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UEFA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2013/14 UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship final tournament, the first of a new era at this level. For the first time, the finals are being contested away from UEFA's headquarters in Nyon, Switzerland, with the new eight-team format reflecting the competition's growing importance as women's youth football at this level becomes increasingly popular and competitive.

While holders Poland will not be back to defend the trophy they won in June, the traditional powers at this level – and indeed the only other winners of this trophy – Germany and Spain will once again have their eyes on silverware. Three-time runners-up France will be looking to go one better this time, while Italy, Scotland, Austria and Portugal are making their final tournament debuts.

England reached the inaugural final tournament in 2008, but this is new ground for them too as they host the event for the first time. Following on from the success of the UEFA Champions League final at Wembley and the UEFA Women's Champions League final at Stamford Bridge in May, I am delighted that UEFA is again helping to mark the 150th anniversary of The Football Association (FA) as the celebrations continue.

I would like to thank the chairman of The FA, Greg Dyke, his general secretary, Alex Horne, and their staff for their diligence and hard work in preparing for this event, which I am sure will inspire more girls and women to take up the sport. All that remains is for me to wish all eight sides the best of luck in a tournament played with respect and in the spirit of fair play.

Michel Platini
UEFA President

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WELCOME TO ENGLAND

On behalf of The Football Association (FA), I am delighted to welcome you all to the UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship final tournament in England. There will be matches at AFC Telford United, Burton Albion FC, Chesterfield FC and Hinckley Stadium.

There is a special welcome to the players, officials and supporters of the teams from Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Scotland and Spain and also to UEFA, who have given us the honour of hosting this event. This will be the first final tournament England has hosted since UEFA Women's EURO 2005, when large crowds came out to support the best women's senior teams in Europe.

Indeed, this year's final tournament, which will run from 26 November to 8 December, is one of firsts: for the first time it will be staged outside Switzerland and for the first time it will feature eight teams. It will also serve as a qualifying competition for the FIFA Women's U-17 World Cup to be hosted by Costa Rica next March and April.

For us, particularly, the UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship final tournament will be a fitting finale to a year in which The FA has celebrated its 150th anniversary. In 1863, at the Freemasons' Tavern in central London, 11 clubs formed an association and set to work on framing football's first rules. We all owe those pioneers a huge debt.

Finally, we thank those clubs who have allowed us to use their grounds for matches in these finals. I hope everyone who comes along to watch finds them very entertaining. It is a great opportunity for the young players of eight countries to show us what they can do. Enjoy!

Greg Dyke
The Football Association Chairman

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BIG SHOT

NEW FACES

Manuela Giugliano (left) celebrates scoring Italy's winner against the Czech Republic in elite round Group 3. Italy topped the section to advance to the final tournament for the first time. Portugal, Austria and Scotland will also be making their finals debuts in England.



LEAH WILLIAMSON
ENGLAND

Runner-up in the inaugural FA Women's Youth Player of the Year vote in 2012, aged just 15, central defender Williamson already has the benefit of two qualifying campaigns for England at this level and now plays for Arsenal LFC reserves in The FA WSL Development League. Her know-how at the back will be crucial for hosts England if they are to advance.



BARBARA DUNST
AUSTRIA

Dunst only recently turned 16 but the LUV Graz midfielder is already a regular at senior club level as well as captain of this Austria squad. The experience she has gathered playing in the strong Austrian Women's Bundesliga has made her a real leader. The teenager also attends Austria's national centre for women's football, directed by women's Under-17 coach Dominik Thalhammer.

JASMIN SEHAN
GERMANY

VfL Wolfsburg striker Sehan is prolific for club and country and has scored 12 times in as many matches for the women's Under-17s. She netted three times in as many games in qualification, including the winner against Belgium that secured her side's return to these finals. The 16-year-old has broken into Wolfsburg's Bundesliga reserve side this term – and has already claimed her first goal.



DELPHINE CASCARINO
FRANCE

Cascarino was part of France's FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup-winning squad in Azerbaijan last autumn, aged 15. The right-sided attacking midfielder set up three goals in the defeat of Gambia and scored in the shoot-outs that won the quarter-final with Nigeria and the final against North Korea. She and her left-sided defensive twin Estelle are crucial on the flanks.



ON THE RISE



ALYSHIA WALKER
SCOTLAND

Picked out by coach Pauline Hamill as one to watch, 15-year-old Celtic FC forward Walker scored in all three of Scotland's elite round matches as well as hitting a qualifying round hat-trick against Northern Ireland. She once beat rocker Rod Stewart in a televised penalty shoot-out, taking shots against former Scotland keeper Jim Leighton.



NAHIKARI GARCÍA
SPAIN

The Añorga KKE striker was top scorer in June's final tournament in Nyon, helping Spain to finish third – and registered another five goals in two appearances as her team qualified this time. "I would describe myself as a quick player with a good sidestep," the forward explains. Her coach Jorge Vilda, meanwhile, says she is "lethal in the opponents' area".

The UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship offers a glimpse of some of the continent's most promising young players. Here we take our pick of eight likely to inspire their nations in England

LEANDRA PEREIRA
PORTUGAL

Ostensibly a striker, Leandra Pereira's versatility offers Portugal coach Susana Cova a variety of options. Despite being only 15, she is known for her maturity on the pitch as well as her intelligence and tactical awareness. Already playing in the Portuguese top flight with Vilaverdense FC, she leads by example and got the opening goal against Italy in the elite round.



MANUELA GIUGLIANO
ITALY

Blessed with creativity and technique, Giugliano is a typical No10, linking midfield and attack. Diminutive but very determined, she also has a good eye for goal and is a set piece specialist, making her one of the Azzurine's most potent attacking weapons. She was top scorer for Italy in qualifying with seven goals and has ten in 12 outings in this competition overall.



“THE LOVE OF FOOTBALL”

Having excelled for England at youth level, Jordan Nobbs is making that experience count for the senior side

Jordan Nobbs was just 13 when she pulled on an England shirt for the first time for the Under-15s. She has since graduated through the youth ranks and scored on her debut for the senior side in March before travelling to Sweden for UEFA Women's EURO 2013. Having been part of the only England women's youth side to have lifted a trophy – the Under-19s in 2009 – the 20-year-old Arsenal LFC central midfielder knows just how important youth football is in preparing for life in the senior team.

You were young even for an Under-15 when you played your first game for England. What did it mean to you to pull on the shirt for the first time? It's definitely one I'll remember, like my first senior cap. They all count the same. Through the age groups I've loved wearing the England shirt.



Jordan Nobbs (right) celebrates winning the women's Under-19 championship in 2009

During your childhood you had to make a lot of sacrifices to be where you are now. What was your biggest motivation?

The love of football; when you want to play football, you know that's what you want to do. If doors keep opening you've got to take those chances. I had to move away from my family, but overall I'm glad I made those sacrifices, because I don't think I would be where I am now if I hadn't.

You played in the Under-17 finals in 2008. What advice would you give to the youngsters taking part now?

You have just got to be ready – you've got to be fit, you've got to be training hard. [These tournaments] prepare you for when you do make the step up. You then know what's going to happen. You're a bit more familiar, rather than just dropping yourself in at the deep end.

