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Match background

One of France or the Netherlands will earn their first UEFA European Women's Championship semi-final after their last-eight tie at the Tampere Stadium.

- The Netherlands made a perfect start to their final tournament debut, beating Ukraine 2-0 in Turku; Kirsten van de Ven and Karin Stevens scoring in the first nine minutes. They then lost 2-1 to Finland at Helsinki's Olympic Stadium despite Van de Ven equalising with a solo effort but, only needing a draw against Denmark, Vera Pauw's side won 2-1 with goals from Sylvia Smit and Manon Melis securing second place in Group A behind the hosts.
- France began Group B by conceding a sixth-minute goal to Iceland's Hólmiður Magnúsdóttir but penalties either side of half-time by American-based pair Camille Abily and Sonia Bompastor turned the game before Louisa Nécib made it 3-1, which it stayed after Sarah Bouhaddi saved Margrét Lára Vídarsdóttir's spot-kick.
- Les Bleues were then beaten 5-1 by Germany despite Gaëtane Thiney's consolation, but they only needed a point against Norway to ensure second place and although Lene Storlækken scored early on, Abily earned a 1-1 draw.
- That took France past the group stage for the first time having failed in all three eight-team tournaments of 1997, 2001 and 2005. They also lost a two-legged quarter-final 4-1 on aggregate to Italy in 1989.
- France defender Corine Franco and striker Candie Herbert suffered head injuries in the first half against Iceland and have not played since, though coach Bruno Bini has hinted that at least one is close to a return.
- These sides have met 22 times at senior women's level, with nine wins each and four draws, though France lead 29-24 on goals.
- Their most recent meeting was after both sides had qualified for this tournament, the Netherlands winning a 14 December 2008 friendly 2-0 in Compiègne with goals from Stevens and Chantal de Ridder. The victory was a triumph for Pauw's recently-introduced formation including two defensive midfielders, a tactic that has paid dividends in these finals.
- On 1 October 2007 in Almere, visitors France won 4-1.
- The pair were together in 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup qualifying. On 24 September 2005, in Pauw's first competitive game in charge, the Netherlands won 1-0 in France, a result that began an improvement in fortunes that has taken them to this stage. Les Bleues won 2-0 in Zwolle on 13 May 2006 but were to be pipped to the finals by England with the Netherlands third in the group.
- Those results mean that the last four games between these countries have resulted in away wins.
- They have met three times in European qualifying. In the 2001 edition, France drew 1-1 in Eindhoven and won 2-1 at home; on their way to the 1997 finals France drew 1-1 at home but won 2-1 away and ahead of the four-team 1987 event the Netherlands won 1-0 at home and 5-3 away but missed out behind Sweden on goal difference.
- The winners of this quarter-final will remain in Tampere to play Finland or England on Sunday at 19.00 local time (18.00CET).

Team facts

NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands were among the stronger nations in the early days of European competitions for women and, after recovering from a quiet period, they have reached the final tournament for the first time.

They entered the first European women's competition in 1984 and reached the two-legged quarter-finals of 1989, 1991 and 1993, losing to Norway, Denmark, and Norway again. The next few editions proved a struggle but the appointment of one of their key players from the past, Vera Pauw, as coach in 2005 proved inspired. They gave England and France a tough race in 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup qualifying and finished second behind Germany in their group for this tournament, going on to surprise Spain with two 2-0 wins in the play-off.

Tournament record

2005: qualifying

2001: qualifying

1997: qualifying

1995: qualifying
1993: quarter-finals
1991: quarter-finals
1989: quarter-finals
1987: qualifying
1984: qualifying

2009 qualifying

P10 W5 D3 L2 F16 A12

Top scorer: Manon Melis 7

Most appearances: Loes Geurts, Anouk Hoogendijk, Sylvia Smit, Sherida Spitse, Karin Stevens 10

