Flying Tigers (CHN; 2011-12), San Antonio Spurs (USA; 2012-21), Brooklyn Nets (USA; 2021-23), Atlanta Hawks (USA; 2023-24), Miami Heat (USA; 2024), Utah Jazz (USA; 2024-25), Los Angeles Clippers (USA; 2025), Tenerife (ESP; 2026-)

The biggest name in BCL history? Well, he's right up there, as the legendary Australian guard decided to try his luck with the black-and-yellow. Patty Mills has always said he enjoys FIBA environment while he was breaking records and winning Olympic and FIBA Oceania medals, so after his NBA career was over, he wanted to have the FIBA rules week in, week out. He needed no time in adjusting to Tenerife's system, since he specialized in off-ball movement and running through screens, and coach Txus Vidorreta is a master of those plays. His impact was immediate, not only in the BCL, where he took care of business against Galatasaray in the Quarter-Finals, but also in Liga Endesa, as he led Tenerife to a road win against Real Madrid with 18 points, their first triumph against Real in Madrid over the last 13 years. His arrival lifted Tenerife to another level, no doubt.


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FINAL FOUR



RYTAS VILNIUS

SG JERRICK HARDING

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History Makers

"The last time they were in a European competition Final Four, it was 14 years ago. It means a lot for these fans, especially those who have supported Rytas for 20 or 25 years. It means a lot to them, and I'm super happy for our family of fans — they really deserve that win. I hope to see that crowd, maybe even bigger, in Badalona," said Rytas Vilnius head coach Giedrius Zibenas in Prague after steering them to their maiden Basketball Champions League Final Four with a 2–0 series sweep over ERA Nymburk.

Since joining the Basketball Champions League in 2020, they have reached the Round of 16 on three occasions. In their debut season, they exited in the group phase, and in 2023–24, they were stopped in the Play-Ins. During that period, they enjoyed strong domestic success, winning the Lithuanian LKL twice — in 2021–22 and again in 2023–24 — with Žibėnas leading them on both occasions. However, the need to go back to their EuroCup triumph in 2009 to find their last continental title explains the pride in their coach's voice after the Quarter-Finals series vs Nymburk. They also lifted the ULEB Cup in 2005, but the excitement in Vilnius at reaching this Final Four is understandable.

Rytas traditionally build around homegrown talent, and this season is no exception. American guard Jerrick Harding leads them in scoring with 18.8 points per game, but Lithuanian national team star Ignas Sargiūnas logs the most minutes at 25.2. Notably, they had just four import players on the roster when they edged Nymburk 70–69 in Game 2 of the Quarter-Finals. Alongside Harding, the imports include German forward Kay Bruhnke, playmaker Speedy Smith, and the versatile, physical forward Jordan Caroline. We can expect to see Arturas Guadaitis, Gytis Masiulis, and Martynas Echodas patrolling the paint, while young point guard Augustas Marčiulionis

RYTAS VILNIUS

orchestrates the offense. On the wings, Simonas Lukosius provides a consistent perimeter threat, and Martynas Paliukėnas sets the tone defensively.

They topped Group A of the Regular Season with a 4–2 record. The campaign began with a 93–85 home win over Legia Warszawa, where Harding scored 20 points in just 20 minutes. Their first setback came in a 92–83 road loss to MLP Academics Heidelberg, but they responded emphatically with a 98–79 home win over Promitheas, led by Gudaitis' 19 points and seven rebounds. Back at home, they dominated Heidelberg 116–90, with Harding exploding for 30 points on 78.9 percent shooting. They secured their Round of 16 place with a dramatic 79–77 win in Warsaw, sealed by Masiulis' free throw with one second remaining. Although they lost their final group game 119–95 at Promitheas, top spot and direct qualification were already secured.

The Round of 16 ended with the Lithuanians again holding a 4-2 record and again claiming the top spot in the group, but the road to the Quarter-Finals was much rockier for Rytas. They opened with a commanding 106–81 win over Hapoel Holon, powered by a 20-point, seven-assist performance from Jordan Walker. However, Turkish giants Galatasaray handed them their first home loss of the season in their next game, 89–85, and following that, a 78–72 defeat at Le Mans left them at 1–2. Rytas bounced back with a 106–98 road win to complete the double over Holon, with Walker and Sargiūnas scoring 27 points each. Momentum continued with a crucial 101–81 victory at Le Mans, securing the head-to-head advantage, as Lukosius hit six three-pointers en route to 18 points.

The group came down to a dramatic final game, with three teams still in contention for a spot in the Quarter-Finals. They delivered under pressure, defeating Galatasaray 90–81 in Istanbul to secure both qualification for their first Quarter-Finals and home-court advantage. Masiulis led the way with 25 points, underlining his clutch gene in big games.

In the Quarter-Finals, they faced ERA Nymburk, another team that had advanced on the final day of the previous round. Rytas handled the matchup efficiently, winning 77–70 at home before sealing the series with that 1-point victory in Prague. Harding scored 36 points across the two games against his former club, steering Rytas to Badalona. Around 500 traveling fans in Czechia offered a preview of the support expected in Northern Spain, where we expect them to arrive in their thousands.

Rytas arrive in Badalona with one of the most potent offenses in the competition. They average 90.8 points per game, the highest in the league, and rank third in offensive efficiency with 118 points per 100 possessions. They also lead the league in free-throw attempts, averaging 28 per game, and dominate the glass with 41.4 rebounds per contest.

With players like Sargiūnas and Harding, they have proven shot-makers, but their identity goes beyond scoring. They embrace physicality, win hustle stats, and consistently compete for second-chance opportunities. Their depth in the paint, combined with perimeter firepower, makes them a balanced and dangerous opponent.

Their journey to the Final Four has tested them in high-pressure situations, and they have responded each time. This is not a team arriving as underdogs — they are a confident, battle-tested contender ready for the biggest stage.

STATISTICS

TEAM SHOOTING

2PTS 53.8%

3PTS 34.5%

FTS 75.9%

SCORING

TOTAL 90.8 PPG

BENCH 41.9 PPG

FASTBREAK 14.9 PPG

IN THE PAINT 33.3 PPG

REBOUNDS

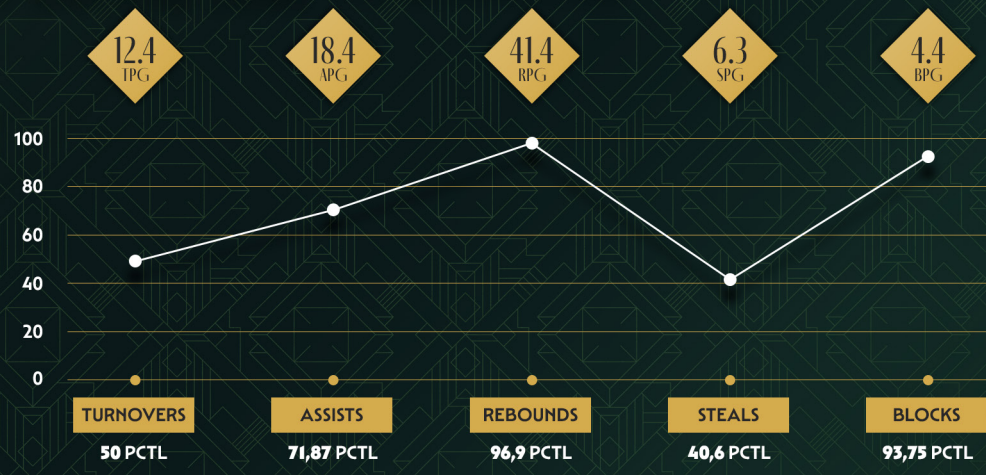
TOTAL REBOUNDS 36.7 RPG

27.9 DEFENSIVE

13.5 OFFENSIVE

KEY STATS PERCENTILE VS. ALL 32 REGULAR SEASON CLUBS

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HEAD COACH

GIEDRIUS ZIBENAS

06.04.1984
DATE OF BIRTH

35 - 25
BCL COACHING RECORD

#13
BCL RANK IN COACHING WINS

Coaching career: Vytis (LTU; 2012-14), Suduva (LTU; 2014-15), Czarni Slupsk (assistant; POL; 2015-16), Palayesh Naft Abadan BC (IRI; 2016), Copenhagen Wolfpack (DEN; 2017), Kalev/Cramo (assistant; EST; 2017-18), Stapac Jakarta (INA; 2018-19), Prawira Bandung (INA; 2019-20), Rytas Vilnius (assistant; LTU; 2020-21), Rytas Vilnius (LTU; 2021-), Lithuania (assistant; 2021-24)