What's your fondest memory of that age group?

The World Cup [in 2008 when Nobbs captained the Under-17 England side that reached the semi-finals]. I think I will always say that. It was in New Zealand, we were there about five weeks, we got to see everything, play in a World Cup ...

The following year you went to Belarus and won the Under-19 championship. When we went there, all the girls had a feeling we could win that tournament. You always think that, but we had a great vibe, everyone was firing in training. It

was hard, but we won a gold medal at the end of it, so it was worth it.

You scored in the final against Sweden. We had a throw in on the side, it came back out of the box, and I just thought: shoot. So, yes, first-time hit, and probably one of the goals I'll remember.

A lot of that generation are now breaking into the senior team. Will they provide the core for England in the future?

Yes. The main thing in football is you've got to have a winning mentality. Given that we actually won a major tournament at England level, it shows we do have that winning mentality. Hopefully that can carry on throughout the age groups.

Does coming through the youth sides with the same players help create a special bond?

Yes, I think it helps, always having extra training together with the same players. We were training, playing together for a long time – years. That definitely progressed us for when we did play in those major tournaments – we knew exactly what each other would be doing.

This year you've made your senior England breakthrough.

It's what you always want to do. I am still one of the young players and I have a lot more to do, but it's good to have got some minutes with the first team. Hopefully that can help me progress in the future.



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JORDAN NOBBS

CENTRAL MIDFIELDER

BORN: 08/12/1992

CLUB: ARSENAL LFC

ENGLAND DEBUT:

v ITALY 06/03/2013

ENGLAND CAPS/GOALS: 10/3



ENGLAND



In The Football Association's 150th anniversary year, England are the first team to qualify automatically as hosts. They will hope to do even better than in the inaugural 2007/08 UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship, when Lois Fidler's side reached the semi-finals then repeated the trick in the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup. That squad contained Gemma Bonner, Lucy Bronze and Jordan Nobbs, all of whom went to UEFA Women's EURO 2013. Key members of this side – among them defender Leah Williamson, midfielder Keira Walsh and forward Ashleigh Plumptre – aim to follow in their footsteps.

Results have been mixed in the build-up against tough opposition. This included a trip to Madrid in April for a

UEFA-organised development tournament in which England met Spain and France, the annual trip to the Nordic Tournament in Iceland and home meetings with the United States and Wales. Coach Fidler said: "The preparations have obviously been very different for us. We've had some really challenging experiences and some really positive experiences and I'm hoping those highs and lows can prepare our players. They're brave, they're robust, and I think as a team they are really tight. Those are real core ingredients to have that psychological edge going into a competition like this. It's not just about who has the best technicians, who can last the longest, but who's got that mental toughness to see the job through."

COACH: LOIS FIDLER

DATE OF BIRTH: 28/07/1975

Fidler has coached England's Under-17 side since they started in 2007, in the first season reaching the semi-finals of both the European championship and the World Cup at this level.



"It's not just about the best technicians, but who's got that mental toughness to see the job through"

FINAL TOURNAMENT RECORD

Fourth place 2008

GROUP A MATCHES

26 November v Italy, 29 November v Austria, 2 December v Portugal



PLAYER STATISTICS

	Date of birth	All-time Apps/Goals	Competition Apps/Goals	Club
Goalkeepers				
Kirstie Levell	07/01/1997	6/0	0/0	Everton LFC
Sian Rogers	28/06/1998	3/0	0/0	Birmingham City LFC
Defenders				
Philippa Cowley	03/07/1997	4/0	0/0	Arsenal LFC
Gabriel George	02/02/1997	9/0	0/0	Manchester United GFC
Rebecca Lloyd	15/03/1997	1/0	0/0	Birmingham City LFC
Ella Williams	11/07/1997	3/0	1/0	Chelsea LFC
Leah Williamson	29/03/1997	11/2	6/0	Arsenal LFC
Midfielders				
Alice Hassall	08/02/1997	5/1	0/0	MK Dons LFC
Lucy Porter	27/09/1998	4/0	0/0	Aston Villa LFC
Mollie Rouse	27/11/1998	6/1	0/0	Aston Villa LFC
Sophie Stamp	17/03/1997	2/0	0/0	North Yorkshire
Keira Walsh	08/04/1997	5/1	0/0	Blackburn Rovers LFC
Ellie Wilkinson	10/02/1997	1/0	0/0	North Yorkshire
Forwards				
Evie Clark	17/10/1997	2/0	0/0	Arsenal LFC
Chloe Kelly	15/01/1998	6/1	0/0	Arsenal LFC
Ashleigh Plumpton	08/05/1998	6/0	0/0	Derby County LFC
Atlanta Primus	21/04/1997	5/0	0/0	Chelsea LFC
Jemma Purfield	21/02/1997	9/1	1/0	Doncaster Rovers Belles LFC

2013 RESULTS

08/04/2013 L 0-2 v Spain*
 09/04/2013 L 1-4 v France*
 11/04/2013 W 2-0 v Turkey*
 01/07/2013 L 3-4 v Denmark**
 02/07/2013 D 1-1 v Norway**
 04/07/2013 L 1-3 v Sweden**
 06/07/2013 W 2-0 v Iceland**
 25/08/2013 L 0-6 v United States
 28/10/2013 W 5-0 v Wales

*UEFA development tournament, Madrid

**Nordic Tournament, Iceland



NUMBERS

1

England are the first team to officially play as women's Under-17 championship hosts.



13

In only their second ever fixture England beat Georgia 13-0, still their record win.





ITALY



After cruising through the qualifying round with 21 goals scored and only one conceded, Italy found life considerably more difficult in the elite round. Enrico Sbardella's side had to wait until the last six minutes to book a place in the final tournament for the first time, Annamaria Serturini striking to beat Denmark 2-1 and help her team finish top of Group 3 ahead of hosts Portugal, who had earlier beaten Italy 2-1.

"I was hoping to get Portugal in the finals because we lost against them in qualifying, conceding a goal in added time, and I wanted a second chance," said Sbardella. "We are very satisfied with the draw because we avoided strong sides like Germany, Spain and France. We have faced Austria

in friendly games and in the [2012/13] qualifying round we defeated England 4-1 in Belfast, so we are certainly confident. It is the first time Italy have qualified for the finals, so it is already a great satisfaction to be here. It has an incredible importance as women's football is still developing in Italy. Playing matches like this, in such an atmosphere with an organisation like this means a lot of them. They will remember this experience their whole lives."

Italy have a solid defence led by captain and left-back Lisa Boattin, and Sbardella also has high hopes for forward Gloria Marinelli, at 15 already a key player for Serie A side AFD Grifo Perugia. Creative midfielder Manuela Giugliano scored in all three elite round games, including in the loss to Portugal.

COACH: ENRICO SBARDELLA

DATE OF BIRTH: 18/01/1975

An academy instructor at the Italian Football Federation since the age of 22, Sbardella took charge of the women's Under-17s in 2010 and is an admirer of Zdeněk Zeman's attack-minded approach to the game.



