

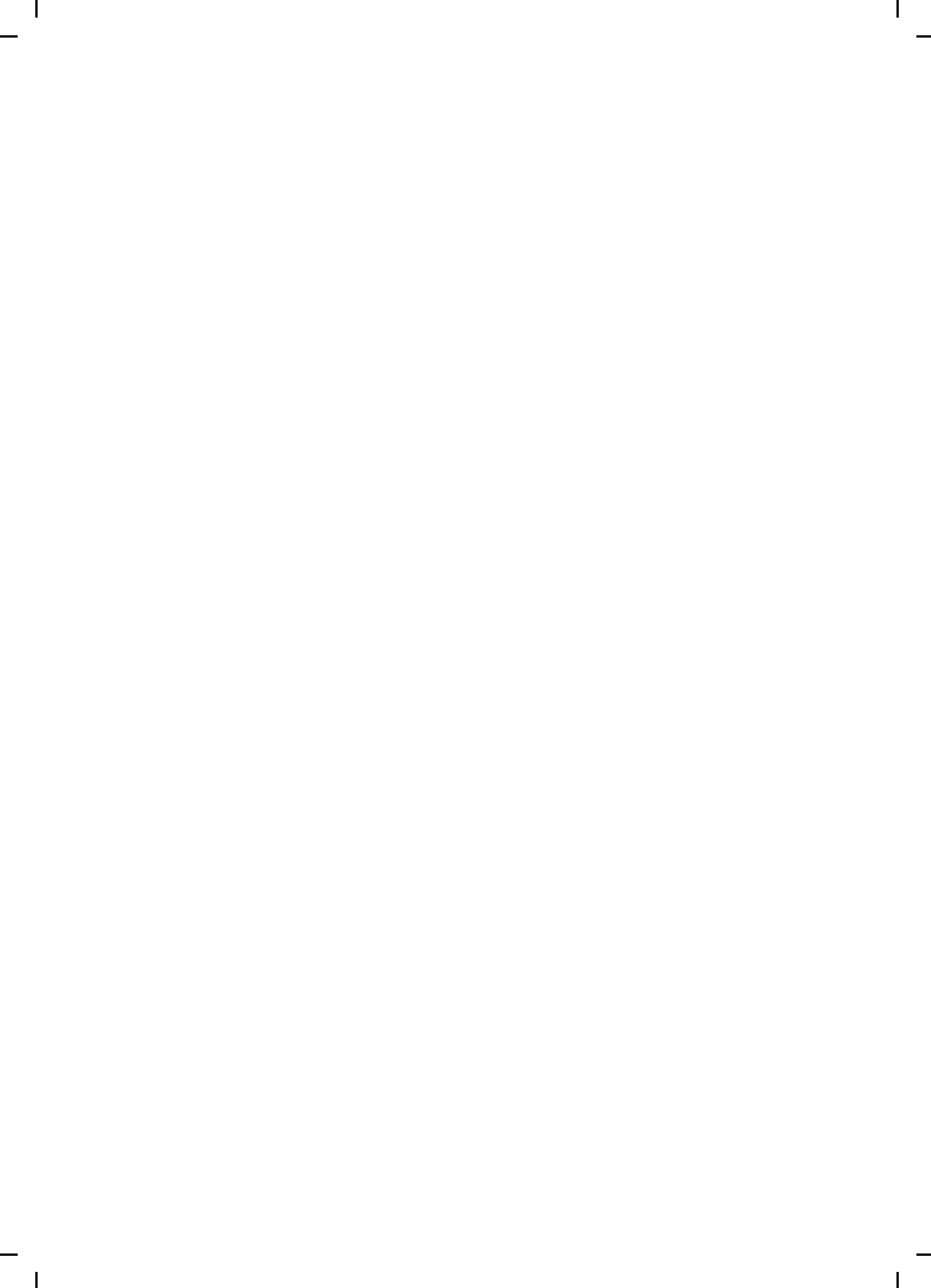
CEV Champions League Volley 2024



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Piraeus







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Back to the Elite of Europe

After almost 10 years the Olympiacos men's volleyball team, one of the most successful teams in Europe, returns to the top intercollegiate competition. In the competition of the Champions, the CEV Champions League.