Friendly results since qualifying

14/12/08 France 0-2 Netherlands
05/03/09 Netherlands 2-1 Russia (Cyprus Women's Cup)
07/03/09 Netherlands 1-2 Canada (Cyprus Women's Cup)
10/03/09 Netherlands 0-2 New Zealand (Cyprus Women's Cup)
12/03/09 Netherlands 5-0 South Africa (Cyprus Women's Cup, fifth place)
25/04/09 Iceland 1-1 Netherlands
11/07/09 Netherlands 5-0 Switzerland (Amsterdam Four Nations Tournament)
13/07/09 Netherlands 3-2 South Africa (Amsterdam Four Nations Tournament)
15/07/09 Netherlands 2-4 China (Amsterdam Four Nations Tournament, second place)
25/07/09 Germany 6-0 Netherlands
08/08/09 Netherlands 2-0 Poland
13/08/09 Russia 1-0 Netherlands

Competition record win

9-0 v Northern Ireland (h), 17/03/1990, 1991 qualifying

Competition record defeat

1-5 v Germany (a), 12/04/07, 2009 qualifying
1-5 v Denmark (h), 29/09/04, 2005 qualifying

FRANCE

The French women's national team played their first international as early as 1971 but it is only in the last decade or so that women's football has attracted widespread interest in the country.

For a long time the French regarded football as a masculine pursuit and girls were not encouraged to practise the sport at school. Interest began to increase following the emergence of one of the game's true stars, Marinette Pichon. After spending much of her youth trying to convince boys she was good enough to play with them – then embarrassing them by scoring a hatful of goals – Pichon made her debut for Les Bleues in 1994. For more than a decade, the striker, who was to play professionally in the United States, stood out as the star performer, helping them to the 1997, 2001 and 2005 final tournaments as well as the 2003 FIFA Women's World Cup. That year they won the UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship and much of that squad, plus coach Bruno Bini, were part of the side that qualified this time around, winning the decisive match 2-1 at home to Iceland.

Tournament record

2005: group stage
2001: group stage
1997: group stage
1995: qualifying
1993: qualifying
1991: qualifying
1989: quarter-finals
1987: qualifying
1984: qualifying

Other honours

2003 UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship winners

2009 qualifying

P8 W7 D0 L1 F31 A2

Top scorer: Camille Abily 5

Most appearances: Camille Abily, Sonia Bompastor, Elise Bussaglia, Elodie Thomis 8

Players with previous European final tournament experience

Candie Herbert (1997, 2001, 2005), Sandrine Soubeyrand (1997, 2001, 2005), Sonia Bompastor (2001, 2005), Laura Georges (2005), Camille Abily (2005), Louisa Nécib (2005), Élodie Thomis (2005), Céline Deville (2005*), Élise Bussaglia (2005), Sarah Bouhaddi (2005).

*Did not appear

Friendly results since qualifying

14/12/08 France 0-2 Netherlands

12/02/09 France 2-0 Republic of Ireland

05/03/09 France 2-0 Scotland (Cyprus Women's Cup)

07/03/09 France 2-2 England (Cyprus Women's Cup)

10/03/09 France 3-2 South Africa (Cyprus Women's Cup)

12/03/09 France 1-1 New Zealand, 6-5pens (Cyprus Women's Cup, third place)