Lithuania has always been known as a basketball country, but basketball takes you all over the world. Coach Giedrius Zibenas has been everywhere before getting the call from Rytas Vilnius, first as the assistant coach in 2020, and then taking over as the head coach a year later. He has seen his team win close games and lose close games, he has seen them as champions and heartbroken, too, and he always treated them with so much respect, you get a sense players really enjoy playing for him. His coaching philosophy was always to play basketball through each exercise and develop instincts through practice to copy-paste those situations to real games. He's a two-time Lithuanian champion over the last four years, and was named the Coach of the Year in Lithuania in 2022, but the biggest accolade is probably having the same recognizable playing style even with all the personnel changes since he arrived in Vilnius six years ago. Rytas regularly climbed above 90 points in Season X, especially in their home arena, and he wants his men to keep running, keep shooting and play with pace. Zibenas will find himself in a peculiar position at the Final Four, more specifically in the Semi-Finals. With La Laguna Tenerife on the other side, he will have to come up with a plan how to stop a man who is older than him. No, not Txus Vidorreta. It's Marcelinho Huertas, born in 1983, taking on a team orchestrated by a coach born in 1984.

Duo TO WATCH



VILNIUS RYTAS

SPEEDY SMITH **To** SIMONAS LUKOSIUS

7 *into* **21**

ASSISTS POINTS



PPG

JERRICK HARDING

18.8

PPG



EFF

JERRICK HARDING

14.9

EFF

STATISTICAL *Leaders*



REB

ARTURAS GUDAITIS

6.5

RPG



AST

SPEEDY SMITH

5.6

APG

FINAL FOUR
BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
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JERRICK HARDING

DATE OF BIRTH	13/04/1998
POSITION	POINT GUARD
HEIGHT	185CM / 6'0''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	30 POINTS
VS. MLP ACADEMICS HEIDELBERG 05/11/2025	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	30 POINTS
TWICE	

ERA Nymburk (CZE; 2020-22), BAXI Manresa (ESP; 2022-23), MoraBanc Andorra (ESP; 2023-25), Rytas Vilnius (LTU; 2025-)

The top scorer of everything is back at a BCL season-ending tournament. In 2020 and 2021, Jerrick Harding reached the Final 8 with ERA Nymburk, then stayed for another season with the Czech champs and put up his career-best mark of 20.8 points per game in the BCL. He continued with the same habit of scoring 20+ at will when he moved to BAXI Manresa, and while at Andorra, he led the Spanish Liga Endesa in scoring with 20.0 ppg. A big move to Rytas Vilnius was on hands, and the offensive impact was immediate, putting up 30 points in just 22 minutes against Heidelberg. He suffered a horrific injury while attempting a dunk early in the season, but he was soon back to his best, counting to 20+ five times in Season X. No surprises there, considering this is the guy who outscored Jeremy Senglin and Damian Lillard at Weber state.



AUGUSTAS MARCIULIONIS

DATE OF BIRTH	21/03/2002
POSITION	POINT GUARD
HEIGHT	193CM / 6'3''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	10 POINTS
@ GALATASARAY MCT TECHNIC MARCH 18, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	15 POINTS
VS. VEF RIGA, DECEMBER 8, 2020	

Vilniaus Perlas (LTU; 2018-20), Rytas Vilnius (LTU; 2020-21, 2026-), South Bay Lakers (USA; 2025-26)

When your father is one of the all-time greats of Lithuanian basketball, it's easy to fall in love with the sport. Sarunas had won it all with the Soviet Union and Lithuania, and was among the European pioneers in the NBA, spending five seasons with the Golden State Warriors, and one each with the Seattle SuperSonics, Sacramento Kings and Denver Nuggets. That career ended in 1997, so Augustas only learned about his father as a player by watching videotapes. He saw his first BCL minutes in 2020, as an 18-year-old, but then moved to the United States and attended Saint Mary's for four years. It turned him from a prospect to a point guard in his prime, ready to take on the biggest of all Saint Mary's legends: Patty Mills. Marciulionis talked at length about facing Mills and Marcelinho Huertas in the Semi-Finals, so expect him to be 100 percent against La Laguna Tenerife.



ARTURAS GUDAITIS

DATE OF BIRTH	19/06/1993
POSITION	CENTER
HEIGHT	211CM / 6'11''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	19 POINTS
VS. PROMITHEAS PATRAS OCTOBER 22, 2025	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	19 POINTS
VS. PROMITHEAS PATRAS OCTOBER 22, 2025	

Gargzdai-Bremena (LTU; 2011-12), Neptunas (LTU; 2012), Zalgiris (LTU; 2012-15), Rytas Vilnius (LTU; 2015-17, 2024-), Olimpia Milano (ITA; 2017-20), Zenit St Petersburg (RUS; 2020-22), Napoli (ITA; 2022), Panathinaikos (GRE; 2022-23), Alvark Tokyo (JPN; 2023-25)

What a journey this has been! Arturas Gudaitis has been all over the world, but missed out on a certain thing, the crowning moment, becoming a Sacramento King due to an ACL injury just two weeks after agreeing to the deal in 2019. It took a long time to find peace and happiness on the basketball court after that, and it turned out all he needed to do was come back to Lithuania. He says that he rediscovered his true love at Rytas, and the fans and the club see it all the time. That's why there was a no-brainer decision, when Gytis Radzevicius left the club mid-season, Arturas Gudaitis was named the team captain in Vilnius. Nothing has changed in his mindset since that moment, he's still the same vocal leader as before, leading the team in rebounds and blocks, while scoring 10.4 points in Season X.



KAY BRUHNKE

DATE OF BIRTH	15/07/2001
POSITION	FORWARD
HEIGHT	203CM / 6'7''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	14 POINTS
VS. MLP ACADEMICS HEIDELBERG NOVEMBER 5, 2025	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	14 POINTS
VS. MLP ACADEMICS HEIDELBERG NOVEMBER 5, 2025	

Baunach (GER; 2016-19), medi Bayreuth (GER; 2020-23), Mazeikiai (LTU; 2023-25), Turk Telekom (TUR; 2025); Rytas Vilnius (LTU; 2025-)

There are some players who take your breath away when you see them live. Kay Bruhnke is one of those, capable of flying sky high and putting everybody on posters, headlining Rytas' Top 10 plays of the season. If that name Baunach rings a bell in the Club career section, it's because it was in collaboration with Brose Bamberg, where Bruhnke made his first basketball steps. It was a unique move for a German youngster to sign with Mazeikiai at 22 years of age, and his employers then said they believe he can turn into a real threat if he develops a reliable outside shot. They were right. In his second season there, he knocked down 45 percent of threes and averaged 18.8 points per game, earning a trip to Turk Telekom, then Rytas Vilnius. He's the biggest difference maker on the team, they are +95 with him on the floor in Season X.



MARTYNAS ECHODAS

DATE OF BIRTH	07/07/1997
POSITION	CENTER
HEIGHT	206CM / 6'9''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	6 POINTS
@ KARDITSA IAPONIKI, MARCH 11, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	23 POINTS
@ SIG STRASBOURG, NOVEMBER 10, 2020	

Zalgiris (LTU; 2013-16), Siauliai (LTU; 2016-17), Rytas Vilnius (LTU; 2017-21, 2022-24, 2026-), Reyer Venezia (ITA; 2021-22), Manisa Basket (TUR; 2024-25), ALBA BERLIN (GER; 2025-26)

The way Martynas Echodas started the last season with Manisa Basket in the BCL, it felt like they could go deep and he could end up in the MVP conversation, averaging 15.4 points and 8.2 rebounds per contest. However, the season went south for both the club and the player, injuries limiting him to just five BCL appearances and nine Turkish League contests. He tried returning to his best form with ALBA BERLIN, but struggled to get to double digit minutes, so he returned to the place where he played his best basketball. This is his now his seventh season with Rytas, making him a club legend, a Top 5 Rytas scorer in Lithuanian League history. The only players above him? Andrius Slezas, Ramunas Siskauskas, Arvydas Macijauskas and Mindaugas Lukauskis. He's still only 28, he's got plenty of time to catch them all if he stays in Vilnius in coming years.