After winning the CEV Challenge Cup in the full of almost 15.000 supporters, Peace and Friendship Stadium and winning the 31st Greek Championship, the presence of the "reds" in the Champions League next year, was inevitable.

But for that to happen, the management had to make two big decisions. The first was to keep this team at a high level of competition and to make another big investment, this time in the indoor gym 'Melina Mercouri', which is the team's home ground, so that it would meet the requirements for the team to play its CEV Champions League matches there. And so they did!

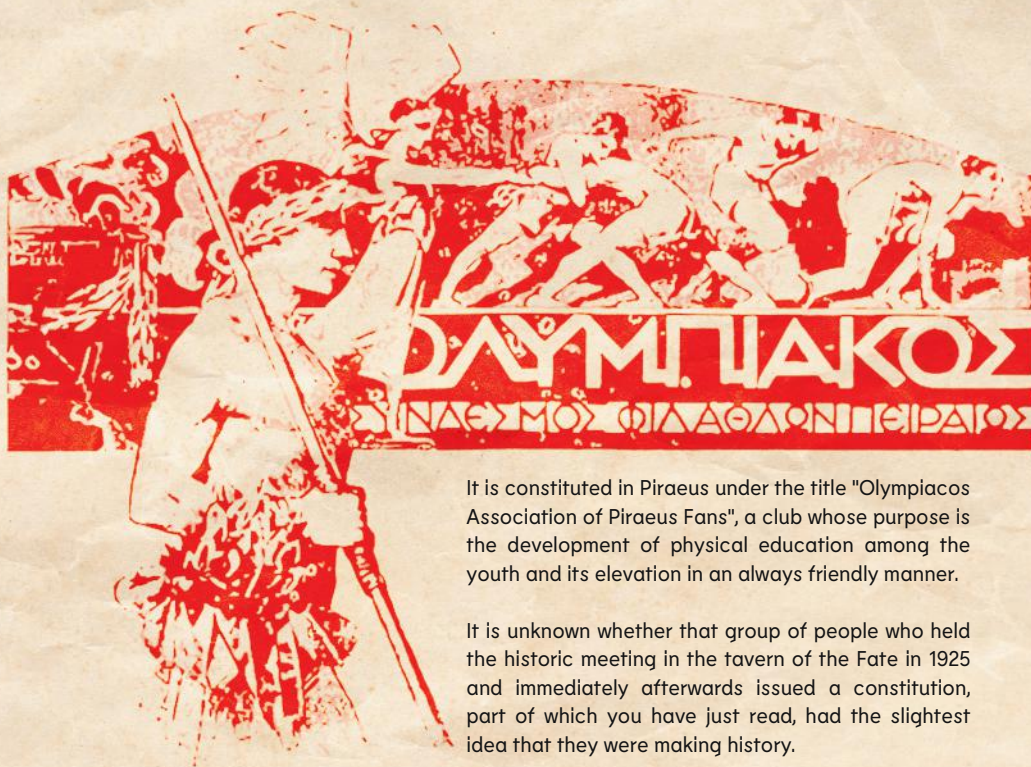
The only sure thing is that the fans that will be at the stadium, will see high level players, great athletes, will see these games, will support the effort of our team, will support us and will enjoy great games, with teams that are at the highest level in the sport and all this in an environment much better than the past, an environment worthy of the Olympiacos team and the competition, in the newly renovated indoor gym of Penti "Melina Merkouri".



SEASON 2023 – 2024

Stoiximan





It is constituted in Piraeus under the title "Olympiacos Association of Piraeus Fans", a club whose purpose is the development of physical education among the youth and its elevation in an always friendly manner.

It is unknown whether that group of people who held the historic meeting in the tavern of the Fate in 1925 and immediately afterwards issued a constitution, part of which you have just read, had the slightest idea that they were making history.

The aim, as Michalis Manouskos said, was to create an Association that would be an inspiration for all Greeks.

"Olympiacos" was the name and the laurel-crowned teenager was its emblem.

In the end, Olympiacos was not only a source of inspiration. It became much more than that. It was the reason why the economically disadvantaged walked down the street with their heads held high. Proudly. It wasn't just their team, it was a way of life.