22/04/09 France 2-0 Switzerland

25/04/09 France 1-0 Switzerland

01/08/09 France 0-4 Japan

12/08/09 France 4-0 Scotland

Competition record win

8-0 v Serbia (a), 27/10/07, 2009 qualifying

Competition record defeat

0-4 v Denmark (h), 02/05/92, 1993 qualifying

Squad list

Netherlands

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.	FT		WCHAMP	Gls	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Loes Geurts	12/01/86	23	AZ Alkmaar	-	10	-	3	-	13	-
13	Angela Christ	06/03/89	20	FC Utrecht	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Petra Dugardein	14/04/77	32	Willem II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Dyanne Bito	10/08/81	28	AZ Alkmaar	-	9	-	3	-	19	-
3	Daphne Koster	13/03/81	28	AZ Alkmaar	-	7	-	3	-	26	1
4	Manoe Meulen	11/09/78	30	Willem II	-	3	-	3	-	12	-
5	Petra Hogewoning	26/03/86	23	FC Utrecht	-	6	-	3	-	10	-
12	Marije Brummel	19/03/85	24	SC Heerenveen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Marloes de Boer	30/01/82	27	FC Twente	-	4	-	-	-	9	1
20	Jeanine van Dalen	18/06/86	23	ADO Den Haag	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders											
6	Anouk Hoogendijk	06/05/85	24	FC Utrecht	-	10	1	3	-	13	1
7	Annemieke Kiesel-Griffioen	30/11/79	29	FCR 2001 Duisburg	-	8	-	3	-	33	3
8	Kirsten van de Ven	11/05/85	24	Willem II	-	6	1	3	2	9	3
17	Sherida Spitse	29/05/90	19	SC Heerenveen	-	10	-	-	-	10	-
18	Lianne de Vries	28/06/90	19	FC Utrecht	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
19	Marlous Pieëte	19/07/89	20	FC Twente	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
Forwards											
9	Manon Melis	31/08/86	23	Malmö FF	-	8	7	3	1	14	9
10	Karin Stevens	11/06/89	20	Willem II	-	10	4	3	1	13	5
11	Sylvia Smit	04/07/86	23	SC Heerenveen	-	10	1	3	1	14	2
15	Claudia van den Heiligenberg	25/03/85	24	AZ Alkmaar	-	7	-	1	-	8	-
21	Chantal de Ridder	19/01/89	20	AZ Alkmaar	-	2	-	3	-	5	-
22	Shanice van de Sanden	02/10/92	16	FC Utrecht	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach											
-	Vera Pauw	18/01/63	46	NED	-	10	-	3	-	26	-

Key: Squad list is ordered by position and then numerically

D Disciplinary: * Misses next match if booked, **S** Suspended, **#** Suspended for at least one match

France

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		WCHAMP	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Céline Deville	24/01/82	27	Montpellier Hérault SC	-	3	-	-	-	7	-
16	Sarah Bouhaddi	17/10/86	22	Olympique Lyonnais	-	5	-	3	-	11	-
22	Laëtitia Stribick-Burckel	22/01/84	25	ASJ Soyaux	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Laure Lepailleur	07/03/85	24	Paris Saint-Germain FC	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
3	Ophélie Meilleroux	18/01/84	25	Nord Allier Yzeure	-	7	-	3	-	12	-
4	Laura Georges	20/08/84	25	Olympique Lyonnais	-	5	-	3	-	17	-
5	Sabrina Viguier	04/01/81	28	Montpellier Hérault SC	-	5	-	2	-	15	-
6	Sandrine Soubeyrand	16/08/73	36	Juvisy FCF	-	7	3	3	-	33	3
7	Corine Franco	05/10/83	25	Olympique Lyonnais	-	6	1	1	-	7	1
8	Sonia Bompastor	08/06/80	29	Washington Freedom	-	8	1	3	1	25	3
20	Delphine Blanc	07/06/83	26	Montpellier Hérault SC	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
Midfielders											
10	Camille Abily	05/12/84	24	Los Angeles Sol	-	8	5	3	2	14	7
14	Louisa Nécib	23/01/87	22	Olympique Lyonnais	-	7	2	3	1	11	3
15	Élise Bussaglia	24/09/85	23	Paris Saint-Germain FC	-	8	3	3	-	19	3
17	Gaëtane Thiney	28/10/85	23	Juvisy FCF	-	7	2	2	1	9	3
18	Amandine Henry	28/09/89	19	Olympique Lyonnais	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Eugénie Le Sommer	18/05/89	20	Stade Briochin	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
21	Ludivine Diguelman	15/04/84	25	Montpellier Hérault SC	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Forwards											
9	Candie Herbert	04/06/77	32	FC Hénin-Beaumont	-	2	2	1	-	17	4
11	Laëtitia Tonazzi	31/01/81	28	Juvisy FCF	-	3	-	-	-	9	5
12	Élodie Thomis	13/08/86	23	Olympique Lyonnais	-	8	4	3	-	13	4
13	Sandrine Brétigny	02/07/84	25	Olympique Lyonnais	-	5	3	2	-	7	3
Coach											
-	Bruno Bini	01/10/54	54	FRA	-	8	-	3	-	11	-

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Match-by-match lineups

Final tournament Group A Netherlands

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Finland	3	2	0	1	3	2	6
Netherlands	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
Denmark	3	1	0	2	3	4	3
Ukraine	3	1	0	2	2	4	3

Matchday 1 (23/08/09)