"I was hoping to get Portugal because we lost to them in qualifying and I wanted a second chance"

FINAL TOURNAMENT RECORD

First appearance

GROUP A MATCHES

26 November v England, 29 November v Portugal, 2 December v Austria



QUALIFYING STATISTICS

	Date of birth	Qualifying Apps/Goals	Competition Apps/Goals	Club
Goalkeepers				
Francesca Durante	12/02/1997	4/0	10/0	US Sarzanese CF
Ilaria Toniolo	09/05/1997	2/0	2/0	Vicenza CF
Defenders				
Lisa Boattin	03/05/1997	6/2	12/2	ACFD Pordenone
Sara Mella	14/04/1998	5/1	5/1	ACFD Pordenone
Giada Morosin	28/03/1998	2/0	2/0	ASD Eagles Pedemontana
Nicole Peressotti	07/04/1998	3/0	3/0	UPC Tavagnacco
Laura Perin	15/07/1997	4/0	4/0	ACFD Pordenone
Marta Vergani	20/05/1997	6/0	12/0	ASD Real Meda CF
Midfielders				
Beatrice Abati	06/02/1997	4/0	5/0	ASD Femminile Inter Milano
Federica Cavicchia	08/11/1998	5/0	5/0	SC Kriens
Manuela Giugliano	18/08/1997	6/7	12/10	ACFD Pordenone
Marta Mascarello	15/10/1998	3/1	3/1	ASD Femminile Alba
Annamaria Serturini	13/05/1998	3/1	3/1	ACF Brescia
Flaminia Simonetti	17/02/1997	6/2	12/2	Res Roma
Valery Vigilucci	15/04/1997	6/5	6/5	ACF Firenze
Forwards				
Valentina Bergamaschi	22/01/1997	6/5	6/5	CF Alto Verbano
Martina Ceccarelli	06/02/1997	3/0	3/0	AFD Grifo Perugia
Gloria Marinelli	12/03/1998	3/0	3/0	AFD Grifo Perugia
Giulia Pezzotta	10/02/1998	1/0	1/0	ACF Brescia
Martina Piemonte	07/11/1997	5/0	11/1	ASD Riviera di Romagna CF
Costanza Razzolini	13/04/1997	1/0	1/0	ACF Firenze

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QUALIFYING ROUND GROUP 9

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	3	3	0	0	21	1	9
Switzerland	3	2	0	1	19	5	6
Bulgaria*	3	1	0	2	2	17	3
FYROM	3	0	0	3	1	20	0

*Hosts

Switzerland 6-0 Bulgaria, Italy 6-0 FYROM, Switzerland 12-0 FYROM, Bulgaria 0-10 Italy, Italy 5-1 Switzerland, FYROM 1-2 Bulgaria

ELITE ROUND GROUP 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Portugal*	3	1	2	0	3	2	5
Czech Republic	3	1	1	1	4	2	4
Denmark	3	0	1	2	1	5	1

*Hosts

Italy 1-0 Czech Republic, Denmark 0-0 Portugal, Czech Republic 3-0 Denmark, Italy 1-2 Portugal, Denmark 1-2 Italy, Portugal 1-1 Czech Republic

NUMBERS

21

Goals scored by Italy in the qualifying round, the stage's highest tally.



6

Annamaria Serturini scored six minutes from time to win Italy's decisive qualifier against Denmark.





AUSTRIA



With six wins in six qualifying matches and an impressive overall goal difference of 31-2, Austria have qualified for their first UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship final tournament. "It's an indescribable feeling because this is the first time we've taken part in a European championship and therefore it's the biggest success in Austrian women's football," said coach Dominik Thalhammer, who is also in charge of the senior side. "My team's performance was magnificent."

Austria defeated holders Poland in the qualifying round, and only Greece came close to the Red and Whites in the elite round, losing 2-1. Russia and Belarus could not keep up, defeated 5-1 and 6-0 respectively. "Technically, tactically, physically and mentally, I think we were the best team in the [elite round mini-]

tournament," said Thalhammer, who counts defender Katharina Naschenweng, midfielder Barbara Dunst and forward Viktoria Pinther among the spine of his side. "I have to give huge thanks to all of those involved with the national centre for women's football, as well as those in my team. This success is something we achieved together and that makes me very proud."

The hard work in the national centre for women's football in St. Pölten, which Thalhammer directs, has started to produce tangible rewards. After the women's first team narrowly missed out on qualifying for UEFA Women's EURO 2013 this time last year when they lost to Russia in the play-offs, already an unprecedented run, Austria's youngsters now have the chance to play against the best in a final tournament.

COACH: DOMINIK THALHAMMER

DATE OF BIRTH: 02/10/1970

The youngest Austrian Bundesliga coach ever with FC Admira Wacker Mödling aged 33, Thalhammer took over the women's national teams at senior and Under-17 level in 2011, and has since masterminded unprecedented success for both.



"It's an indescribable feeling. This is the biggest success in Austrian women's football"

FINAL TOURNAMENT RECORD

First appearance

GROUP A MATCHES

26 November v Portugal, 29 November v England, 2 December v Italy



QUALIFYING STATISTICS

	Date of birth	Qualifying Apps/Goals	Competition Apps/Goals	Club
Goalkeepers				
Carolin Grössinger	10/05/1997	6/0	6/0	SG Bergheim/Hof
Isabella Kresche	28/11/1998	0/0	0/0	SV Gössendorf-JAZ
Defenders				
Anna Egretzberger	06/01/1997	6/0	6/0	SV Neulengbach
Adina Hamidovic	26/04/1998	6/0	6/0	FSK St. Pölten-Spratzern
Katharina Naschenweng	16/12/1997	6/0	12/0	Carinthians Soccer Women
Nicole Sauer	28/01/1997	1/0	1/0	SKV Altenmarkt
Anna Zimmerebner	16/10/1998	0/0	0/0	SG Bergheim/Hof
Midfielders				
Barbara Dunst	25/09/1997	4/0	10/3	LUV Graz
Ivana Ferić	25/08/1997	6/3	6/3	SKV Altenmarkt
Marina Georgieva	13/04/1997	6/4	9/4	FSK St. Pölten-Spratzern
Teresa Knauseder	07/03/1997	5/2	11/4	SG Bergheim/Hof
Julia Kofler	02/09/1998	6/8	6/8	SV Spittal/Drau
Selina Mandl	17/09/1998	5/0	5/0	SK Sturm Graz Damen/Stattegg
Jasmin Ortner	09/09/1997	4/0	4/0	Carinthians Soccer Women
Sandrine Sobotka	08/10/1998	4/0	4/0	USV Langenlois
Ece Yilmaz	21/12/1998	0/0	0/0	USC Landhaus
Forwards				
Viktoria Pinther	16/10/1998	6/6	6/6	SKV Altenmarkt
Melissa Schmid	02/11/1998	6/4	6/4	SV Neulengbach
Nina Wasserbauer	06/11/1998	6/3	6/3	Union Kleinmünchen

See UEFA.com for official squad list

QUALIFYING ROUND GROUP 8

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria	3	3	0	0	18	0	9
Poland*	3	2	0	1	14	1	6
Azerbaijan	3	1	0	2	2	12	3
Kazakhstan	3	0	0	3	0	21	0

*Hosts

Austria 7-0 Azerbaijan, Poland 9-0 Kazakhstan, Kazakhstan 0-10 Austria, Poland 5-0 Azerbaijan, Austria 1-0 Poland, Azerbaijan 2-0 Kazakhstan

ELITE ROUND GROUP 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria*	3	3	0	0	13	2	9
Greece	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
Russia	3	1	1	1	5	8	4
Belarus	3	0	0	3	3	12	0

*Hosts

Russia 3-2 Belarus, Austria 2-1 Greece, Greece 1-1 Russia, Austria 6-0 Belarus, Russia 1-5 Austria, Belarus 1-3 Greece

NUMBERS

1

This is Austria's first UEFA women's final tournament appearance at any level.



