



# 2007 IIHF EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP

## Media Guide & Advisory



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## 2007 IIHF European Champions Cup Schedule

### January 11

HPK Hämeenlinna – MsHK Zilina	15.00 (local)	13.00 (CET)
Ak Bars Kazan – Färjestads BK	18.30 (local)	16.30 (CET)

### January 12

MsHK Zilina – Sparta Prague	15.00 (local)	13.00 (CET)
Färjestads BK – HC Lugano	18.30 (local)	16.30 (CET)

### January 13

Sparta Prague – HPK Hämeenlinna	15.00 (local)	13.00 (CET)
HC Lugano – Ak Bars Kazan	18.30 (local)	16.30 (CET)

### January 14

Winner Ragulin Division – Winner Hlinka Division 18.30 (local) 16.30 (CET)

### **On-ice officials**

Referees: Aleksi Rantala (FIN), Vyacheslav Bulanov (RUS), Richard Schuetz (GER), Vladimir Sindler (CZE),  
Stand-by: Yuri Tsyplakov (RUS).

Linesmen: Petr Aleshin (RUS), Sergei Mikhaevich (RUS), Alexei Kalinin (RUS), Yakov Manoshkov (RUS),  
Alexei Shemyakin (RUS).

*All games at the St. Petersburg Ice Palace.*

■ ■ The IIHF European Champions Cup is the prime European club team competition, featuring the national club champions from the top six hockey nations in Europe. The six top European nations are determined by the IIHF World Ranking, calculated following the 2006 IIHF World Championship in Latvia.

### 2006 IIHF World Ranking

<b>1. Sweden</b>	<b>4095</b>
<b>2. Czech R</b>	<b>3085</b>
3. Canada	3890
<b>4. Finland</b>	<b>3830</b>
<b>5. Russia</b>	<b>3725</b>
<b>6. Slovakia</b>	<b>3685</b>
7. USA	2865
<b>8. Switzerland</b>	<b>2715</b>
9. Latvia	2675
10. Germany	2580



The IIHF World Ranking is based on a four-year cycle, where the final standings from the last four IIHF World Championships and the last Olympic Winter Games are taken into calculation. For the purpose of ECC participation, the national champions from the top six European nations are qualified to the ECC.

#### **2005 ECC Final Standing:**

1. Avangard Omsk (RUS), 2. Kärpät Oulu (FIN), 3. HC Hame Zlin (CZE), 4. HV 71 (SWE), 5. Frankfurt Lions (GER), 6. Dukla Trencin (SVK).

**Results:** Dukla Trencin – Avangard Omsk 1-6, HC Zlin-Frankfurt 4-3, Kärpät Oulu-HC Zlin 4-1, HV71-Dukla Trencin 4-1, Avangard Omsk-HV71 9-0, Frankfurt-Kärpät Oulu 3-6. Final: Avangard Omsk-Kärpät Oulu 2-1. Jaromir Jagr scored winning goal at 14.38 of OT.

#### **2006 ECC Final Standing:**

1. Dynamo Moscow (RUS), 2. Kärpät Oulu (FIN), 3. HC Davos (SUI), 4. HC Moeller-Pardubice (CZE), 5. Slovan Bratislava (SVK), 6. Frölunda Indians (SWE).

**Results:** Karpät Oulu – HC Davos 3-1, Dynamo Moscow – Slovan Bratislava 3-1, HC Davos – Frolunda Imdians 6-2, Slovan Bratislava – HC Pardubice 0-2, Frölunda Indians – Kärpät Oulu 0-3, HC Pardubice – Dynamo Moscow 1-5. Final: Dynamo Moscow – Kärpät Oulu 5-4 after OT and Game Winning Shot competition.

#### **2007 IIHF European Champions Cup**

■ ■ 2007 ECC Playing format: Teams are divided into two three-team divisions. Division winners following a round-robin series advance to the Gold Medal game.