Ukraine 0-2 Netherlands

Goals: 0-1 Van de Ven 4, 0-2 Stevens 9

Netherlands: Geurts, Bito, Koster, Meulen, Hogewoning, Hoogendijk, Kiesel-Griffioen, Van de Ven (Pieëte 79), Melis, Stevens (De Ridder 86), Smit

Matchday 2 (26/08/09)

Netherlands 1-2 Finland

Goals: 0-1 Österberg Kalmari 7, 1-1 Van de Ven 25, 1-2 Österberg Kalmari 69

Netherlands: Geurts, Bito, Koster, Meulen, Hogewoning, Hoogendijk, Kiesel-Griffioen, Van de Ven, Melis, Stevens (De Ridder 68), Smit

Matchday 3 (29/08/09)

Denmark 1-2 Netherlands

Goals: 0-1 Smit 58, 0-2 Melis 66, 1-2 J. Rasmussen 71

Netherlands: Geurts, Bito, Koster, Meulen, Hogewoning, Hoogendijk, Kiesel-Griffioen, Van de Ven (Van den Heiligenberg 76), Melis, Smit (Pieëte 90+1), De Ridder (Stevens 46)

Quarter-finals (03/09/09)

Netherlands v France

Final tournament Group B France

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	3	3	0	0	10	1	9
France	3	1	1	1	5	7	4
Norway	3	1	1	1	2	5	4
Iceland	3	0	0	3	1	5	0

Matchday 1 (24/08/09)

Iceland 1-3 France

Goals: 1-0 Magnúsdóttir 6, 1-1 Abily 18 (pen) , 1-2 Bompastor 53 (pen) , 1-3 Nécib 67

France: Bouhaddi, Meilleroux, Georges, Soubeyrand, Franco (Viguier 37), Bompastor, Herbert (Brétigny 40), Abily, Thomis (Le Sommer 86), Nécib, Bussaglia

Matchday 2 (27/08/09)

France 1-5 Germany

Goals: 0-1 Grings 9, 0-2 Krahn 17, 0-3 Behringer 45+1, 0-4 Bresonik 47 (pen) , 1-4 Thiney 51, 1-5 Laudehr 90+1

France: Bouhaddi, Meilleroux, Georges, Viguier (Lepailleur 68), Soubeyrand, Bompastor, Abily, Thomis, Nécib (Le Sommer 68), Bussaglia (Brétigny 79), Thiney

Matchday 3 (30/08/09)

Norway 1-1 France

Goals: 1-0 Storløkken 4, 1-1 Abily 16

France: Bouhaddi, Meilleroux, Georges, Soubeyrand, Bompastor, Abily, Thomis, Nécib, Bussaglia, Thiney (Le Sommer 83), Blanc

Quarter-finals (03/09/09)

Netherlands v France

Tournament schedule

Final tournament

Date		Home	Res.	Away	Venue
23/08/09	Grp A	Ukraine	0 - 2	Netherlands	Turku
23/08/09	Grp A	Finland	1 - 0	Denmark	Helsinki
24/08/09	Grp B	Germany	4 - 0	Norway	Tampere
24/08/09	Grp B	Iceland	1 - 3	France	Tampere
25/08/09	Grp C	England	1 - 2	Italy	Lahti
25/08/09	Grp C	Sweden	3 - 0	Russia	Turku
26/08/09	Grp A	Ukraine	1 - 2	Denmark	Helsinki
26/08/09	Grp A	Netherlands	1 - 2	Finland	Helsinki
27/08/09	Grp B	France	1 - 5	Germany	Tampere
27/08/09	Grp B	Iceland	0 - 1	Norway	Lahti
28/08/09	Grp C	Italy	0 - 2	Sweden	Turku
28/08/09	Grp C	England	3 - 2	Russia	Helsinki
29/08/09	Grp A	Finland	0 - 1	Ukraine	Helsinki
29/08/09	Grp A	Denmark	1 - 2	Netherlands	Lahti
30/08/09	Grp B	Germany	1 - 0	Iceland	Tampere
30/08/09	Grp B	Norway	1 - 1	France	Helsinki
31/08/09	Grp C	Russia	0 - 2	Italy	Helsinki
31/08/09	Grp C	Sweden	1 - 1	England	Turku