IGNAS URBONAS

DATE OF BIRTH	22/11/2007
POSITION	FORWARD
HEIGHT	198CM / 6'5''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	-
	-
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	-
	-

Rytas Vilnius (LTU; 2023-)

There is plenty of excitement around the future of Rytas Vilnius, as a kid born in November 2007 is seeing more and more minutes with each passing week. Ignas Urbonas is yet to score his first points in the BCL, but he's already got an unmatched CV when it comes to international events. He helped Rytas Vilnius with the Youth Basketball Champions League twice in a row, being named the MVP of the competition both times, with surreal averages of 19.0 points, 6.6 rebounds and 2.6 assists in 2024 and 20.0 points, 6.3 rebounds and 4.5 assists in 2025. Urbonas played the FIBA U18 EuroBasket last summer, and you can guess his numbers there – a bit of this, a bit of that, 11.0 points, 4.6 rebounds, 3.3 assists and an efficiency rating of 16.3 per contest. Strong, athletic, smart, with the right attitude to deserve public praise from Speedy Smith. Sky is the limit.



GYTIS MASIULIS

DATE OF BIRTH	10/04/1998
POSITION	POWER FORWARD
HEIGHT	206CM / 6'9''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	25 POINTS
@ GALATASARAY MCT TECHNIC MARCH 18, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	25 POINTS
@ GALATASARAY MCT TECHNIC MARCH 18, 2026	

Zalgiris (LTU; 2014-18), Neptunas (LTU; 2018-20), Lietkabelis (LTU; 2020-21), Bilbao Basket (ESP; 2021-22), Rytas Vilnius (LTU; 2022-)

Rytas struggled to reach the Quarter-Finals in the BCL in previous seasons, and knew that they needed something special to finally reach that point. That "something special" was Gytis Masiulis going crazy on the road at Galatasaray MCT Technic. Rytas Vilnius arrived in Istanbul with only 11 players, and even though he dressed up, Jerrick Harding watched the whole game from the bench. With their season on the line and a hungry Galatasaray team on the other side, coach Giedrius Zibenas dialed Gytis' number and found a win. A monster performance with 25 points earned Rytas the top spot in the group and the home court advantage in the Quarter-Finals, paving the way towards their first ever Final Four. Masiulis is among the rare Rytas players with experience from Badalona, as he spent a year with Bilbao and scored 6 points in a road defeat to Joventut in 2021.



JORDAN CAROLINE

DATE OF BIRTH	15/01/1996
POSITION	SMALL FORWARD
HEIGHT	201CM / 6'7''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	13 POINTS
VS. HAPOEL HOLON, JANUARY 20, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	13 POINTS
VS. HAPOEL HOLON, JANUARY 20, 2026	

South Bay Lakers (USA; 2019-20), Hapoel Eilat (ISR; 2020), Trento (ITA; 2021-22), Melbourne United (AUS; 2022), BAXI Manresa (ESP; 2022), Fuenlabrada (ESP; 2023), Kobe Storks (JPN; 2023-24), Treviso (ITA; 2024-25), Saint-Quentin Basket-Ball (FRA; 2025), Rytas Vilnius (LTU; 2026-)

Both his grandfather and father were football players, his mom was a track athlete, but Jordan took a different route, using those sports genes to pursue a basketball career. His earliest experience was sharing the court with teammates Ben Simmons and D'Angelo Russell at Monteverde Academy, winning back-to-back national titles in 2013 and 2014. Nowadays, he's all grown up. Caroline was a late addition to the squad, joining Rytas on the second day of 2026, and seeing minutes in seven BCL games since. His strength and energy can change the game for Vilnius, but those 13 points in his first game with the club remain the only time he reached double figures in Season X of the BCL. For somebody who has played professionally in eight countries, you wouldn't believe what his favorite off-the-court activity is: traveling and exploring other countries, ranging from Croatia to Brazil. Maybe he's just a soccer fan...



DATE OF BIRTH	13/08/2002
POSITION	GUARD
HEIGHT	198CM / 6'5''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	22 POINTS
@ GALATASARAY MCT TECHNIC MARCH 18, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	22 POINTS
@ GALATASARAY MCT TECHNIC MARCH 18, 2026	

SIMONAS LUKOSIUS

Telekom Baskets Bonn (GER; 2020-21), Rytas Vilnius (LTU; 2025-)

Let's clear the air if the club career list left you wondering what happened between 2021 and 2025. Simonas Lukosius went to the United States, splitting a four-year college career in two between the Butler Bulldogs and the Cincinnati Bearcats, averaging double figures in his last three campaigns, while shooting 35 percent or better from three. He's the other German on the team, his mother being from Germany, and his father Mindauguas spending a part of his coaching career there, but he grew up in Lithuania, playing alongside current teammate Augustas Marciulionis in a basketball academy in Vilnius. However, at 16, he moved back to Germany, and he is now eligible to represent both of his homelands if called up. That call up could happen, everybody can use a 49 percent three-point shooter on their team. Those are his BCL Season X numbers, on four attempts per game, too.



DATE OF BIRTH	11/09/1999
POSITION	GUARD
HEIGHT	194CM / 6'4'
BCL SEASON-HIGH	27 POINTS
@ HAPOEL HOLON, FEBRUARY 10, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	27 POINTS
@ HAPOEL HOLON, FEBRUARY 10, 2026	

IGNAS SARGIUNAS

Zalgiris (LTU; 2016-18), Prienai (LTU; 2020-21), medi Bayreuth (GER; 2022-23), Neptunas (LTU; 2023-24), Rytas Vilnius (LTU; 2024-)

There are late bloomers, and then there's whatever you want to call Ignas Sargiunas. We're not talking about somebody living up to his potential, we're talking about somebody turning into prime Reggie Miller overnight, scoring 9 points in 9 seconds for his Lithuania in one of the viral-est moments of international basketball in 2025. As if that wasn't enough, number 43 then counted to 43 points in the Lithuanian League a few months later, and had another clutch performance in the Quarter-Finals, nailing the free throws that sent Rytas to the Final Four. He grew up idolizing Derrick Rose, but his clutchness put him in the same sentence as Miller and Tracy McGrady, which is more than fine by Ignas, since he's a huge NBA fan and knows those McGrady threes vs. San Antonio Spurs by heart. If it's a close game in Badalona at the Final Four, you know who to call.



DATE OF BIRTH	28/01/1993
POSITION	GUARD
HEIGHT	190CM / 6'2''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	18 POINTS
VS. GALATASARAY MCT TECHNIC JANUARY 27, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	26 POINTS
VS. HAPOEL HOLON, MARCH 7, 2023	

SPEEDY SMITH

VEF Riga (LAT; 2015-16), LA D-Fenders (USA; 2015-17), Grand Rapids Drive (USA; 2017-19), Szolnoki Olajbanyasz (HUN; 2019-20), Spirou Basket (BEL; 2020), Maccabi Haifa (ISR; 2020), Antwerp Giants (BEL; 2020), Limoges CSP (FRA; 2020-21), Rytas Vilnius (LTU; 2021-22, 2026-), Hapoel Jerusalem (ISR; 2022-25), Turk Telekom (TUR; 2025), Merkezefendi (TUR; 2025)

While Jerrick Harding had experienced a pair of BCL Final 8s, those were in Covid times, and in different circumstances. However, Speedy Smith can tell his teammates all about a Final Four in Spain, as he reached the championship game with Hapoel Jerusalem in Malaga in 2023, falling short to TJ Shorts II and Telekom Baskets Bonn. Smith stayed with Jerusalem for two more seasons, tried his luck in Türkiye, but had no second thoughts when Rytas phoned him earlier this year, luring him back to the place where he spent the 2021-22 season. Things didn't work out with Jelly Walker, they needed a different profile, and Speedy got the call. A tough defender, a vocal leader, and a pass-first point guard who doesn't even have to score in double digits to be the best player on the floor. At 5.6 assists per game, he's easily the best passer on the team.