##### **Alexander Ragulin Division**

HPK Hämeenlinna (FIN -- 1 national title)

Sparta Prague (CZE – 7 national titles)

MsHK Zilina (SVK – 1 national titles)

##### **Ivan Hlinka Division**

Ak Bars Kazan (RUS -- 1 national title)

HC Lugano (SUI – 7 national titles)

Färjestads BK (SWE – 7 national titles)

The 2007 ECC Divisions are named in honor of two former international hockey greats who both passed away in 2004. The teams' jerseys will feature patches identifying the Alexander Ragulin and the Ivan Hlinka Divisions.

#### **Roster deadline for the 2007 ECC**

The "Roster Freeze" for the 2007 ECC was December 15, 2006. By December 15 the clubs submitted a list with a maximum of 30 players to the IIHF. Only those players will be eligible to play in the tournament. The tournament and game roster (i.e. "active roster") at the ECC will be 20 skaters and 2 goalkeepers. All final rosters will be displayed on IIHF.com on January 10, the day the rosters are officially registered at the tournament directorate.



### Biographies:

**Alexander Ragulin** was a defenseman on the great Soviet teams of the 60s and 70s. He won 10 IIHF World Championship gold medals between 1961 and 1971 and added Olympic gold medals in 1964, 1968 and 1972. Overall, he played in 102 IIHF World Championship and Olympic games, scoring 14 goals. Only Alexander Ragulin and former Soviet goaltending great Vladislav Tretiak could boast 10 IIHF World Championship gold medals and Ragulin was one of only six players (all Soviets) who captured three Olympic hockey gold medals.

Ragulin was named "Best Defenseman" at the 1966 IIHF World Championship and was selected to the All Star Team on five occasions 1963, 1964 (Olympics) 1965, 1966 and 1967. For most of his career Ragulin represented CSKA Moscow, winning nine national titles while playing in 427 games. Alexander Ragulin, who was inducted into the IIHF Hall of Fame in 1997, passed away on November 17, 2004.

**Ivan Hlinka** played 256 games as a forward for the Czechoslovak national team while capturing three IIHF World Championship gold medals: 1972, 1976 and 1977. Hlinka played in the 1972 (bronze) and 1976 (silver) Olympic Winter Games and took also part in the 1976 inaugural Canada Cup. He was named the best Czech player of all time in 2004. As a coach he led the Czech Republic to the Olympic gold medal in Nagano in 1998 and also to the gold in the 1999 IIHF World Championship in Norway.

Hlinka joined the NHL Vancouver Canucks in 1981 and became the first European to coach in the NHL when he led the Pittsburgh Penguins during the 2000-2001-season. Hlinka, who was the General Manager of the Czech Olympic team in Salt Lake City in 2002, was inducted into the IIHF Hall of Fame the same year.

Ivan Hlinka died in a car accident on August 16, 2004, just a couple of days before he was about to lead the Czech Republic in the 2004 World Cup of Hockey.

### **Tournament rules**

In each division the teams will play each other once. The winners of the divisions meet in the Gold Medal game. There is no third-place game. For purposes of Final Tournament Ranking, teams 3-6 will be ranked according to the IIHF Sports Regulations: points, goal differential, most goals scored.

### **Three-point system in use for the first time in ECC**

Team that wins in regulation is awarded three points, the loser none.

In case of a tie in the preliminary round, teams will be awarded one point each and the game will be followed by a five-minute overtime period (teams skate four-on-four) and a penalty shoot-out (Game Winning Shot competition, GWS), if the score is still tied after overtime. The team that wins in overtime or the shoot-out is awarded the extra point for a total of two points.

If the Gold Medal Game is tied at the end of regulation, then a ten-minute "sudden-death" overtime period will be played (teams skate four-on-four).

### **Shoot-out (Game Winning Shot competition) procedure**

If no goal is scored in the 10-minute overtime period of the Gold Medal Game, the Game Winning Shot (GWS) procedure will be applied. The procedure will begin with three different shooters from each team taking alternate shots, until a decisive goal is scored.