Group A

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Finland	3	2	0	1	3	2	6
Netherlands	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
Denmark	3	1	0	2	3	4	3
Ukraine	3	1	0	2	2	4	3

Group B

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	3	3	0	0	10	1	9
France	3	1	1	1	5	7	4
Norway	3	1	1	1	2	5	4
Iceland	3	0	0	3	1	5	0

Group C

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Sweden	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
Italy	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
England	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Russia	3	0	0	3	2	8	0

Quarter-finals

Date		Home	Res.	Away	Venue
03/09/09		Netherlands	19.00CET (20.00 local time)	France	Tampere
03/09/09		Finland	15.00CET (16.00 local time)	England	Turku
04/09/09		Germany	15.00CET (16.00 local time)	Italy	Lahti
04/09/09		Sweden	19.00CET (20.00 local time)	Norway	Helsinki

Top scorers

2 - Laura Österberg Kalmari (FIN)	1 - Tatiana Zorri (ITA)
2 - Camille Abily (FRA)	1 - Patrizia Panico (ITA)
2 - Inka Grings (GER)	1 - Alessia Tuttino (ITA)
2 - Linda Bresonik (GER)	1 - Melania Gabbiadini (ITA)
2 - Fatmire Bajramaj (GER)	1 - Anja Mittag (GER)
2 - Kirsten van de Ven (NED)	1 - Annike Krahn (GER)
2 - Victoria Sandell Svensson (SWE)	1 - Simone Laudehr (GER)
1 - Lotta Schelin (SWE)	1 - Melanie Behringer (GER)
1 - Caroline Seger (SWE)	1 - Gaëtane Thiney (FRA)
1 - Kosovare Asllani (SWE)	1 - Louisa Nécib (FRA)
1 - Charlotte Rohlin (SWE)	1 - Maija Saari (FIN)
1 - Lyudmyla Pekur (UKR)	1 - Sonia Bompastor (FRA)
1 - Daryna Apanaschenko (UKR)	1 - Johanna Rasmussen (DEN)
1 - Olesya Kurochkina (RUS)	1 - Camilla Sand Andersen (DEN)
1 - Ksenia Tsybutovich (RUS)	1 - Maiken Pape (DEN)
1 - Manon Melis (NED)	1 - Kelly Smith (ENG)
1 - Sylvia Smit (NED)	1 - Faye White (ENG)
1 - Karin Stevens (NED)	1 - Fara Williams (ENG)
1 - Lene Storløkken (NOR)	1 - Eniola Aluko (ENG)
1 - Cecilie Pedersen (NOR)	1 - Karen Carney (ENG)
1 - Hólmfrídur Magnúsdóttir (ISL)	

Head coach

Netherlands: Vera Pauw

Date of birth: 18 January 1963

Club career: SV Brederodes, VV Vreeswijk, CF Modena, Puck Deventer, Saestum

Coaching career: Scotland women, Netherlands women

Vera Pauw has long been a ground-breaker in Dutch female football and has now become the first coach to lead the Netherlands to a senior women's finals.

Born in January 1963, she began playing as a defender with SV Brederodes and VV Vreeswijk before becoming the first female player from her nation to join an Italian professional club, CF Modena. She also went on to play for Puck Deventer and Saestum, and won 89 caps from her debut in 1983 to her retirement 15 years later. At the same time, she worked for the Royal Netherlands Football Association (KNVB), mainly in the realm of girls' and women's soccer.

Having hung up her boots, she accepted the position of Scotland coach as well as national technical director for the women's game. Taking over a team in the second tier of European international competition, she improved their status enough for them to take part in main qualifying for UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2005™, only just missing out on the play-offs. In 2004, she was appointed Netherlands coach and made a superb start to 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup qualifying with a 1-0 win in France. The Dutch were to miss out on a finals berth, but second place in their UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ qualifying pool, followed by a 4-0 aggregate play-off defeat of Spain, sent them through to Finland. In July 2009 she signed a new two-year contract.

Pauw is highly regarded internationally as a coach, and in May 2005 she was the first woman to complete the KNVB's CBV coaching diploma, earning her the UEFA Pro Licence. She has worked as a technical observer at major events including UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2005™ and is a member of the UEFA Women's Football Committee.