31


Goals registered in Austria's six qualifiers – the most of any side.





PORTUGAL



 Portugal have qualified for the final tournament at their first attempt, the latest sign of progress from a growing force in women's football. Portugal surprised many last year by reaching the UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship finals; now they have laid down another marker in what coach Susana Cova believes is "just the beginning of a cycle".

Portugal only played their first match at this level on 7 May and their first competitive game was a 3-0 loss to Sweden at the start of qualifying for this tournament. Undeterred, Cova's side responded with 2-0 wins against Serbia and Israel to reach the elite round, where they notably defeated Italy en route to surprisingly qualifying from Group 3 as the round's best runners-up. "Every player knows that when playing for Portugal they have

to show pride, ambition and determination," Cova said. "Only by doing so can we compete with teams as good as or even better than those we played in the elite round."

The versatile Leandra Pereira is a key figure, but Portugal's strength lies in their organisation, tactical nous and the passion of the players. Qualifying highlights included Bárbara Azevedo's late winner against Italy and Inês Silva's stunning free-kick in the 1-1 draw with the Czech Republic, which secured a place in England. Just being here, Cova says, could have a lasting impact on Portuguese women's football. "It's extremely important. We will be able to reach more parents, more families, more young people. That's what interests us, increasing the number of players as well as the quality."

COACH: SUSANA COVA

DATE OF BIRTH: 23/08/1974

A former Portuguese international, Cova joined the Portuguese Football Federation's coaching staff in 2007. She worked with the women's Under-19s as well as being assistant coach to the national side before taking charge of the women's Under-17s this year.



"Every player knows that they have to show pride, ambition and determination"

FINAL TOURNAMENT RECORD

First appearance

GROUP A MATCHES

26 November v Austria, 29 November v Italy, 2 December v England



QUALIFYING STATISTICS

	Date of birth	Qualifying Apps/Goals	Competition Apps/Goals	Club
Goalkeepers				
Catarina Barradas	31/01/1997	5/0	5/0	Boavista FC
Ana Rita Oliveira	27/01/1998	3/0	3/0	Os Sandinenses
Defenders				
Inês Galvão	20/02/1998	0/0	0/0	CAC Pontinha
Diana Gomes	26/07/1998	6/0	6/0	SC Freamunde
Margarida Machado	01/12/1998	6/0	6/0	Vilaverdense FC
Sara Monteiro	01/09/1997	6/0	6/0	Boavista FC
Inês Silva	29/03/1997	6/1	6/1	Fundação Laura Santos
Sofia Silva	20/11/1997	0/0	0/0	GDC A-dos-Francos
Susana Silva	08/09/1998	2/0	2/0	FC Cesarense
Midfielders				
Nadine Cordeiro	05/06/1997	6/1	6/1	EFF Setúbal
Carolina Ferreira	02/06/1997	4/3	4/3	GDC A-dos-Francos
Mariana Fong	01/08/1998	6/0	6/0	Viseu 2001 ADSC
Josephine Monteiro	28/09/1998	4/0	4/0	FK Lyn
Margarida Sousa	26/02/1997	3/0	3/0	SU 1º Dezembro
Forwards				
Bárbara Azevedo	04/11/1997	6/1	6/1	Boavista FC
Francisca Cardoso	13/12/1997	6/0	6/0	Boavista FC
Rita Cheganças	18/05/1998	4/0	4/0	Clube de Albergaria
Leandra Pereira	08/02/1998	6/1	6/1	Vilaverdense FC
Cláudia Tecedeiro	08/06/1997	4/0	4/0	AA Universidade Évora

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QUALIFYING ROUND GROUP 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	3	3	0	0	14	1	9
Portugal	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Serbia	3	1	0	2	3	6	3
Israel*	3	0	0	3	1	12	0

*Hosts

Sweden 3-0 Portugal, Serbia 2-1 Israel, Portugal 2-0 Serbia, Sweden 8-0 Israel, Israel 0-2 Portugal, Serbia 1-3 Sweden

ELITE ROUND GROUP 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Portugal*	3	1	2	0	3	2	5
Czech Republic	3	1	1	1	4	2	4
Denmark	3	0	1	2	1	5	1

*Hosts

Italy 1-0 Czech Republic, Denmark 0-0 Portugal, Czech Republic 3-0 Denmark, Italy 1-2 Portugal, Denmark 1-2 Italy, Portugal 1-1 Czech Republic

NUMBERS

1

Nadine Cordeiro scored Portugal's first goal at this level, in a 2-2 draw against Hungary in their first match on 7 May 2013.



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Prior to this tournament Portugal had played ten times at this level, winning four, drawing five and losing just once.





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The tournament's official website will have all the latest news as well as match reports, reaction and exclusive interviews.



Match schedule

GROUP STAGE

26 NOVEMBER

Group A

12.30 AFC Telford Stadium	England	■	v	■	Italy
19.00 AFC Telford Stadium	Austria	■	v	■	Portugal

Group B

12.30 Hinckley Stadium	Germany	■	v	■	Scotland
19.00 Hinckley Stadium	France	■	v	■	Spain

29 NOVEMBER

Group A

12.30 Hinckley Stadium	Italy	■	v	■	Portugal
19.00 Chesterfield FC Stadium	England	■	v	■	Austria

Group B

12.30 AFC Telford Stadium	Germany	■	v	■	France
19.00 Burton Albion FC Stadium	Scotland	■	v	■	Spain

2 DECEMBER

Group A

12.30 Burton Albion FC Stadium	Portugal	■	v	■	England
12.30 AFC Telford Stadium	Italy	■	v	■	Austria

Group B

12.30 Chesterfield FC Stadium	Scotland	■	v	■	France
12.30 Hinckley Stadium	Spain	■	v	■	Germany

SEMI-FINALS

5 DECEMBER

17.00 Chesterfield FC Stadium	■	■	v	■	■
19.00 Burton Albion FC Stadium	■	■	v	■	■

THIRD-PLACE PLAY-OFF

8 DECEMBER

12.00 Burton Albion FC Stadium	■	■	v	■	■
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FINAL

8 DECEMBER

17.00 Chesterfield FC Stadium	■	■	v	■	■
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All times local

GROUP A



ENGLAND



ITALY



AUSTRIA



PORTUGAL

GROUP B



GERMANY



SCOTLAND



FRANCE



SPAIN



STRAIGHT TO PENALTIES

If a semi-final, the third-place play-off or the final stands at a draw at the end of 80 minutes of normal time, no extra time will be played. The match will go straight to a penalty shoot-out to determine the winners.