A club that comes from the people, walks with them and ends up with them. Olympiacos is not a team yet. It is above the game itself. More intense than the excitement of victory. A way of life. An example for everyday fighters. He doesn't give up. He overcomes obstacles. He is Olympian. He is Greece itself. He is Ideal. It is a legend.

He was born in Piraeus, the 2nd largest port in the Mediterranean. It was sung in: "no matter how hard I look, I can't find another port". He travels the world with the Olympic ideals. It inspires the Greeks. It is in the mind something magical.

The legacy is great. It is our duty to keep the legend on the road to success. The responsibility to pass on the Olympic ideals to future generations is also great. Olympiacos is a legend. Our Olympiacos family.

We are winners. We never stop. We never give up.

We keep dreaming!



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POOL B



TRENTINO Itas



TOURS VB



**Asseco Resovia
RZESZÓW**



**ACH Volley
LJUBLJANA**

POOL C



**Recycling Volleys
BERLIN**



**Halkbank
ANKARA**



**Gas Sales Daiko
PIACENZA**



**Sport LISBOA e
Benfica**

POOL D



SVG LÜNEBURG



JASTRZEBSKI Węgiel



Guaquas LAS PALMAS



**Jihostroj ČESKÉ
BUDĚJOVICE**

POOL E



**Cucine Lube
CIVITANOVA**



VK Lvi PRAHA



Greenyard MAASEIK



C.S. Arcada GALATI





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POOL A



Grupa Azoty
KĘDZIERZYN-KOŹLE



Ziraat Bank
ANKARA



Knack
ROESELARE



Olympiacos
PIRAEUS

Pool Standings

	Matches			SETS			POINTS			PTS
	T	W	L	W	L	Ratio	W	L	Ratio	
1. Grupa Azoty KĘDZIERZYN-KOŹLE	1	1	0	3	1	3.000	107	100	1.070	3
2. Ziraat Bank ANKARA	1	1	0	3	1	3.000	96	92	1.043	3
3. Knack ROESELARE	1	0	1	1	3	.333	92	96	.958	0
4. Olympiacos PIRAEUS	1	0	1	1	3	.333	100	107	.935	0





Knack Volley Roeselare



DOROXY Dennis
Libero



D'HULST Stijn
Setter



COOLMAN Pieter
Middle Blocker



WIJKSTRA Jasper
Outside Spiker



PLASKIE Simon
Outside Spiker



VERHANNEMAN Matthijs
Outside Spiker



VAN ELSÉN Lennert
Middle Blocker



TREIAL Henri
Middle Blocker



ROTTY Seppe
Outside Spiker



DEPOVERE Sander
Setter



GONZALEZ CASTANEDA Diego
Opposite



FISCHER Hugo
Opposite



VANMEDEGAEL Steven
Head Coach



VAN DEN HOVE Bram
Assistant Coach





Knack Volley Roeselare

Rosellare is participating in the CEV Champions League for the 22nd time in its history and is present in the European Cups for the 35th year in total.

Last season, Knak defended their crown as they won the Belgian championship with a 3-0 victory over finalists Noliko Masake, were also Cup winners reaching the double and had an impressive showing in the CEV Cup where they went on to finish 3rd best from their group in the CEV Champions League.

In the second European inter-club competition, Rosellare reached the final where they beat Modena 0-3 in Italy but in the second leg at home they were beaten by the same score and lost the golden set and the Italians went on to win the trophy.

They are the second most successful team in domestic competitions with 14 championships, 12 of which have been won in the 21st century. They have been present in 4 European finals and celebrated the CEV Cup in 2001/02.

This season started for the Knack with winning the 10th Super Cup in their history while in the league, after losing the opening game, they have five wins in as many matches. 37-year-old Steven Fademedehel has been sitting on the bench since 2018 and has played a key role in their success in recent years.

He has nine Belgians on his roster, with three of them being members of the national team at the recent Eurovolley. They are the pass-catcher Stein D'Alst and wingers Sepe Roti and Matthais Ferhaneman. The latter is the oldest member of the team with 10 years of service.