DATE OF BIRTH	14/09/1993
POSITION	GUARD
HEIGHT	178CM / 5'9''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	5 POINTS
TWICE	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	7 POINTS
VS. UNICAJA, MARCH 25, 2025	

MARTYNAS PALIUKENAS

Akademija Vilnius (LTU; 2010-11), Saruno Marciulionio Akademija (LTU; 2011-12), Statyba (LTU; 2012-13), Wolves Vilnius (LTU; 2013-16), Starograd Gdanski (POL; 2015-17, 2019-20), King Szczecin (POL; 2017-19), Trefl Sopot (POL; 2019-21), Juventus (LTU; 2021), CSM-CSU Oradea (ROU; 2021-22), Juventus (LTU; 2022-23), Mazeikiai (LTU; 2023-24), Rytas Vilnius (LTU; 2024-)

Limited minutes, limited appearances, immediate impact. Just the fact that he appeared in only seven games this season keeps Martynas Paliukenas out of the Defensive Player of the Season consideration. But there would be no doubt about the winner if he managed to get to double digits in games played, as he destroys your offensive plans with constant pressure and reading of the game on another level. The +/- proves it, he only plays 17 minutes per night, and Rytas are +7.7 per game with him on the floor, while those numbers in the season-high and career-high sections are no typos. He never scored in double figures in the BCL, but he always changed the game when coach Giedrius Zibenas needed him to do it. Paliukenas spent most of his career in Poland, only returning to his hometown Vilnius in 2024. Keep an eye on him, he's got all the tricks.


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This competition moves at such a pace that it's easy to forget that just last May, they went back-to-back and secured their legacy as the most dominant team in Basketball Champions League history. Including the Copa del Rey and the FIBA Intercontinental Cup, they have won seven trophies in the last three seasons. It all began with the 2023 Copa del Rey title, followed by their first BCL crown in 2024. Last season, they completed an unprecedented quadruple, lifting the Copa del Rey, Supercopa, FIBA Intercontinental Cup, and a second consecutive BCL title.

They weren't done there. After significant roster changes and an adjustment period, they have already claimed another FIBA Intercontinental Cup this season and lost just two games en route to their fourth BCL Final Four in five seasons.

The roster has a slightly different look this year. Kendrick Perry and Alberto Díaz continue to lead from the point guard position, now joined by the experienced Justin Cobbs. In the backcourt, Chase Audige adds depth alongside Tyler Kalinoski and Nihad Dedovic. On the wings, Chris Duarte and James Webb III bring a fresh dynamic to an established group featuring Jonathan Barreiro, Emir Sulejmanović, and Killian Tillie. In the frontcourt, Augustine Rubit adds versatility to a strong unit that includes Aleksander Balcerowski, Tyson Pérez, and David Kravish, who has recently returned from a long-term injury.

The Regular Season saw them dominate from start to finish. They topped Group G with a perfect 6–0 record, winning by an average margin of 23 points. Mersin Sports Club were the first visitors to Málaga and left with a heavy 97–66 defeat, with Xavier Castañeda leading the way with 17 points in just 15 minutes. That was followed by a 72–55 road win in Greece against Karditsa Iaponiki, where all 12 players scored despite none playing more than 21 minutes. Kalinoski's 12 points made him the only Unicaja player to reach double-digits.

UNICAJA

Back at home in their next game, they dismantled BCL regulars Filou Oostende 102–80, with Duarte contributing 17 points and four assists. As a team, they shot an outstanding 81.4 percent from inside the arc and recorded 25 assists. They then completed the sweep over Mersin with a 100–77 road win, powered by 18 points and five rebounds from Balcerowski. Oostende provided their toughest test in Belgium, but they still secured an 89–73 win. The Regular Season concluded with a 115–84 victory over Karditsa, as Barreiro delivered his best performance of the campaign with 15 points on 80 percent shooting from 3-point range.

If the Regular Season was a walk in the park, the Round of 16 was more like a mountain hike carrying a weighted bag. They were drawn alongside ACB rivals Joventut Badalona, a potential Cinderella story in Elan Chalon, and Fit/OneWurzburg Baskets. They finished with a 4–2 record but needed a win on the final gameday against Badalona to secure home-court advantage in the Quarter-Finals.

Unicaja opened the R16 with a 90–85 home win over Wurzburg, with Dedovic scoring 21 points, but then suffered their first loss of the season in Badalona, falling 71–66 after late heroics from Cameron Hunt. They responded emphatically with a 111–82 win over Chalon, with Perry leading the way with 17 points. However, after that, Unicaja went on the road to Wurzburg, and what appeared to be a blip against Badalona started to look like it could be a full-on bump in the road, as they dropped their second game of the season 80-71. The injury-absence of David Kravish seemed as though it was really starting to bite.

They regained momentum with an 80–70 road win in France against Chalon, where Dedovic's 18 points proved decisive and secured their place in the Quarter-Finals. That left a final showdown with Badalona, where they needed to overturn a five-point deficit to claim top spot and home advantage in the QFs. They delivered one of their most complete performances of the season, committing just eight turnovers while combining discipline and control with 17 points from Kalinoski to secure an 86–74 win and top the group.

Their reward was a Quarter-Final clash with German powerhouse ALBA Berlin. They completed a 2–0 series sweep to reach the Final Four, though the road game in Berlin was anything but straightforward. They edged an 88–85 victory, with young German talent Jack Kayil hitting a series of clutch shots late in the fourth quarter to keep ALBA alive. Ultimately, however, they held firm and continued their pursuit of a third BCL title.

Ever since Ibon Navarro arrived in Malaga, Unicaja basketball has been all about individual sacrifice for collective gains. Players give that extra intensity in their reduced minutes and understand that if they are prepared to trade their own numbers for team glory, they get to be part of a team that can play the most relentlessly efficient basketball you could ever hope to see. The bigs run the floor, and the rest of the roster follows suit. And the tempo never drops, even in the halfcourt.

The numbers underline their dominance. They boast the best Net Rating in the league at +18.6 points per 100 possessions, comfortably ahead of AEK as the next closest team on +12.3. This is driven largely by an offensive rating of 119 points per 100 possessions. While the roster may have evolved, their identity has not.

They remain a team built for the biggest moments. They can overwhelm opponents in short bursts, and it would take a bold call to see them as anything other than strong favorites to lift a third BCL title.