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VENUES

After seven years at Stade de Colovray in Nyon, Switzerland, the final tournament treads new ground



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one semi-final, final



BURTON ALBION FC STADIUM
BURTON UPON TRENT

Capacity: 6,900

Matches: two group games,
one semi-final, third-place play-off



AFC TELFORD STADIUM
TELFORD

Capacity: 6,000

Matches: four group games



HINCKLEY STADIUM
HINCKLEY

Capacity: 4,200

Matches: four group games



“ENJOY THE MOMENT”

Tournament ambassador and England international Karen Carney urges the players to make the most of the finals and offers a few tips on how best to spend some time in the English Midlands

“It’s difficult when you are in tournament football to take yourself out of that football bubble. A tournament gets quite intense. As a player, it’s good to go out and see places. When we go away, I’m keen to go and experience the culture. It’s a good opportunity to experience other parts of the world. It takes your mind off football, off the pressure, and back to a bit of normality.

“Definitely take DVDs and box sets. We are big on box sets, we download them and make sure we have them on the iPad or the laptop – Homeland, Broadchurch, New Girl. Each person has their box sets that they download for a trip. They’ve got their music on the iPad with stuff to keep them entertained. Thinking about football all the time is not healthy. I’m sure the Under-17s will have homework too!

“Enjoy the moment, you only have a short window in the Under-17s and Under-19s, it goes so fast, really make sure you learn from it rather than letting it go by without taking anything from it. Keep watching and learning, because that’s a massive part of your development. Enjoy the experience of being in the tournament. I remember being involved at 17 and 19, they were probably some of the best experiences I had growing up. I’ve framed my Under-17 shirt from when I first played for them. It’s the thrilling part when you are trying to go up the ladder. When you are in and around the senior squad, you forget how hard you worked to get in it. That’s the really exciting part – trying to make a name for yourself, trying to prove to the coaches that you are ready to go up to the next age group.”





ON TOUR

Following Karen Carney's advice "to go out and see places", we take our pick of the attractions in and around the tournament venues of Burton upon Trent, Chesterfield, Hinckley and Telford.

THE IRONBRIDGE GORGE

This UNESCO world heritage site (below), located 5km south of Telford, is considered the cradle of the industrial revolution.



SAMUEL JOHNSON'S BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

Visit the house in Lichfield, near Burton, where Samuel Johnson – author of the first Dictionary of the English Language – spent his childhood.

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One of England's most famous stately homes, Chatsworth House is set in the heart of the stunning Peak District just outside Chesterfield.

MARKET BOSWORTH COUNTRY PARK

Take time out in the Leicestershire countryside, a mere stone's throw from Hinckley.

And Carney's tips ...

CITY LIFE

Winger Carney hails from Birmingham and is quick to recommend the delights of a day out in England's second city or further afield. "There is Cadbury World if you like chocolate, curry places, the Bull Ring if you like shopping, Alton Towers if you want to go to a theme park. You've got all the football teams – you can go and watch Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion, Aston Villa, Wolves. There's loads to do."

PUB GRUB

When it comes to food, according to Carney: "If you are out in the country the best bet is a traditional English pub. Fish and chips, steak and ale pie, steak, shepherd's pie, cottage pie ... There are lots of quaint pubs in the Lichfield area and Tamworth and Burton as well."

NEW DAWN



The UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship final tournament has been expanded to eight teams to reflect the rising standards and growing strength of women's youth football across the continent

“I will remember this for the rest of my life,” declared defender Patrycja Michalczyk as Poland celebrated winning the UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship in June. “My first thoughts were tears of joy. Big tears.” Five months on, the achievement has still not sunk in according to captain Sylwia Matysik. “I hope when I'm finished with football I will fully realise I won the European championship and that it was my biggest success in my life,” she said. It was Poland's first UEFA women's title at any level and the first time a team other than Germany or Spain had lifted the trophy – fitting in a year of firsts for the competition as it breaks new ground in England.

For the first time since the competition began in 2007, the event will take place away from Stade de Colovray, opposite UEFA's headquarters in Nyon, Switzerland. It is also the first time eight teams will contest the final tournament as it doubles in size. In another first, the tournament is being played in winter, serving as a qualifying competition for the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, with the top three sides advancing to the competition in Costa Rica next March and April. “It was time to extend it to eight teams,” says Karen Espelund, chairwoman of UEFA's Women's Football Committee. “It is as simple as that. We now have 45, 46 or 47 teams playing in women's Under-17 and Under-19

tournaments and it's a very narrow path if you have a final round with only four teams. Almost all UEFA's associations now have a team which plays in the women's Under-17s.”

The changes bring the women's Under-17s into line with UEFA's other youth competitions and reflect the increased importance national associations are placing on women's youth football. Working in tandem with the associations, UEFA's women's football development programme funds women's football projects from grassroots to national team levels, with the goal of getting more girls involved in the game and raising standards. Development tournaments for younger age groups, and others involving teams that have not reached championship final tournaments, also help youngsters gain experience. “We are providing experts, providing tools, providing money,” Espelund said. “It's about raising the profile, making girls see it's possible to play football and letting them in.”

“I hope when I'm finished with football I will fully realise I won the European championship and that it was the biggest success in my life”



Clockwise from top: Poland lift the trophy in June; Alba Pomares celebrates scoring Spain's winner in 2011; Germany are quick off the mark after their 2012 shoot-out victory against France



POLAND FIRST

There was a fresh look to the competition in Nyon last June. For the first time Germany did not qualify, there were three debutants in the tournament, and a new name – Poland – was inscribed on the trophy. Alongside the Poles, Sweden and Belgium were also making their maiden appearances. Spain completed the lineup, going into the event aiming to

claim a third title to match the achievement of 2012 victors Germany.

Germany have been the championship's dominant force since it started in 2007/08, winning three titles to Spain's two before Poland joined the party last summer. Germany lifted the first two titles in 2008 and 2009, relinquished the crown

to Spain in 2010 and 2011, then reclaimed the glory in 2012 with a penalty shoot-out victory over France.

Les Bleuettes have the unfortunate record of having lost in three of the first five finals and will be looking to make amends this time around in their fifth appearance in the final tournament – a mark only Germany, on six, can better.

ROLL OF HONOUR


2013	POLAND
2012	GERMANY
2011	SPAIN
2010	SPAIN
2009	GERMANY
2008	GERMANY



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A photograph of two female football players, Dzsenerifer Marozsán and Leonie Maier, celebrating their victory at the UEFA Women's EURO 2013. Dzsenerifer Marozsán, on the left, is holding the large, silver UEFA Women's EURO trophy. Both players are wearing white Germany national team jerseys with black accents. Leonie Maier, on the right, has her arm around Dzsenerifer's shoulder. They are both smiling broadly and looking towards the trophy. The background is a blurred stadium filled with spectators.