If the game is still tied after three shots by each team, the procedure will continue with a tie-break shoot out by one player of each team, with the same or new players with the other team starting to take the tie-break shots. The same player can also be used for each shot by a team in the tie-break shoot-out. Only the decisive goal will count in the result of the game. NOTE: This GWS procedure applies for both the preliminary round games as well as for the Gold Medal Game.



## 2007 ECC club information

### HPK Hämeenlinna

**Year of Foundation:** 1929

**Arena, name:** Ritarihalli

**Capacity:** 5000, incl. 1786 standing room

**Built in year:** 1979, renovated in 1996

**Club address:** HPK, Poltinahontie 9 A, 13130 Hämeenlinna

**Arena address:** see above

**Phone:** +358-3-6122 162 **Fax:** +358-3-6122 163 **E-mail:** [hpk@hpk.fi](mailto:hpk@hpk.fi)

**President:** Harri Lintumäki

**General Manager:** Risto Korpela

**Head Coach:** Jukka Jalonen, since 2001/2002

**Assistant coaches:** Timo Lehtonen, Jari Kaarela (goaltender coach)

**National champions:** (1) 2006

**ECC Media relations manager:** Tuire Pöyhä, HPK, Poltinahontie 9 A, 13130

Hämeenlinna. Tel:+358-3-6122 162, mobile: +358-40 5738 346,

E-mail: [tuire.poyhia@hpk.fi](mailto:tuire.poyhia@hpk.fi)

**Team colours:** black jersey, black shorts. Away: white jersey, black shorts

**Official club website:** [www.hpk.fi](http://www.hpk.fi)

**Official association website:** [www.finhockey.fi](http://www.finhockey.fi)

**Official league website:** [www.sm-liiga.fi](http://www.sm-liiga.fi)

### Sparta Prague

**Club name:** HC Sparta Praha

**Year of foundation:** 1903 as AC Sparta Praha, bandy hockey club (1948 - Sokol Sparta Bubeneč, 1949 - ZSJ Bratrstvi Sparta Praha, 1951 - ZSJ Sparta CKD Sokolovo Praha, 1952 - TJ Spartak Praha Sokolovo, 1965 - TJ Sparta CKD Praha, 1990 - HC Sparta Praha)

**Arena, name:** T-Mobile Arena

**Capacity:** 14,500

**Built in, year:** 1962 (as Sportovní hala)

**Club Address:** T-Mobile Arena, Za Elektrárnou 419, 170 00 Prague, CZE

**Arena address:** See above.

**Phone:** +420 266 727 454 **Fax:** +420 224 232 251 **E-mail:** [office@hcsparta.cz](mailto:office@hcsparta.cz)

**Managing director:** Viliam Sivek

**General Manager:** Petr Briza, since 2006

**Head Coach:** Frantisek Vyborny, since Nov. 2005

**Assistant coaches:** Marian Jelinek, Josef Bruk (goaltender coach).

**National champions:** (7) 1953, 1954, 1990, 1993, 2000, 2002, 2006

**ECC Media-relations manager:** Zbynek Cerny, +420 266 727 470

E-mail: [zbynek.cerny@hcsparta.cz](mailto:zbynek.cerny@hcsparta.cz)

**Team colours:** dark red jersey, black shorts. Away: white jersey, black shorts.

**Official club website:** [www.hcsparta.cz](http://www.hcsparta.cz)

**Official association & league website:** [www.hokej.cz](http://www.hokej.cz)



## **MsHK Zilina**

**Year of foundation:** 1925 as SK Zilina. Club played its first game in 1928.

**Arena, name:** Arena Vojtech Zavodsky

**Capacity:** 5.500 seats, plus 1000 standing room)

**Built in, year:** 1961

**Club & Arena address:** MsHK Zilina, a.s. Sportova 5, 010 01 Zilina, Slovakia

**Phone & Fax:** +421 41 562 16 76

**E-mail:** [zs\\_zil@stoneline.sk](mailto:zs_zil@stoneline.sk)

**President:** Jan Slota

**General Manager:** Anna Tomkowa

**Sport Manager:** Jan Nociar

**Head coach:** Dusan Gregor

**Assistant coach:** Vladimir Hiadlovsky

**National champions:** (1) 2006

**ECC Media-relations managers:** Peter Kassa, cell phone: +421 915-952600, Robert Kassa, cell phone: +421-905-504624, e-mail: [zs\\_zil@stoneline.sk](mailto:zs_zil@stoneline.sk)