France: Bruno Bini

Date of birth: 1 October 1954

Playing career: Laragne Sports, AS Aix-en-Provence, AS Nancy-Lorraine, Tours FC, US Orléans, FC Meung-sur-Loire, FC Orléans

Coaching career: France Under-16 women, France U20 women, France U18 women, Méditerranée Amateur, France U19 women, France women

Bruno Bini took over from Elisabeth Loisel at the helm of the France senior team on 16 February 2007, having previously won a European title at youth level. His predecessor had been in charge for ten years and had plenty of achievements to her name, but Bini lived up to expectations by reaching the UEFA European Women's Championship finals at the first attempt.

Bini was an excellent amateur football player. Twice a South-East Junior champion in the early 1970s with Laragne Sports and AS Aix-en-Provence, he had an apprenticeship at AS Nancy-Lorraine in 1973/74 but never turned professional, subsequently playing for Tours FC, US Orléans, FC Meung-sur-Loire and FC Orléans.

Working as a regional coach, as well as at the Ministry of Justice, Bini was appointed to lead the France women's Under-16 and U20 teams in 1993. Four years later, he took over the U18 side, finishing second at the 1998 UEFA European Women's U18 Championship. He repeated that in the first U19 event in 2002 and the following year France took the title in Germany.

Stepping down in 2004, three years later he returned to succeed Loisel with the senior side and they topped their UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ qualifying group ahead of Iceland, with a team familiar to him from his youth squads. Married with one daughter, Bini has said: "Coaching women, I think, suited me more than anything else." A man of letters, he is able to conjure a Paulo Coelho quotation or deploy Jean de la Fontaine fables in his team talks.

Competition facts

- The UEFA European Competition for Representative Women's Teams was introduced in 1982, with the first final two years later, and further competitions were played in 1987 and 1989 before becoming the current UEFA European Women's Championship.

- The 1991 and 1993 editions ended, like the 1987 and 1989 events, in four-team knockout final tournament. The 1995 edition was two-leg knockout from the quarter-finals onwards, with a one-off final. For 1997, 2001 and 2005 an eight-team final tournament was played, expanding to 12 for 2009.

- **The full rundown of finals is (hosts in brackets):**

UEFA European Women's Championship

2005: Germany 3-1 Norway (Blackburn, England)

2001: Germany 1-0 Sweden, aet golden goal; (Ulm, Germany)

1997: Germany 2-0 Italy (Oslo, Norway)

1995: Germany 3-2 Sweden (Kaiserslautern, Germany)

1993: Norway 1-0 Italy (Cesena, Italy)

1991: Germany 3-1 Norway aet (Aalborg, Denmark)

UEFA European Competition for Representative Women's Teams

1989: West Germany 4-1 Norway (Osnabruck, West Germany)

1987: Norway 2-1 Sweden (Oslo, Norway)

1984: Sweden 1-1 England, 4-3 pens (two legs, Gothenburg and Luton)

- Birgit Prinz played in Germany's victories in 1995, 1997, 2001 and 2005, and will aim for a fifth title in 2009. Sandra Minnert was in all four of those winning squads but did not play in the 1995 and 2001 finals.

- Martina Voss was part of Germany's successes in 1989, 1991, 1995 and 1997 and also played in the first three qualifiers for the 2001 edition.

- Germany coach Silvia Neid played in the victories of 1989, 1991 and 1995 and was assistant to Tina Theune-Meyer in 1997, 2001 and 2005.

- The first final went to penalties after two home 1-0 wins between Sweden and England, with no extra time. Sweden prevailed 4-3 in the Luton shoot-out.

- There have been three other penalty competitions, all in semi-finals; hosts West Germany beat Italy 4-3 in 1989, Norway defeated hosts Denmark 8-7 in 1991 and hosts Italy overcame Germany 4-3 in 1993. Only West Germany in 1989 went on to win the final.