Dzsenerifer Marozsán (left)
and Leonie Maier celebrate
winning UEFA Women's
EURO 2013 in July

FIRST STEPS TO SUCCESS

Germany's run of success at the UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship definitely seems to have accustomed their players to collecting trophies, with no fewer than seven of their UEFA Women's EURO 2013 winning squad having triumphed in this competition. Leonie Maier and Dzsenerifer Marozsán in 2008, Isabelle Linden and Svenja Huth in 2008, Jennifer Cramer and Luisa Wensing in 2009, and Sara Däbritz

in 2012 have all lifted the women's Under-17 trophy, and as the competition enters a new era, a new generation will be determined to emulate those feats. "It was the first big title for me," Marozsán recalls of Germany's victory in 2008. "The moment you lift the trophy you don't think about anything, you just enjoy having achieved what you dreamt of as a young girl. It is an indescribable feeling."



GERMANY



Germany will come up against some familiar faces in Group B as they look to reclaim the trophy they last won in 2012. They are the most successful side in the competition's short history, and their three triumphs have come courtesy of final victories against group rivals France (in 2008 and 2012) and Spain (2009). They were not in Nyon in June to defend their title, having surprisingly fallen in qualifying for the first time, but they made no mistake in this campaign, winning elite round Group 6 without conceding a goal after being given a bye through the qualifying round.

Anouschka Bernhard's side are built on the foundations of a solid defence, with Michaela Brandenburg and Lisa Karl the cornerstones, while in midfield, Saskia Matheis, Saskia Meier

and Nina Egehötz dictate Germany's play based on a patient possession game. Striker Jasmin Sehan, meanwhile, provides the goals and has already struck nine times in 11 appearances in this competition.

With qualification secured, Bernhard believes her side can now step up a gear. "We had some edgy games, now we are up against the best teams in England," she said. "It should suit us that the [other finalists] will also play a more open game and want to challenge us. We are in a strong group with Spain and France, who are expected to be up there when the title is decided. But we take it as it is and are looking forward to the matches. We all have the same ambitions: to win the title or finish in third place and qualify for the World Cup."

COACH: ANOUSCHKA BERNHARD

DATE OF BIRTH: 05/10/1970

Part of Germany's triumphant 1995 UEFA European Women's Championship side, Bernhard coached FSV Frankfurt before taking charge of Germany's women's Under-16s in 2011. She moved up to the Under-17s for 2011/12 and won the European title.



"We are in a strong group with Spain and France. But we take it as it is and look forward to the matches"

FINAL TOURNAMENT RECORD

Winners 2008, 2009, 2012; third place 2010, 2011

GROUP B MATCHES

26 November v Scotland, 29 November v France, 2 December v Spain



QUALIFYING STATISTICS

	Date of birth	Qualifying Apps/Goals	Competition Apps/Goals	Club
Goalkeepers				
Vivien Brandt	25/09/1997	3/0	3/0	FSV Gütersloh 2009
Miriam Hanemann	24/03/1997	0/0	5/0	1. FFC Frankfurt
Defenders				
Michaela Brandenburg	17/12/1997	3/0	9/0	VfL Wolfsburg
Isabella Hartig	12/08/1997	0/0	0/0	FC Bayern München
Lisa Karl	15/01/1997	3/0	6/0	SC Freiburg
Jana Löber	13/07/1997	1/0	1/0	1. FFC Frankfurt
Michaela Specht	15/02/1997	0/0	5/0	FC Bayern München
Leonie Stenzel	23/07/1997	3/0	3/0	VfL Wolfsburg
Midfielders				
Celina Beuter	23/01/1998	2/0	2/0	1. FFC Frankfurt
Samantha Dick	22/06/1997	2/0	2/0	1. FFC Frankfurt
Nina Ehegötz	22/02/1997	2/0	8/0	FSV Gütersloh 2009
Kim Fellhauer	21/01/1998	3/0	3/0	1. FC Saarbrücken
Saskia Matheis	06/06/1997	2/0	7/0	1. FFC Frankfurt
Saskia Meier	19/03/1997	3/1	8/1	SC Freiburg
Melanie Ott	13/04/1997	2/0	2/0	FSV Gütersloh 2009
Viktoria Schwalm	09/12/1997	0/0	0/0	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam
Ricarda Walking	19/03/1997	3/3	5/3	FC Bayern München
Forwards				
Burcu Özkanca	20/01/1997	1/0	1/0	VfL Bochum 1848
Jasmin Sehan	16/06/1997	3/3	9/11	VfL Wolfsburg
Laura Widak	05/01/1997	3/0	3/0	Bayer 04 Leverkusen

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ELITE ROUND GROUP 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany*	3	2	1	0	7	0	7
Belgium	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Netherlands	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
Switzerland	3	0	1	2	2	10	1

*Hosts

Belgium 1-0 Netherlands, Germany 6-0
Switzerland, Switzerland 1-1 Belgium,
Germany 0-0 Netherlands, Belgium 0-1
Germany, Netherlands 3-1 Switzerland



NUMBERS

4,300

A competition record crowd saw
Germany defeat Belgium 1-0
in Grossbardorf to finish top of
elite round Group 6 and qualify.



2

Germany have lost just two out of
43 games in this competition.





SCOTLAND



Scotland will make the trip south for their first final tournament at this level and have at their helm one of the stalwarts of the game in their nation – Pauline Hamill, an international for 18 years. In a very tight elite round group in Hungary, Scotland qualified thanks to a 2-0 victory against Finland, and Hamill is delighted that three years of hard work have paid off. "First and foremost, we are really happy to have qualified," she said. "It's a huge achievement and a great compliment to the girls who have worked so hard to get there. We are so excited to be competing at this level."

Hamill admits the tournament will be "a step up" for her side, in which midfielders Erin Cuthbert and Hayley Sinclair and defender Georgie Rafferty are key figures. While reluctant to

single out individuals, Hamill is also tipping 15-year-old striker Alyshia Walker to make an impression. "The strength of our team is our group mentality and players working together," added Hamill. "Having said that, we also have exceptional players. Alyshia is a fantastic striker and will be one of the youngest players at this tournament. We are there on merit along with the seven best teams in Europe, so I'm confident we can give a good account of ourselves during this tournament."

It will be a stern test for Scotland, who have been drawn against former champions Germany and Spain and three-time finalists France, but Hamill is looking forward to a challenge. "This is a tough draw, but it's brilliant in terms of the players' development," she said.

COACH: PAULINE HAMILL

DATE OF BIRTH: 18/12/1971

Hamill was the first Scottish woman to win 100 caps and has been coaching since taking a role at Rangers LFC in 2003. She took up her current position in 2010.