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**Team colours:** yellow jersey, black shorts. Away: green jersey, black shorts

**Official club website:** [www.hokejzilina.sk](http://www.hokejzilina.sk)

**Official association & league website:** [www.szlh.sk](http://www.szlh.sk), [www.hokej.sk](http://www.hokej.sk)

## **HCK AK Bars Kazan**

**Year of Foundation:** 1956 as "Mashstroj". As "SK Uritskogo" 1958-1990. As "Itil" 1990-1995. Ak Bars Kazan from 1995.

**Arena name:** Tatneft Arena

**Capacity:** 10,000

**Built in year:** 2005

**Club Address:** Pushkina st., 30, Kazan, Russia Phone: +7-843-2926867

**Arena address:** Chistopolskaya st., 42, Kazan, Russia Phone: +7-843-5278501, **President:** Shafagat Takhautdinov

**General Manager:** Ravil Shavaleyev, since 2004

**Head Coach:** Zinetula Bilyaletdinov, since 2004/2005

**Assistant coaches:** Mikhail Varnakov, Valeri Belov, Sergei Abramov

**National champions:** (1) 2006

**ECC Media-relations manager:** Igor Smirnov, Moskovskaya st., 1, Kazan. Tel: +7-843-2922777, cell-phone: +7-843-2906472. E-mail: [hcakbars@mi.ru](mailto:hcakbars@mi.ru)

Marat Farkheev, Moskovskaya st., 1, Kazan. Tel: +7-843-2922777, cell-phone: +7-843-2407879. E-mail: [martin-fm@rambler.ru](mailto:martin-fm@rambler.ru)

**Team colours:** white jersey, green shorts. Away: green jersey, green shorts.

**Official club website:** [www.hscakbars.ru](http://www.hscakbars.ru)

**Official association or league website:** [www.fhr.ru](http://www.fhr.ru)



## HC Lugano

**Year of foundation:** 1941

**Arena Name:** Resega

**Capacity:** 7,800

**Built in year:** 1957 (rebuilt in 1995)

**Club address:** Hockey Club Lugano SA, Casella Postale 4226, 6904 Lugano

**Arena address:** same as above

**Phone:** +41 91 935 19 20

**Fax:** +41 91 935 19 21

**E-mail:** [sede@hclugano.ch](mailto:sede@hclugano.ch)

**President:** Paolo Rossi

**General Manager:** Beat Kaufmann

**Team Manager:** Jörg Eberle

**Head Coach:** Ivano Zanatta, (first full season)

**Assistant Coaches:** Glen Williamson, Diego Scandella, Dusan Sidor

**National Champions:** (7) 1986, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1999, 2003, 2006

**ECC Media Manager:** Luca Righetti, mobile: +41 79 337 56 47; e-mail: [luca.righetti@hclugano.ch](mailto:luca.righetti@hclugano.ch)

**Team colours:** black-white-yellow jersey

**Official club website:** [www.hclugano.ch](http://www.hclugano.ch) (Italian, German, English)

**Official Association or league website:** [www.sehv.ch](http://www.sehv.ch)

## Färjestads BK

**Year of foundation:** 1932

**Arena name:** Löfbergs Lila Arena

**Capacity:** 8,250

**Built in year:** 2001

**Club Address:** Färjestads BK, Box 318, 651 08 Karlstad

**Arena Address:** Löfbergs Lila Arena, Norra Infarten 78, 651 08 Karlstad

**Phone:** +46-54-22 33 00, **Fax** +46-54-22 33 00

**President:** Lars Glennert, since 1989.

**General Manager:** Håkan Loob, since 1996.

**Head Coach:** Roger Melin/Tommy Samuelsson, (first season for both)

**Goaltender coach:** Erik Grankvist, (first season).

**National champions:** (7) 1981, 1986, 1988, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2006.

**ECC Media-relationsmanager:** Jörgen Kalitzki, Box 318, 651 08 Karlstad. Phone: 0046-54-22 33 00, cellphone: +46-73-682 33 63. E-mail: [jorgen.kalitzki@farjestadsbk.se](mailto:jorgen.kalitzki@farjestadsbk.se)