In the summer, Knak made significant changes as the foreigners who made the difference in their impressive run left and they acquired just three: Estonian center Henry Treial is the most ready, as Mexican diagonal Diego Castanieda and Dutch winger/diagonist Jasper Falkstra are young and now making the jump to a higher level.



Olympiacos PIRAEUS



VAIOPOULOS Evangelos
Middle Blocker



PAJENK Alen
Middle Blocker



GKARAS Dimitrios
Libero



KOMITOUDIS Dimitrios
Setter



STERN Toncek
Opposite



GUAAZZELLI BONATTO Gustavo
Middle Blocker



KOUMENTAKIS Rafail
Outside Spiker



CHANDRINOS Spyridon
Outside Spiker



ZOUPANI Nikos
Opposite



TRAVICA Dragan
Setter



TZIAVRAS Dimitrios
Libero



DALAKOURAS Anestis
Outside Spiker



TZOURITS Mitar
Middle Blocker



HIDALGO OLIVA Salvador
Outside Spiker



CASTELLANI Daniel
Head Coach



VOURDERIS Antonis
Assistant Coach





SCHEDULE

22/11/2023, 18:00, Leg 1, Grupa Azoty KĘDZIERZYN-KOŹLE - Olympiacos PIRAEUS : 3-1

29/11/2023, 19:00, Leg 2, Olympiacos PIRAEUS - Knack ROESELARE :

12/12/2023, 19:00, Leg 3, Olympiacos PIRAEUS - Ziraat Bank ANKARA :

20/12/2023, 20:30, Leg 4, Knack ROESELARE - Olympiacos PIRAEUS :

11/01/2024, 19:30, Leg 5, Olympiacos PIRAEUS - Grupa Azoty KĘDZIERZYN-KOŹLE :

17/01/2024, 20:00, Leg 6, Ziraat Bank ANKARA - Olympiacos PIRAEUS :





THE LEGEND OF EUROPE!

Olympiacos. The team of legends. The team of triumphs. The Legend of Europe! Olympiacos is the "Emperor" of Greek volleyball. 31 Championships, 17 Cups, 6 League Cups. And of course, countless victories, countless moments of glory and pride!

Last season (2022-23), Olympiacos reached the Challenge Cup final, winning its third European title. A "magical" night at the Peace and Friendship Stadium. The Peace and Friendship Stadium, filled with 15,000 "red and white" fans, experienced another great moment. The department's third European title was won in the best possible way. Team and fans were 'one', a 'fist'.

Olympiacos returns to the Champions League, to the elite of European volleyball. In the sport, in which it has celebrated countless successes in its glorious history! Olympiacos is the most successful Greek team in European and international competitions, a legendary team.

The only team in Greece that has won a European title, three of them, the 1996 and 2005 European Cup Winners' Cups and, of course, last year's Challenge Cup. Also, in 1992, they won third place in the world at the 1992 Club World Cup, held in Treviso, after a 3-0 win over Messagero Ravenna.

Olympiacos is ranked among the top teams of the European Cups. This is because they have participated in 12 Final-4 of European competitions, seven times in the Champions Cup, four times in the Cup Winners' Cup and one in the European Super Cup.

A team that counts eight European finals (two in the Champions Cup in 1992 and 2002, four in the Cup Winners' Cup in 1996, 1997, 1998 and 2005 and two in the Challenge Cup in 2018 and 2023). Also a notable achievement is seven consecutive appearances in European Cup Final-4s, four in the Champions Cup (1992, 1993, 1994, 1995) and three in the Cup Winners' Cup (1996, 1997, 1998). The relevant record is held by Italian club Modena with 11 consecutive appearances in Final-4s.

A team legend, Olympiacos! The legend of Europe! The "reds", with Daniel Castellani on the bench, are once again in the "salons" of European volleyball. On the big stage. In the elite. In the stars.





