

IFK MOTALA – MOTALA (UTC +2)



IFK Motala was formed in 1932 as Holms IF and was transformed into IFK Motala in 1938. Primarily, football has been played and also some handball while the bandy started in 1965. The first time the club played in the highest series was 1979/1980. The club has become Swedish champion once, it was 1987.

MOTALA

Motala is a central place in Östergötland County. The city is located on the Göta Channel and Motala stream between the lakes Vättern and Boren, and is Östergötland's third largest city. The first time Motala is mentioned in a medieval act is the year 1288, when King Magnus Ladulås to the National Council and the lawyer of Närke Knut Matsson granted, among other things, a farm in Motala with associated fishing.

Since the Göta Channel was commissioned in 1832, the next step in the expansion of the town's communications was the inauguration in 1873 of the Mjölby – Hallsberg railway.

In 1927, Motala Broadcasting Station (also known as Motala Longwave) was put into operation so that in 1925 the national radio company Radiotjänst would get better coverage for radio broadcasts. Motala became the main station for Swedish broadcasted radio. To mark Motala's central role for radio broadcasts, the call "Stockholm-Motala" was used.

Population

Motala Municipality currently has 43 756 inhabitants.

Arena

XL Bygg Arena got art frozen ice 1965. The audience record was set in 1984 with 7 576 spectators when IFK Motala met IF Boltic.

Last season

Motala made it to the quarterfinals in the playoffs, but were then beaten by Villa Lidköping by 3-0 in matches.

New players this season

Anders Persson	Tellus, Stockholm
Viktor Hulthammar	Nässjö
Albin Bjerkegren	Sandviken

Player who left

Oskar Nilsson	Finspång
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