**Team colours:** black jersey, black pants. Away: white jersey, black pants.

**Official club website:** [www.farjestadsbk.se](http://www.farjestadsbk.se)

**Official association website:** [www.swehockey.se](http://www.swehockey.se)

**Official league website:** [www.hockeyligan.se](http://www.hockeyligan.se)



### 2007 IIHF ECC Prize Money

The total prize money in the 2007 ECC is 800.000 CHF, the biggest prize sum in a European club hockey competition. The break-down of the sum:

Winner	45 %
Runner-up	25 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup>	10 %
5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>	5 %

### The Silver Stone Trophy

The "Silver Stone" was originally designed and produced for the now defunct European Hockey League (1997-2000) by Italian artist Enzo Bosi. It weighs seven kilograms in silver chisel, equivalent to one British stone, hence the name "The Silver Stone". The winning team will receive a 1-to-1 replica.

### European Club Champions

#### EUROPEAN CUP

1966	ZKL Brno, TCH
1967	ZKL Brno, TCH
1968	ZKL Brno, TCH
1969	CSKA Moscow, URS
1970	CSKA Moscow, URS
1971	CSKA Moscow, URS
1972	CSKA Moscow, URS
1973	CSKA Moscow, URS
1974	CSKA Moscow, URS
1975	Krylia Sovetov, URS
1976	CSKA Moscow, URS
1977	Poldi Kladno, TCH
1978	CSKA Moscow, URS
1979	CSKA Moscow, URS
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1984	CSKA Moscow, URS
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1986	CSKA Moscow, URS
1987	CSKA Moscow, URS
1988	CSKA Moscow, URS
1989	CSKA Moscow, URS
1990	CSKA Moscow, URS
1991	Djurgardens IF, SWE
1992	Djurgardens IF, SWE
1993	Malmö IF, SWE
1994	TPS Turku, FIN
1995	Jokerit Helsinki, FIN
1996	Jokerit Helsinki, FIN
1997	Lada Togliatti, RUS



#### EUROPEAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

1997 TPS Turku, FIN  
1998 VEU Feldkirch, AUT  
1999 Metallurg Magnitogorsk, RUS  
2000 Metallurg Magnitogorsk, RUS

#### EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP (ECC)

2005 Avangard Omsk, RUS  
2006 Dynamo Moscow, RUS

#### **Media relation managers for the 2007 ECC clubs**

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MsHK Zilina – Peter Kassa [mshkzilina@centrum.sk](mailto:mshkzilina@centrum.sk)

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#### **Official websites of the 2007 ECC clubs**

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#### **Official ECC website on [www.IIHF.com](http://www.IIHF.com)**

[www.iihf.com/hockey/ECC/2007ECC\\_Startup.htm](http://www.iihf.com/hockey/ECC/2007ECC_Startup.htm)

#### **Press conference and mixed zone access**

A press conference with the head coaches of both teams will be held in the press centre approx. 15 minutes following each game. There will be translation to Russian and English. Player interviews will be conducted in the mixed zone.

#### **Media Accreditation Applications**

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### IIHF Basics from the six ECC-participating nations

<u>Country</u>	<u>Licensed Players</u>	<u>Indoor Rinks</u>	<u>Population</u>
Czech Republic	83.589	136	10.2 million
Finland	62.886	222	5.2 million
Russia	77.202	142	143.4 million
Slovakia	9.402	38	5.4 million
Sweden	67.747	301	9.0 million
Switzerland	25.106	70	7.4 million

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