"Qualifying is a huge achievement. We are so excited to be competing at this level"

FINAL TOURNAMENT RECORD

First appearance

GROUP B MATCHES

26 November v Germany, 29 November v Spain, 2 December v France



QUALIFYING STATISTICS

	Date of birth	Qualifying Apps/Goals	Competition Apps/Goals	Club
Goalkeepers				
Rebecca Flaherty	06/03/1998	6/0	6/0	Buchan LFC
Laura Hamilton	24/04/1998	0/0	0/0	Celtic FC
Murren Stevenson	04/03/1997	0/0	0/0	Rangers LFC
Defenders				
Amy Anderson	27/11/1997	0/0	0/0	Glasgow City LFC
Sarah Clelland	11/08/1997	6/0	6/0	Rangers LFC
Cassie Cowper	29/06/1998	1/0	1/0	Aberdeen LFC
Georgie Rafferty	11/06/1997	6/2	9/2	Celtic FC
Courtney Whyte	27/05/1998	6/1	6/1	Celtic FC
Midfielders				
Dana Baird	27/09/1997	4/0	4/0	Rangers LFC
Chantelle Brown	02/10/1998	5/1	5/1	Rangers LFC
Louise Brown	30/06/1997	2/0	2/0	Buchan LFC
Chelsea Cornet	19/04/1998	5/1	5/1	Hibernian LFC
Erin Cuthbert	19/07/1998	6/2	6/2	Rangers LFC
Abigail Harrison	07/12/1997	6/0	7/0	Celtic FC
Carla Jackson	04/05/1997	6/1	9/2	Celtic FC
Sarah Robertson	08/07/1997	4/1	4/1	Rangers LFC
Hayley Sinclair	11/07/1997	3/0	5/1	Celtic FC
Forwards				
Carla Boyce	29/12/1998	2/0	2/0	Glasgow City LFC
Kirsty Howat	19/05/1997	5/2	5/2	Rangers LFC
Lia Tweedie	25/12/1997	4/0	4/0	Hibernian LFC
Alyshia Walker	07/04/1998	6/6	6/6	Celtic FC

See UEFA.com for official squad list

QUALIFYING ROUND GROUP 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Czech Republic	3	2	0	1	18	4	6
Scotland*	3	2	0	1	10	6	6
Northern Ireland	3	2	0	1	9	8	6
Montenegro	3	0	0	3	1	20	0

*Hosts

Czech Republic 3-4 Northern Ireland, Scotland
5-1 Montenegro, N. Ireland 1-5 Scotland,
Czech Republic 11-0 Montenegro, Scotland
0-4 Czech Republic, Montenegro 0-4 N. Ireland

ELITE ROUND GROUP 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	3	2	0	1	7	5	6
Norway	3	2	0	1	13	4	6
Finland	3	1	0	2	4	7	3
Hungary*	3	1	0	2	5	13	3

*Hosts

Norway 5-1 Finland, Hungary 4-3 Scotland,
Norway 1-2 Scotland, Finland 3-0 Hungary,
Hungary 1-7 Norway, Scotland 2-0 Finland

NUMBERS

3

Scotland showed character to advance from elite round Group 5 – each side was on three points before the final day.



141

Record number of Scotland caps won by Pauline Hamill, who was still playing when she began coaching the Under-17s.





FRANCE



 Runners-up in 2008, 2011 and 2012, France only twice failed to qualify for the four-team UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship final tournament. In 2012 they made up for their third final defeat, by Germany, by going on to win the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in Azerbaijan.

Former men's youth national coach Guy Ferrier took over the squad from Paco Rubio in 2012, masterminding the World Cup victory and leading his side to this season's European finals in England. "This squad is talented and possesses an outstanding spirit," Ferrier said. "They have been courageous so far in the competition and snatched their berth with gutsy displays. There is still much to do but

they could do well in the finals. Lifting the trophy would be good, but the main interest in these competitions is the three or four high-level games they'll play. The main aim is to prepare for the future, as they are set to play at the highest level as soon as possible."

Left-back Estelle Cascarino, like her twin Delphine an Olympique Lyonnais trainee, was crucial to France coming through qualifying without conceding a goal, while Mathilde Jouanno is a threat up front. In the elite round in Northern Ireland, France made light work of holders Poland 3-0 before beating the home side 2-0. They completed the section by defeating 2013 runners-up Sweden 1-0 in an exciting game in which substitute Perle Morroni scored the 73rd-minute winner.

COACH: GUY FERRIER

DATE OF BIRTH: 06/12/1951

Ferrier joined the French Football Federation in 1981. He became a national men's youth coach in 2005 before switching to the women's game seven years later and winning the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup.



"The aim is to prepare for the future, as they are set to play at the highest level as soon as possible"

FINAL TOURNAMENT RECORD

Runners-up 2008, 2011, 2012; third place 2009

GROUP B MATCHES

26 November v Spain, 29 November v Germany, 2 December v Scotland

QUALIFYING STATISTICS

	Date of birth	Qualifying Apps/Goals	Competition Apps/Goals	Club
Goalkeepers				
Manon Heil	11/03/1997	3/0	7/0	Vendenheim FC
Elisa Launay	09/09/1997	0/0	0/0	Entente Blancheortaise
Defenders				
Estelle Cascarino	05/02/1997	3/0	8/0	Olympique Lyonnais
Heloise Mansuy	13/02/1997	1/0	3/1	AS Nancy-Lorraine
Julie Marichaud	12/11/1997	3/0	3/0	Olympique Lyonnais
Morgane Nicoli	07/04/1997	2/0	7/0	AS de la Costa Verde
Soazig Quero	08/03/1997	3/0	3/0	FC Lorient 56
Midfielders				
Laura Condon	18/03/1997	2/0	2/0	Toulouse FC
Cathy Couturier	08/01/1997	0/0	0/0	Paris Saint-Germain
Elise Legrouit	12/08/1997	1/0	1/0	Arras FCF
Clara Mateo	28/11/1997	3/0	3/0	ESOF La Roche-sur-Yon
Perle Morroni	15/10/1997	3/1	3/1	Paris Saint-Germain
Manon Uffren	02/06/1997	3/1	3/1	FC Féminin Monteux
Forwards				
Delphine Cascarino	05/02/1997	3/0	5/0	Olympique Lyonnais
Marie Chirat	05/02/1997	2/0	2/0	Olympique Lyonnais
Mathilde Jouanno	12/05/1997	2/2	2/2	FC Lorient 56
Marine Julian	09/01/1997	3/1	3/1	FCF Hénin-Beaumont
Anissa Lahmari	17/02/1997	3/1	3/1	Paris Saint-Germain

See UEFA.com for official squad list

ELITE ROUND GROUP 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	6	0	9
Sweden	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Poland	3	1	1	1	3	5	4
Northern Ireland*	3	0	0	3	0	5	0

*Hosts

France 3-0 Poland, Sweden 2-0 Northern Ireland, Poland 2-2 Sweden, France 2-0 Northern Ireland, Sweden 0-1 France, Northern Ireland 0-1 Poland



NUMBERS

0

Given a bye through the first round, France qualified without conceding a goal in three elite round fixtures.



3

France have reached three finals at this level but are yet to win, losing to Germany twice and Spain once.





SPAIN



Still able to call on 11 of the squad that finished third at last June's UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship final tournament in Switzerland, Jorge Vilda's team were the first to qualify and join hosts England this time after coming through their elite round section with a 100% record. The 2010 and 2011 winners saw off the challenges of the Republic of Ireland, Romania and Iceland while employing an attacking style that has long become familiar at all international levels in the country. "We weren't starting from zero as we have been emphasising our philosophy from the Under-15 and Under-16 categories," explained Vilda, who counts defender Nuria Garrote and forwards Nahikari García and Andrea Sánchez among the key members of his side. Top

scorer in qualifying with five goals, García says that both she and her team-mates value the importance of the collective over the individual. "We are, above all, a team," she insists. "We only think about ourselves as a group, there are no egos here."