Biggest wins

Qualifying: Spain 17-0 Slovenia (1995); Norway 17-0 Slovakia (1997)

Two-legged knockout: Commonwealth of Independent States 0-7 Germany (1993)

Final tournament: Denmark 0-5 Norway (1997); Germany 5-0 Russia (2001)

Individual match goalscoring

Qualifying: 6 – Mari Mar Prieto (Spain) v Slovenia, 1995; Gabriela Chlumecká (Czech Republic) v Estonia, 1997;

Marianne Pettersen (Norway) v Slovakia, 1997

Final tournament: 4 – Marianne Pettersen (Norway) v Denmark, 1997

Overall competition top scorers

2005: Birgit Prinz (Germany) 17

2001: Gitte Krogh (Denmark) 14

1997: Gabriela Chlumecká (Czech Republic), Marianne Pettersen (Norway) 13

1995: Patricia Bocker (Germany) 18

1993: Carolina Morace (Italy) 13

1991: Heidi Mohr (Germany) 10

Finals top scorers

2005: Inka Grings (Germany) 4

2001: Claudia Müller (Germany), Sandra Smisek (Germany) 3

1997: Carolina Morace (Italy), Marianne Pettersen (Norway), Angélique Rouhas (France) 4

1995: Lena Videkull (Sweden) 3

1993: Susan Mackensie (Denmark) 2

1991: Heidi Mohr (Germany) 4

All time (final tournaments)

Heidi Mohr (Germany) 10
Birgit Prinz (Germany) 8
Inka Grings (Germany) 6
Hanna Ljungberg (Sweden) 6
Carolina Morace (Italy) 6

All time (including qualifying)

Birgit Prinz (Germany) 38
Carolina Morace (Italy) 30
Heidi Mohr (Germany) 30

2009 qualifying top scorers

Preliminary round: Sarit Shenar (Israel), Katarína Dugovicová (Slovakia) 6
Qualifying round: Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir (Iceland) 11
Play-offs: Pauline Hamill (Scotland) 4
Overall: Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir (Iceland) 12

Highest attendances

Qualifying: Germany v Belgium, Lubeck 2009, 17,000
Final tournament: England v Finland, Manchester 2005, 29,092

2009 Highest attendances

Preliminary round: Croatia v Turkey, Tarsus-Mersin, 5,000
Qualifying round: Germany v Belgium, Lubeck, 17,000

(Final tournament only)

Oldest player: Olena Mazurenko (Ukraine) v Finland, 29.08.2009, 39 years 309 days

Oldest goalscorer: Heidi Støre (Norway) v Denmark, 30.06.1997, 33 years 361 days

Youngest player: Oksana Yakovyshyn (Ukraine) v Netherlands, 23.08.2009, 16 years 156 days

Youngest goalscorer: Isabell Herlovsen (Norway) v France, 09.06.2005, 16 years 351 days