STATISTICS

TEAM SHOOTING

2PTS 57.6%

3PTS 35.2%

FTS 76.3%

SCORING

TOTAL 88.5 PPG

BENCH 45.1 PPG

FASTBREAK 15.2 PPG

IN THE PAINT 33.0 PPG

REBOUNDS

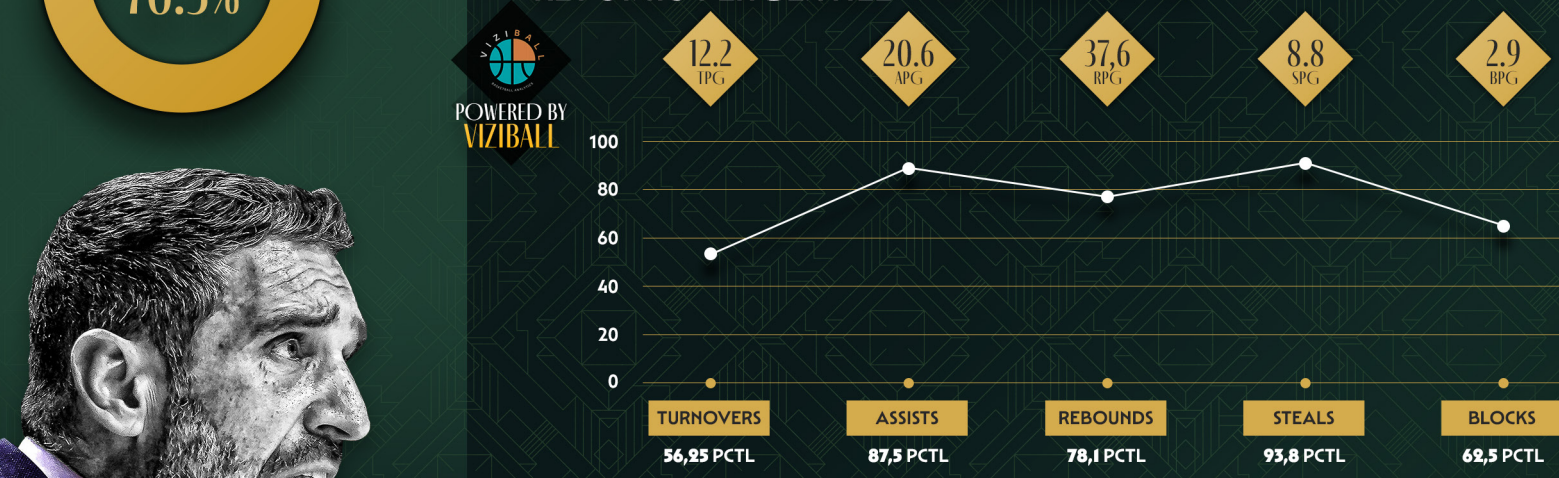
TOTAL REBOUNDS 37.7 RPG

25.0 DEFENSIVE

12.7 OFFENSIVE

KEY STATS PERCENTILE VS. ALL 32 REGULAR SEASON CLUBS

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HEAD COACH

IBON NAVARRO

30.04.1976
DATE OF BIRTH

65-21
BCL COACHING RECORD

#2
BCL RANK IN COACHING WINS

Coaching career: Baskonia (assistant, ESP; 2000-05, 2007-10, 2013-14), Alava (ESP; 2005-06), Tenerife (assistant, ESP; 2006-07), Menorca (ESP; 2010-11), Valencia (ESP; 2011-12), Puerto Rico (assistant, national team; 2014), Baskonia (ESP; 2014-15), Manresa (ESP; 2015-17), UCAM Murcia (ESP; 2017-18), Andorra (ESP; 2018-22), Unicaja (ESP; 2022-)

There are certain parameters which you must take into account when measuring a coach's success. For example, is he able to see through an ambitious long-term plan with a single club? Or, is he able to navigate through roster changes while keeping his team competitive? Yep, Ibon Navarro can do both, as the creator of the back-to-back winning lineups in the BCL, but even after star players such as Dylan Osetkowski, Kameron Taylor and Tyson Carter left the club, Navarro figured out a way to incorporate the new personnel and stay in the hunt for a historic three-peat. Similar to his Semi-Finals opponent Dragan Sakota, Ibon joined the coaching side of the business in his early 20s, meaning he's been a coach for more than half of his life. An illustrious career has seen him pick up two BCL crowns, two FIBA Intercontinental Cups, two Spanish Cups and one Spanish Supercup, all with Unicaja, all from 2023 to today, prompting the fans to sing about Ibon having a plan. For sure, he has one for Badalona, too. After all, this arena is where the trophy collecting started for Navarro and Unicaja, as they outlasted Txus Vidorreta, Marcelinho Huertas and the rest of La Laguna Tenerife in the Copa del Rey Final in Badalona in 2023. Full circle moment for Navarro in 2026? Could be!

Duo TO WATCH



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ALBERTO DIAZ **TO** JAMES WEBB III

10 *into* **25**

ASSISTS POINTS



PPG

KENDRICK PERRY

10.6

PPG



EFF

KENDRICK PERRY

11.8

EFF

STATISTICAL *Leaders*



REB

JAMES WEBB III

5.2

RPG



AST

KENDRICK PERRY

4.4

APG

FINAL FOUR
BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
BADALONA 2026



KENDRICK PERRY

DATE OF BIRTH	23/12/1992
POSITION	POINT GUARD
HEIGHT	183CM / 6'0''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	22 POINTS
	VS. FILOU OOSTENDE OCTOBER 29, 2025
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	34 POINTS
	VS. REYER VENEZIA, MARCH 5, 2019

Sydney Kings (AUS; 2014-15), Iowa Energy (USA; 2015), Kormend (HUN; 2015-16), Karpos Sokoli (MKD; 2016-17), Szolnoki Olaj (HUN; 2017-18), Nizhny Novgorod (RUS; 2018-19), Metropolitans 92 (FRA; 2019), Mega (SRB; 2019-20), Cedevita Olimpija (SLO; 2020-21), Panathinaikos (GRE; 2021-22), Buducnost (MNE; 2022), Unicaja (ESP; 2022-)

It's been 12 years since Kendrick Perry became a pro, and somehow, he looks more energized than ever in Season X. The dunks, the steals, the defensive pressure, and most importantly, the leadership – it's all there, blended to create a perfect point guard for coach Ibon Navarro's system. Perry had trouble finding a home and a long term stay in one place early in his basketball journeys, until finally arriving in Malaga in 2022 and staying there ever since. They love him there, they made him one of the most important faces of Malaga during their annual celebrations in the city, and he keeps returning the love with elite performances and his feel-good persona off the court. This season feels sweeter for one more reason for KP: Unicaja brought in Justin Cobbs, one of his closest friends. Imagine if they picked up a trophy of this magnitude while playing as teammates...



CHASE AUDIGE

DATE OF BIRTH	29/06/1999
POSITION	SHOOTING GUARD
HEIGHT	193CM / 6'3''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	11 POINTS
	VS. KARDITSA IAPONIKI DECEMBER 17, 2025
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	21 POINTS
	@ NANTERRE 92, JANUARY 7, 2025

Capital City Go-Go (USA; 2023-24), Windy City Bulls (USA; 2023-24), Filou Oostende (BEL; 2024-25), Bosna Royal (BIH; 2025), Unicaja (ESP; 2025-)

Sometimes, playing against a powerhouse like Unicaja feels like an audition. Chase Audige impressed them as an opponent, so they decided to bring him over as a teammate. It's a natural move for Unicaja, as he has all the tools to take it to the next level, after impressing in his rookie year in Oostende. Audige's energy, athleticism and wingspan make him both a 1v1 threat offensively, and a nightmare matchup defensively, as evident by his team-high 1.8 steals per game, recorded in just 17.3 minutes a night. Playing limited minutes and fitting in with the system were the goals for this season, but make no mistake about it – if Unicaja go all the way in Badalona, Audige could be that guy, replicating tournament-winning mentality that we had seen from Kameron Taylor or Tyson Carter in previous seasons. Being compared to those two? That's a lot of pressure, but Chase can handle it.



ALEKSANDER BALCEROWSKI

DATE OF BIRTH	19/11/2000
POSITION	CENTER
HEIGHT	217CM / 7'1''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	18 POINTS
	@ MERSIN SPORTS CLUB NOVEMBER 12, 2025
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	18 POINTS
	@ MERSIN SPORTS CLUB NOVEMBER 12, 2025

Gran Canaria (ESP; 2017-23), Mega (SRB; 2021-22), Panathinaikos (GRE; 2023-24), Unicaja (ESP; 2024-)

The Polish kid is all grown up now, about to turn 26 in November. The basketball world first took notice of him when coach Mike Taylor included him on the Polish national team roster en route to the Quarter-Finals of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019, and after a few years of soul searching, the man they call Olek is settling for a long term stay in Malaga. He only plays 15.8 minutes, but his impact is felt day in, day out, leading the team in the +/- department and +10.3 per game, the only one in double digits there. His fearlessness in the paint sees him trying to dunk everything he catches around the rim, aggressiveness leading to another team-high in four free throw attempts per game. If he keeps knocking them down at 87 percent, that +/- lead will keep growing, so stay aggressive, Olek. Be the gamechanger.