4th Pos. Champions Cup
1981/82



Champions Cup, 2nd on
Group A 1988/89



2nd Pos. Champions Cup
1991/92



3rd Pos. Champions Cup
1992/93



4th Pos. Champions Cup
1993/94



3rd Pos. Champions Cup
1994/95



Cup Winners Cup Winner
1995/96



2nd Pos. Cup Winners Cup
1996/97



2nd Pos. Cup Winners Cup
1997/98



4th Pos. Champions Cup
2000/01



2nd Pos. Champions Cup
2001/02



Top Teams Cup Winner
2004/05



Final-6 Champions League
2009/10



2nd Pos. CEV Challenge Cup
2017/18



Semifinals CEV Cup
2018/19



CEV Challenge Cup Winners
2022/23



A photograph of Rafael Koumentakis, a male volleyball player with a beard, wearing a black t-shirt. He is sitting on a red plastic chair and holding a large silver trophy with both hands. The trophy has a plaque that says "WINNER". In the background, there are other trophies and a large white number "3" on a red wall.

"There is no better thing than playing in the Champions League"

Rafael KOUMENTAKIS

After the excellent performance of Olympiacos in Poland against the European Champions of the last three years, Zaksa, Rafael Koumentakis gave the signal for an even better next season.

The international Spiker of Olympiacos said, among other things. **"We learned a lesson, but also experiences, from the defeat against Zaksa. Olympiacos has nothing to envy from the big clubs abroad."**

-Great performance in Poland. Was that a message for the future?

"Very good performance in Poland, I wish it could have been combined with something more, with a win, with a point. We came very close, but these teams are very well structured and they know

very well what to do when they get to that point, in the close sets, in the small point differences, in the close games. Zaksa is a very experienced team and they know how to find a way to win. For us, it was a nice opening match. I think, the rest of the season will be the same and maybe better. We are left with a little bit of bitterness, because we could have gotten something more."



-What should Olympiacos pay attention to in the next games? What was the lesson from the first game?

"Olympiacos should learn from this defeat. We will definitely become better through it, we already gained a lot of experience from a single game! We have to manage better some situations that happen to us during the game. The lesson is that when you have the opportunity, when you get so close, you have to take advantage of it, as typical as that sounds. In this organization, every ball counts, every mistake counts."

-How do you feel playing with Olympiacos in the Champions League?

"I feel very good. Every athlete wants to play in the Champions League, it's the biggest European competition, the elite of volleyball. Everything is perfect, the courts are huge, the fans are always there. There is no better thing than playing in the Champions League."

-The supporters are excited about the Champions League. What message would you send to the fans for the group stage?

"We want our fans to come to Rentis, to see high level players, great athletes, to see these games, to support our effort, to help us. We don't know if we will be able to qualify for the next round, but the fans should know that we will give it our all. It's a great opportunity this year, because we are a really great team. We want the fans to come to the stadium, support us and enjoy great games against teams that are at the highest level in the sport."



-A few months have passed since winning the European Championship in the Peace and Friendship Stadium. An incredible night, a title in front of 15,000 people. Does this compare to your presence in the groups?

"They are two very special things. The Challenger Cup and the European is in the past and it will always be a nice memory. But we have to look at today, history was made. Now, we have to write another history, so we look at today, the future. The clubs are something completely different, we want to go as far as we can. We want to give our best effort and we'll see what we can do in the end."





-What do you think is the "weapon" of the team this year?

"Our weapon this year is our chemistry, we have a very close-knit team. We are almost the same team as last year, with the addition of some very good athletes. That's our weapon, that's what we're going to go with."

-What is the goal of the team, after the opening night performance? Did it give you confidence for the next season?

"Our goal is to show up even better in the next game and why not, win the game. In the Champions League and at the highest level, confidence must be there every day."

-You are a year in Olympiacos. How would you describe him in a few words?

"I've said it before, I'll keep saying it. Olympiacos is a highly professional team, with a very big brand. Olympiacos provides the highest that an organization could provide to an athlete. I am extremely happy to be here. Olympiacos is in line with the standards of the very big European clubs, it has nothing to envy from any foreign club."

"We want the fans to come to the stadium, support us and enjoy great games against teams that are at the highest level in the sport."







Olympiacos SFP

Trophies Room!



31

Championships



17

Cups



6

League Cups



2

Super Cups



1

CEV Cup Winners Cup



1

CEV Top Teams Cup



1

CEV Challenge Cup







CEV
Champions
League Volley
2024

