

# EuroHockey

2009 EuroHockey Club Champions Cup, Trophy Challenge for Women

2009 EuroHockey Club Challenge I,II,III,IV for Men

2009 EHL Final Four

**Whitsun and the hottest weekend of club hockey is about to start.....**

**Euro Hockey League, Finals, Men – HC Rotterdam, The Netherlands**

The EHL Final Four will take place in Rotterdam HC, read all about it later in the e-zine.

**On the women's side:**

It is possible that Den Bosch could achieve a spectacular 10 in a row should they win the Club Cup this year, but without a doubt the other teams participating will have something to say about that and will be trying to break Den Bosch's hold on the title! The stage is certainly set for a stunning weekend of hockey in Den Bosch.

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The Trophy for women will be in Rotweiss Wettingen and with points being possibly taken into consideration by the EHF for rankings for a future EuroHockey super league, each match will be important, not only that but promotion to the Club Cup is on the cards for the two top placed teams in 2010. Looking at the teams involved it will be a tough call as no one club team has dominated in this division for some time. The hosts will be looking to stay in this division having gained promotion from the Challenge last year. As to the likely winners? Looking at previous form, it would be wise to watch HC Ritm Grodno and Siauliai Gintra Universitetas, they have both been relegated from the Cup last year and will be fighting fit and ready for the challenge to get re-promoted to the top stream.

The Challenge will take place in Vienna, always a fantastic place for a hockey event, the atmosphere, the welcome and often the brilliant sunshine add to the festival atmosphere. Once again two slots available for the Trophy in 2010 and ranking points for a future super league, so all to play for in Vienna. No out and out favourites here, but with the hosts having finished 3<sup>rd</sup> place last year, they will be looking to use the home advantage and get one of the top spots!



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**And now to the men:**

It's a "Magnificent Challenge event" over Whitsun with Challenges at SK Slavia Praha, AD Lousada, KPH Raca and Zuvedra Tauras. Some 32 teams will play 128 competitive matches of hockey. Each team looking to move up a division and earn points towards the eventual holy grail - EHL. Ukraine has proven that it is possible for a small hockey nation to work hard and plan to get there, Switzerland has proven that you can work your way back even if you lose your place and Ireland has proven that you can achieve two places from one the previous year! It's all about the points and each and every game counts, not only that but paying attention to the scores can help win valuable bonus points. So the advice from EHF is keep-going guys, play each game with commitment and to the very best of your ability! But also enjoy the weekend, you are playing in an Official EuroHockey event and to the EHF, we have the same standard set for our officials, we have the same expectations of the hosts. We also have the same expectations of fair play from all the players and we are delighted to see so many hockey players doing what we are here for – playing and enjoying hockey!

**Live-results:**

As always the EHF will have results and rankings from each of the events as soon as the final whistle blows in each game, in addition to the match reports at the end of each day and photos from the venues so keep right up to date on:

[www.eurohockey.org](http://www.eurohockey.org)

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