JAMES WEBB III

DATE OF BIRTH	19/08/1993
POSITION	FORWARD
HEIGHT	206CM / 6'9''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	13 POINTS
	TWICE
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	17 POINTS
	VS. HAPOEL HOLON, JANUARY 29, 2019

Delaware Blue Coats (USA; 2016-18), Long Island Nets (USA; 2017-18), Brooklyn Nets (USA; 2017-18), Telekom Baskets Bonn (GER; 2018-19), Iowa Wolves (USA; 2019-20), Ermis Agias (GRE; 2020-21), UCAM Murcia (ESP; 2021-22), Valencia Basket (ESP; 2022-23), Maccabi Tel Aviv (ISR; 2023-24), Karsiyaka (TUR; 2024-25), Liaoning Leopards (CHN; 2025), Unicaja (ESP; 2025-)

Some signings are obvious even if you don't have a telescope. James Webb III – the player, not the telescope – made a name for himself through Germany, Spain, Israel or Türkiye, taking the role-player habits to an elite level. Need him to play defense and rebound? Done. Run the fast break and finish above the rim? Of course. Catch-and-shoot from the corners? That's what he does. Webb is such a valuable asset to coach Ibon Navarro that it's no surprise he leads the team in minutes per game – the only one averaging 20 of them. He's also the best rebounder on the squad at 5.2 boards per game, and when his shots are falling, he turns into a 2k videogame player, capable of knocking down multiple contested triples in a row. Off the court, he claims his talent is knowing more about his teammates than anybody else. Even that sounds like team-first mentality.



TYLER KALINOSKI

DATE OF BIRTH	19/12/1992
POSITION	GUARD
HEIGHT	193CM / 6'3'
BCL SEASON-HIGH	17 POINTS
VS. ASISA JOVENTUT, MARCH 17, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	23 POINTS
@ PROMITHEAS PATRAS, APRIL 9, 2024	

Elan Chalon (FRA; 2015-16), Apollon Patras (GRE; 2016-17), Antwerp Giants (BEL; 2017-19), Bandirma (TUR; 2019-20), Brescia (ITA; 2020-21), Rio Breogan (ESP; 2021-22), Unicaja (ESP; 2022-)

For the longest time, coach Ibon Navarro praised Tyler Kalinoski's contribution to this team, and at the FIBA Intercontinental Cup in Singapore, Tyler finally joined the long list of Unicaja's MVPs. He's the one who will drain the defensive schemes of the opponents with his endless running around screens and backdoor cuts, and coach loves drawing up ATOs (the plays after timeouts and huddles) for Kalinoski, knowing that just one or two of his threes can send the opponents' game plan straight to the recycling bin. Consistency has been his strongest point since college days at Davidson – yes, Steph Curry's college, no coincidence there – and after shooting 41 percent from deep last season, he's up to 42 percent in Season X. The only time he shot better than this season was with Telenet Giants Antwerp, knocking down 46 percent of his three-pointers in Season III of the BCL.



JONATHAN BARREIRO

DATE OF BIRTH	16/01/1997
POSITION	SMALL FORWARD
HEIGHT	203CM / 6'7''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	15 POINTS
VS. KARDITSA IAPONIKI DECEMBER 17, 2025	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	26 POINTS
@ DINAMO SASSARI, MARCH 2, 2021	

Real Madrid (ESP; 2014-15), Ourense (ESP; 2015-16), Zaragoza (ESP; 2016-21), Unicaja (ESP; 2021-)

Every team needs a Jonathan Barreiro. Strong as a mountain, capable of guarding smaller players, never demanding the ball and plays for himself, and yet, somehow always on the right side of the +/- category. At +9.3 per game, only Olek Balcerowski (+10.3) is better than him this season. Back in his Zaragoza days, he held the record for most threes without a miss in a single BCL game, going 6-of-6 against Dinamo Sassari in 2021, a record later broken by Sek Henry who went 7-of-7 at the Final 8 that same year. Barreiro joined Unicaja in 2021, one of the few remaining players from the pre-Ibon Navarro era, and that longevity made him the first Spaniard to reach 100 BCL games. He enters this Final Four at exactly 100 games played, and he's still as lethal as in game one and season one, knocking down 41 percent of his threes in Season X.



ALBERTO DIAZ

DATE OF BIRTH	23/04/1994
POSITION	POINT GUARD
HEIGHT	190CM / 6'2''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	9 POINTS
@ MERSIN SPORTS CLUB NOVEMBER 12, 2025	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	10 POINTS
TWICE	

Clinicas Rincon (ESP; 2011-14), Surne Bilbao (ESP; 2014), Fuenlabrada (ESP; 2014-15), Unicaja (ESP; 2015-)

One day, when all is said and done, this man deserves a statue, a tribune or at least his jersey retired by Unicaja, as he collected a record number of accolades with the club, including lifting the last two BCL trophies as the team captain. A defensive mastermind, Diaz is the only two-time winner of the Defensive Player of the Season award, but don't take his offensive skills for granted just because he's annoying you on the defensive end. He's not a scorer, but getting 4.3 assists in 17.7 minutes per game speaks volumes on his ability to keep the offense going, getting teammates involved and, of course, knocking down full court shots. In general, the fact that he's shooting 42 percent from the field and from three-point range is incredible, considering the amount of shots he takes in the last seconds of possessions, quarters, halves or games.



JUSTIN COBBS

DATE OF BIRTH	16/03/1991
POSITION	POINT GUARD
HEIGHT	190CM / 6'2''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	19 POINTS
@ FILOU OOSTENDE, OCTOBER 15, 2025	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	19 POINTS
@ FILOU OOSTENDE, OCTOBER 15, 2025	

VEF Riga (LAT; 2014), Fraport Skyliners (GER; 2014-15), Istanbul BBSK (TUR; 2015), Bayern Munich (GER; 2015-16), Gravelines-Dunkerque (FRA; 2016-17), Le Mans Sarthe Basket (FRA; 2017-18), Cedevita Zagreb (CRO; 2018-19), Buducnost (MNE; 2019-22), Alvark Tokyo (JPN; 2022-23), Cedevita Olimpija (SLO; 2023-24), Mersin Sports Club (TUR; 2024-26), Unicaja (ESP; 2026-)

He has been all over the world, so it came as a surprise that Season X was actually Justin Cobbs' first BCL campaign. Go check his club career and compare it to Kendrick Perry's – you'll see plenty of similar names there, and their bond is more of a brotherhood than a teammate partnership. Cobbs has seen it all on the basketball floor, he can be the first or the second option, just like in Mersin to start the season, but he can also be a veteran role player, a glue guy whose 10-ish points sometimes feel like 20 because they come in bursts. Master of the pick-and-roll and pullups from the midrange, Cobbs' IQ makes you believe he could take that same role of Mike Green in 2018, Mario Chalmers in 2019, or Omar Cook in 2020 and 2021. The role of a floor general, and a Final Four champion, of course.



NIHAD DEDOVIC

DATE OF BIRTH	12/01/1990
POSITION	SHOOTING GUARD
HEIGHT	198CM / 6'5''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	21 POINTS
VS. FITNESS FIRST WURZBURG BASKETS JANUARY 21, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	21 POINTS
VS. FITNESS FIRST WURZBURG BASKETS JANUARY 21, 2026	

Bosna (BIH; 2005-07), Cornella (ESP; 2007-09), Obradoiro (ESP; 2009-10), Virtus Roma (ITA; 2010-12), Galatasaray Nef (TUR; 2012), Alba Berlin (GER; 2012-13), Bayern Munich (GER; 2013-22), Unicaja (ESP; 2022-)

Some players never age. At 36, Nihad Dedovic is playing his best BCL season, and is the second-best scorer on the team, getting 9.6 points in just 17.3 minutes per game, trailing only Kendrick Perry's 10.6 mark. His veteran leadership is obvious in each step he takes, it's like time stops when he has the ball in his hands and you'll rarely see him committing an unforced error, averaging just 0.3 turnovers in Season X. The physical comparison with Zlatan Ibrahimovic will always be there, he doesn't mind it and is always ready to crack a joke of his own about it, including the legendary Instagram bio stating #notZlatan. He struggled with a leg injury during last season's Final Four, but if healthy, you can count on him in the biggest of games. Remember, he's still the same guy who had 14 points in 18 minutes in the 2024 Final.