Speaking about his side's elite round campaign, Vilda picked out the one-sided win against Romania as the blueprint for future performances. "There were a lot of nerves and errors in the group opener against Ireland," he said. "We played in a more comfortable manner against Romania. That was the real Spain, playing with happiness, an attacking verve and a lot of pressing." Now the real test begins. "Germany, France and Scotland are all great teams," he said. "You have to face [them] sooner or later. In this case it's sooner, so we're very motivated."

COACH: JORGE VILDA

DATE OF BIRTH: 07/07/1981

The son of Ángel Vilda, who steered Spain to the 2009 final, Jorge went one better by leading Spain to the title in 2010 and 2011. He recently also took over the women's Under-19 side from his father.



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FINAL TOURNAMENT RECORD

Winners 2010, 2011; runners-up 2009; third place 2013

GROUP B MATCHES

26 November v France, 29 November v Scotland, 2 December v Germany

QUALIFYING STATISTICS

	Date of birth	Qualifying Apps/Goals	Competition Apps/Goals	Club
Goalkeepers				
Elena de Toro	31/01/1997	0/0	2/0	FF La Solana
Yaiza Pérez	21/04/1997	3/0	10/0	Atlético Jesús
Defenders				
Beatriz Beltrán	10/12/1997	3/0	3/0	Club Atlético de Madrid
Lucía Fuentres	22/01/1997	1/0	2/0	CD Alcaíne
Rocío Gálvez	15/04/1997	3/1	6/1	Real Betis Balompié
Nuria Garrote	10/06/1997	3/0	10/2	FC Barcelona
Queralt Gómez	27/05/1997	3/0	3/0	FC Barcelona
Silvia Mérida	14/01/1998	0/0	2/0	Atlético Benamiel CF
Cintia Montagut	16/04/1998	0/0	0/0	Valencia Fémias CF
Midfielders				
Aitana Bonmati	18/01/1998	2/0	2/0	FC Barcelona
Laura Ortega	10/11/1997	0/0	0/0	Club Atlético de Madrid
María del Pilar Garrote	10/06/1997	3/1	5/1	FC Barcelona
Patricia Guijarro	17/05/1998	3/1	8/3	UD Collerense
Maite Oroz	25/03/1998	1/1	2/1	CA Osasuna
Forwards				
Laura Domínguez	12/08/1997	2/1	2/1	Madrid CFF
Mireya García	13/08/1997	3/1	8/3	Sevilla FC
Nahikari García	10/03/1997	2/5	10/11	Añorga KKE
Carmen Menayo	14/04/1998	2/0	7/0	EF Puebla de la Calzada
Laura María Pérez	15/06/1998	3/0	3/0	Granada Club de Fútbol
Andrea Sánchez	28/02/1997	3/2	14/4	FC Barcelona

See UEFA.com for official squad list

NUMBERS

2

Spain have won this competition twice; only Germany, with three titles, have been more successful.



4

Coach Jorge Vilda has led Spain to the final tournament four times in five seasons.

ELITE ROUND GROUP 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	3	3	0	0	13	2	9
Republic of Ireland	3	2	0	1	7	3	6
Iceland	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
Romania*	3	0	0	3	1	14	0

*Hosts

Spain 2-1 Republic of Ireland, Iceland 2-1 Romania, Spain 8-0 Romania, Republic of Ireland 2-1 Iceland, Iceland 1-3 Spain, Romania 0-4 Republic of Ireland



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The FA's stunning new home at St George's Park is raising expectations at all levels of the English game

It is only a little over a year since The Football Association's new national football centre opened, but according to women's Under-17 coach Lois Fidler, its impact is already being felt. "From the moment our players turn up at our national centre in St George's Park I think we get an extra 10–20% out of them," she said. "We treat special to find special, we expect special."

St George's will be used as a base for all eight teams at this final tournament, giving visiting sides the chance to experience England's new home at first hand. If ever there was an indication of The FA's ambitions for women's youth football, it is here, where Fidler's side rub shoulders with England teams of all levels.

England's 24 national sides – from the women's Under-15s through to the senior men's team – share the impressive venue, which is situated in 330 acres of Staffordshire countryside. Facilities include a full-size indoor 3G pitch, sports medicine rehabilitation and performance and training centres, and 11 outdoor pitches. With every

need catered for, ambition and belief are rising. "We want to push it on to the next level," Fidler said. "These are world-class facilities, world-class recovery facilities. I don't think [the players] can be anything but motivated ... The expectations are growing, our investment in the sport is growing, and we just hope that our performances and

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our results, and the development of the players longer term, grow with it."

As well as a home for England's players, St George's is a centre of learning, with coach education at its heart. For established coaches such as Fidler, meanwhile, working alongside other trainers is hugely beneficial.

"You have an opportunity to share experiences, positive and negative, to share good practice and to put all the work together in a united organisation, to push each other and ultimately the players on. That's what I like best about the environment. There is more contact time of national coaches with one another, between the boys and the girls and across the women's game."

England's senior men's team have played their part in The FA's 150th anniversary year by qualifying for next summer's FIFA World Cup. The women's Under-17s are now aiming to end 2013 on a high with a first trophy to celebrate at St George's. "It is a massive year for the English FA with the 150th anniversary," Fidler said. "For us [the final tournament] is the pinnacle of a year's work of preparations and activities. It's a massive opportunity to raise the profile of the sport, to galvanise the energy post-Olympics and showcase the talent. [Victory] would be hard-earned, well-earned and a dream come true – and nothing our players are not capable of."

Vesna Budimir refereed
the women's Under-17
final five months ago



ON THE WHISTLE

UEFA's Centre of Refereeing Excellence gives officials a step up in the game

It is not only the players who benefit from participating in a youth tournament such as this. Match officials too gain valuable experience and, like the players, are being given every support to achieve their goals. UEFA's Centre of Refereeing Excellence (CORE) programme has been extended to incorporate the development of up-and-coming female referees. Former international official David Elleray led the first CORE women's development course in May, aimed at raising refereeing standards across the continent.

According to referee Marija Kurtes,

who officiated during qualifying for this tournament, keeping officials in step with the improving quality of women's football is essential for the game to flourish.

"The quality of refereeing goes together with the quality of soccer," the 27-year-old German official said. "Female soccer has developed enormously in the last year, and we also want to develop. Therefore we have good coaching, training and everything to be on the same level [as] the players. The games are faster than before, more physical than before and therefore we have also to be well prepared for it."

Ewa Pajor (right)
was a key figure for
Poland when they
claimed the title
in June



MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREES

VESNA BUDIMIR
Croatia

LINA LEHTOVAARA
Finland

ANA MINIĆ
Serbia

SARA PERSSON
Sweden

ZUZANA ŠTRPKOVÁ
Slovakia

IRINA TUROVSKAYA
Bulgaria

ASSISTANT REFEREES

MATHILDE ABILDGAARD
Denmark

ELENA ALISTRATOVA
Kazakhstan

ANNA DAROWSKA
Poland

SUSANNE KÜNG
Switzerland

KHATUNA MAISURADZE
Georgia

EKATERINA MARINOVA
Bulgaria

YANA SASHCHYNA
Ukraine

KATALIN TÖRÖK
Hungary

FOURTH OFFICIALS

VIRGINIE DEROUAUX
Belgium

TANIA FERNANDES MORAIS
Luxembourg

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