EMIR SULEJMANOVIC

DATE OF BIRTH	13/07/1995
POSITION	POWER FORWARD
HEIGHT	204CM / 6'8''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	15 POINTS
@ ALBA BERLIN, APRIL 8, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	16 POINTS
TWICE	

Olimpija (SLO; 2011-13), Barcelona (ESP; 2013-16), Cibona (CRO; 2016-17), Fuenlabrada (ESP; 2017-19), Rio Breogan (ESP; 2017-19), Bilbao Basket (ESP; 2019-20, 2022-23), La Laguna Tenerife (ESP; 2020-22), Zaragoza (ESP; 2023-25), Unicaja (ESP; 2025-)

A lot of players have said they've got incredible stories to tell, but let's face it, none of them can stand their ground when Emir Sulejmanovic is around. That date of birth is sadly familiar to plenty of people in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Balkans, as Emir was born in the woods while his mother was escaping Srebrenica in one of the darkest chapters of humankind. He only met his father a few years later when they moved to Finland, but all that help built an incredible human being off the court, and a champion on the court. Emir won the BCL with Tenerife in 2022 and is fluent in more languages than you can imagine, including all of the former Yugoslavian languages, Finnish, Spanish and English. A beast on the boards, he is among the rare players who have been there in Season I, with Cibona.



CHRIS DUARTE

DATE OF BIRTH	13/06/1997
POSITION	FORWARD
HEIGHT	196CM / 6'5''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	17 POINTS
VS. FILOU OOSTENDE OCTOBER 29, 2025	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	17 POINTS
VS. FILOU OOSTENDE OCTOBER 29, 2025	

Indiana Pacers (USA; 2021-23), Indiana Mad Ants (USA; 2022), Sacramento Kings (USA; 2023-24), Chicago Bulls (USA; 2024-25), Windy City Bulls (USA; 2024), Vaqueros de Bayamon (PUR; 2025), Unicaja (ESP; 2025-)

When watching Chris Duarte playing for the Dominican Republic national team, we always wondered what it would be like to see him in FIBA environment consistently. We had to wait until 2025 to find out, and it's every bit as exciting as we imagined. The flashiness, the poster dunks, the crossovers and shots from deep, Chris has got it all in his repertoire, and at 28 years of age, he still has plenty of time to figure out the European ball and be even more effective. His Liga Endesa campaign (11.6 pts, 45-36-91 percent shooting) is a bit better than his BCL run (9.5 pts, 51-32-75). Off the court, ask him about music, as his teammates claim he listens to "Bad Bunny podcasts," or about family, since his wife and three kids are the most important part of his life. Imagine celebrating winning the trophy with them in Badalona... Chills!



KILLIAN TILLIE

DATE OF BIRTH	05/03/1998
POSITION	POWER FORWARD
HEIGHT	205CM / 6'8''
BCL SEASON-HIGH	15 POINTS
VS. ASISA JOVENTUT, MARCH 17, 2026	
BCL CAREER-HIGH:	15 POINTS
VS. ASISA JOVENTUT, MARCH 17, 2026	

Memphis Grizzlies (USA; 2020-22), Memphis Hustle (USA; 2021), Unicaja (ESP; 2024-)

There is a pattern here developing. Killian Tillie rarely has a big role in a single game. He just does his part, pops, rolls, rebounds, shoots, and allows you to take your eyes off him. Once you do? You're done. Kill Till is one of the biggest reasons why Unicaja are back at the Final Four, as his monster game against Asisa Joventut in the Round of 16 earned them the top seed in the group and home court advantage in the Quarter-Finals, and they would never look back again. Tillie can hurt you multiple ways, with his face to the rim, on the low block, or blocking the shots around the rim on the other end. Son of a volleyball couple, with a volleyball star brother, Killian ended up in basketball thanks to the other brother, Kim Tillie, who spent six years in Spain with Murcia, Baskonia and Gran Canaria.


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SEASON AWARDS

GROUP PHASE

JEREMIAH HILL	CMR	ELAN CHALON
RICKY RUBIO	ESP	ASISA JOVENTUT
WILL CUMMINGS	USA	GALATASARAY MCT TECHNIC
JACK WHITE	AUS	MERSIN SPORTS CLUB
CHRIS SILVA	BRA	AEK BC

PLAY-INS

BRANDON JEFFERSON	USA	KARDITSA IAPONIKI
NATE DARLING	CAN	ELAN CHALON
CHARLES THOMPSON	USA	FITNESS FIRST WURZBURG BASKETS
JAHMI'US RAMSEY	USA	PALLACANESTRO TRIESTE
MAREK BLAZEVIC	LTU	TOFAS BURSA

ROUND OF 16

IGNAS SARGIUNAS	LTU	RYTAS VILNIUS
ERRICK MCCOLLUM	USA	GALATASARAY MCT TECHNIC
FRANK BARTLEY	USA	AEK BC
RAIQUAN GRAY	USA	AEK BC
ANTE TOMIC	CRO	ASISA JOVENTUT

QUARTER-FINALS

RICKY RUBIO	ESP	ASISA JOVENTUT
JERRICK HARDING	USA	RYTAS VILNIUS
FRANK BARTLEY	USA	AEK BC
JAMES NUNNALLY	USA	AEK BC
GIORGI SHERMADINI	GEO	LA LAGUNA TENERIFE









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TRAINING SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LOCAL TIMES, BADALONA, SPAIN, GMT +1

WEDNESDAY

May 6

START	END	TEAM
10:40	11:40	AEK BC
12:00	13:30	LA LAGUNA TENERIFE (POLIDEPORTIVO LA PLANA)
13:00	14:30	RYTAS VILNIUS
18:30	20:00	UNICAJA
20:10	21:40	AEK BC

THURSDAY

May 7

START	END	TEAM
9:30	10:30	LA LAGUNA TENERIFE
10:40	11:40	RYTAS VILNIUS
11:50	12:50	AEK BC
13:00	14:00	UNICAJA

FRIDAY

May 8

START	END	TEAM
16:30	17:50	3RD PLACE TEAM A
18:00	19:20	3RD PLACE TEAM B
19:30	20:50	FINAL TEAM A
21:00	22:20	FINAL TEAM B

SATURDAY

May 9

START	END	TEAM
09:00	10:00	3RD PLACE TEAM B
10:10	11:10	3RD PLACE TEAM A
11:20	12:20	FINAL TEAM B
12:30	13:30	FINAL TEAM A

MEDIA ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 2026

ALL ACCREDITED MEDIA ARE INVITED

17:00-18:00 CET

OFFICIAL PRESS CONFERENCE WITH THE HEAD COACHES AND CAPTAINS OF THE FOUR PARTICIPATING TEAMS

LOCATION: PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM PALAU MUNICIPAL D'ESPORTS DE BADALONA - AV. ALFONS XIII, S/N

THURSDAY, MAY 7 2026

MEDIA WORKING ROOM & MEDIA TRIBUNE

MIXED ZONE

POST-GAME PRESS CONFERENCES

LOCATION: PALAU MUNICIPAL D'ESPORTS DE BADALONA - AV. ALFONS XIII, S/N

FRIDAY, MAY 8 2026

ALL ACCREDITED MEDIA WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE BELOW MENTIONED ACTIVITIES

11:00-12:30 CET

AWARDS CEREMONY

LOCATION: TEATRO ZORRILLA, CARRER DE MAR 55, BADALONA

12:30-13:00 CET

MEDIA AVAILABILITY WITH FINALISTS' COACHES/CAPTAINS AND AWARD WINNERS

LOCATION: TEATRO ZORRILLA, CARRER DE MAR 55, BADALONA

13:00-13:30 CET

MEDIA ROUND TABLE WITH BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CEO PATRICK COMNINOS

LOCATION: TEATRO ZORRILLA, CARRER DE MAR 55, BADALONA

SATURDAY, MAY 9 2026

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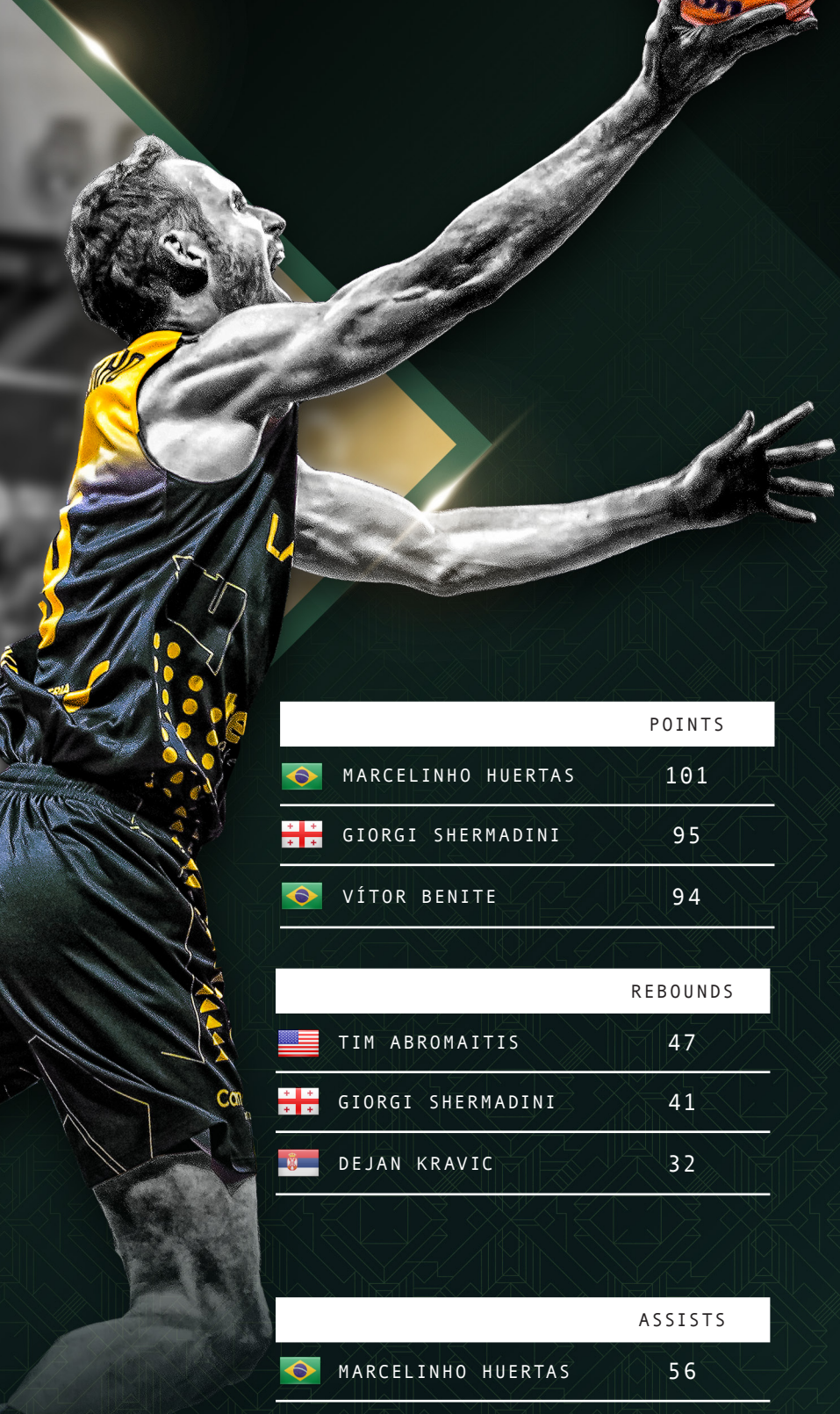

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INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

PLAYER	RECORD	TEAM	OPPONENT	DATE
KYLE GUY	34 POINTS	LA LAGUNA TENERIFE	PERISTERI DOMINO'S	26/04/2024 (SF)
GEDIMINAS ORELIK	13 REBOUNDS	BANDIRMA	LENOVO TENERIFE	30/04/2017 (FINAL)
CHIMA MONEKE		BAXI MANRESA	MHP RIESEN	06/05/2022 (SF)
MARCELINHO HUERTAS	14 ASSISTS	LENOVO TENERIFE	BAXI MANRESA	08/05/2022 (FINAL)
FRAN VAZQUEZ	3 BLOCKS	LENOVO TENERIFE	BANDIRMA	30/04/2017 (FINAL)
KEVIN TUMBA		UCAM MURCIA	AEK	04/05/2018 (SF)
VINCE HUNTER		AEK	MONACO	06/05/2018 (FINAL)
JACOB WILEY		CASADEMONT ZARAGOZA	PINAR KARSIYAKA	07/05/2021 (SF)
DEE BOST	5 STEALS	MONACO	UMANA REYER VENEZIA	30/04/2017 (3RD PLACE)
SASU SALIN		TENERIFE	UNET HOLON	06/05/2022 (SF)
SEK HENRY	7 3PM	PINAR KARSIYAKA	CASADEMONT ZARAGOZA	07/05/2021 (SF)
MARCELINHO HUERTAS	32 EFF	LA LAGUNA TENERIFE	PERISTERI DOMINO'S	26/04/2024 (SF)
GEDIMINAS ORELIK	40 MINUTES PLAYED	BANDIRMA	MONACO	28/04/2017 (SF)

TEAM RECORDS

TEAM	RECORD	OPPONENT	DATE
AEK	100 POINTS SCORED	MONACO	06/05/2018 (FINAL)
VIRTUS BOLOGNA	50 POINTS ALLOWED	BROSE BAMBERG	03/05/2019 (SF)
SAN PABLO BURGOS	17 MADE 3-POINTERS	AEK	4/10/2020 (FINAL)
BAXI MANRESA	55 REBOUNDS	MHP RIESEN	06/05/2022 (SF)
BAXI MANRESA	35 DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS	MHP RIESEN	06/05/2022 (SF)
LENOVO TENERIFE	24 OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS	VIRTUS BOLOGNA	05/05/2019 (FINAL)
MONACO	27 ASSISTS	MHP RIESEN	04/05/2018 (SF)
AEK	LARGEST WIN: +24 POINTS	CASADEMONT ZARAGOZA	02/10/2020 (SF)
HAPOEL JERUSALEM	SMALLER WIN: +1 POINT	LENOVO TENERIFE	12/05/2023 (SF)
AEK	LARGEST HT LEAD: +21 POINTS	CASADEMONT ZARAGOZA	02/10/2020 (SF)
TEKSUT BANDIRMA	BIGGEST COMEBACK WIN: 13 POINTS	MONACO	28/04/2017 (SF)
MHP RIESEN	MOST PLAYERS USED: 13		2022 FINAL FOUR
UNICAJA			2024 FINAL FOUR
JDA DIJON	FEWEST PLAYERS USED: 9		2022 FINAL FOUR



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	POINTS
MARCELINHO HUERTAS	101
GIORGI SHERMADINI	95
VÍTOR BENITE	94

	REBOUNDS
TIM ABROMAITIS	47
GIORGI SHERMADINI	41
DEJAN KRAVIC	32

	ASSISTS
MARCELINHO HUERTAS	56
RODRIGO SAN MIGUEL	34
JOE RAGLAND	23

	EFF (AVG)
CHIMA MONEKE	22,5
KYLE GUY	20.5
EBUKA IZUNDU	20.5

	3PM
KEVIN PUNTER	16
VÍTOR BENITE	15
TYLER KALINOSKI	15

	BLOCKS
ELGIN COOK	6
KEVIN TUMBA	5
AMARA SY	5

	STEALS
TIM ABROMAITIS	12
TYLER KALINOSKI	10
RODRIGO SAN MIGUEL	8
KENDRICK PERRY	8
SASU SALIN	7
SERII GLADYR	7
CLEVIN HANNAH	7
KEVIN PUNTER	7
ELGIN COOK	7

	MINUTES
TIM ABROMAITIS	245
MARCELINHO HUERTAS	222
AARON DOORNEKAMP	218



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