Tournament preview

- **Knockout phase:** The top two from each group went through, plus the two best third-placed teams.
- **Quarter-finals:**
3 September: QF1, Finland v England, Turku Stadium, 16.00 local time; QF4, Netherlands v France, Tampere Stadium, 20.00.
4 September: QF2, Germany v Italy, Lahti Stadium, 16.00; QF 3 Sweden v Norway, Helsinki Football Stadium, 20.00.
- **Semi-finals:**
6 September: QF1 v QF4, Tampere Stadium, 19.00
7 September: QF2 v QF3, Helsinki Football Stadium, 19.00
- **Final:**
10 September: Olympic Stadium, Helsinki, 19.00.
- **Medals:** 35 gold medals are presented to the winning team, 35 silver medals to the runners-up and 35 bronze medals to the two losing semi-finalists.
- **Carlsberg Player of the Match:** The UEFA Technical Team will select a player of the match at every game in the finals. The player will receive her award at the post-match press conference.
- **adidas Golden Boot award:** Will be presented to the leading scorer at the UEFA European Women's Championship after the final.
- **Official ball:** The 2009 finals in Finland will be the first UEFA European Women's Championship to boast its own match ball, with the adidas TERRAPASS – featuring a design inspired by the northern lights – unveiled at the draw in Helsinki on 18 November 2008. Just like EUROPASS, the official matchball of UEFA EURO 2008™, adidas TERRAPASS features the revolutionary PSC-Texture, a sophisticated and extremely fine structure on the ball's outer skin which allows players to control and direct the ball perfectly in all weather conditions. adidas first started manufacturing footballs in 1963 and has provided all the official match balls for all major UEFA and FIFA finals tournaments since 1970.
- **Official song:** Veteran singer-songwriter Geir Rønning and local star Karoliina Kallio have recorded the official song of the UEFA European Women's Championship entitled Champions of the Day, performed live for the first time at the tournament's opening ceremony in Helsinki's Olympic Stadium on 23 August. The pair have both represented Finland at the Eurovision Song Contest. Rønning not only composed the tune together with co-writers André Noël Chaker and Jukka Karjalainen; he sings it with Kallio, who is famous in Finland as the lead female vocalist of the group Waldo's People. Now a fully fledged pop star, Kallio's music career dates back two decades to her appearance as a ten-year-old on a television talent show.
- **Qualifying:** The 20-team preliminary round ran from 18 to 23 November 2006 with five group winners joining 25 top-ranked nations in the qualifying group stage from 1 April 2007 until 2 October 2008. Group winners England, Sweden, France, Germany, Denmark and Norway qualified automatically, with the six runners-up and four third-placed teams going into the two-legged play-offs on 25/26 and 29/30 October 2008. Italy, the Netherlands, Russia, Iceland and Ukraine respectively defeated the Czech Republic, Spain, Scotland, the Republic of Ireland and Slovenia.
- **Disciplinary information:** A player is automatically suspended for the next match after two cautions in two different matches. Yellow cards were not cancelled after the group stage but do expire on completion of the competition.
- **uefa.com:** A team of reporters in Finland is helping uefa.com provide unrivalled coverage in eight European languages – English, Finnish, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Russian – including a live MatchCentre for every game. The Finnish version is run in close co-operation with the host national association.
- **Ambassadors:** Former international goalkeepers Antti Niemi and Satu Kunnas are the ambassadors for UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ in their native Finland. Niemi was capped 67 times between 1992 and 2007 while Kunnas helped Finland to the UEFA European Women's Championship semi-finals in 2005.

Legend

:: Squad list

No: number

DoB: date of birth

Qual: qualifying

FT: final tournament

Pld: played

Gls: goals

WChamp: UEFA European Women's Championship

:: Match officials

Nat: nationality

DoB: date of birth

WChamp: Total matches officiated in the UEFA European Women's Championship including all qualifying round matches. Matches as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

UEFA: Total matches officiated in all UEFA competitions including all qualifying round matches. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

:: Group statistics/Tournament schedule

Pos: position

Pld: played

W: won

D: drawn

L: lost

GF: goals for

GA: goals against

Pts: points

:: NOTE: All-time statistics

Goals totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (eg. match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored from the penalty mark during a penalty shoot-out.

:: Competitions

Club competitions

ECCL: European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

UCUP: UEFA Cup • **UCWC:** UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

SCUP: UEFA Super Cup • **UIC:** UEFA Intertoto Cup

ICF: Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship

WC: FIFA World Cup • **CONFCUP:** Confederation Cup

FRIE: Friendly internationals • **U21FRIE:** Under-21 friendly internationals

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

U17: UEFA Under-17 Championship • **U16:** UEFA European Under-16 Championship

U19: UEFA Under-19 Championship • **U18:** UEFA European Under-18 Championship

WWC: FIFA Women's World Cup • **WCHAMP:** UEFA European Women's Championship

:: Competition stages

F: Final

GS: Group stage

GS1: First group stage

GS2: Second group stage

KO1: First knockout round

PR: Preliminary round

QF: Quarter-finals

QR: Qualifying round

QR1: First qualifying round

QR2: Second qualifying round

FT: Final tournament

ELITE: Elite round

P-O 3rd: Third place play-off

GS - FT: Group stage - Final tournament

QR3: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

R16: Second knockout round

R32: Round of 32

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

P-O: Play-off

(R): Replay

PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament

Prom/Rel P-O: Promotion/Relegation play-off

:: Other Abbreviations

AP: Appearances

Comp.: Competition

D: Drawn

DoB: Date of birth

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

L: Lost

Nat.: Nationality

N/a: Not Applicable

No.: Number

Pld: Matches played

Pos.: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (red card)

Res.: Result

W: Won

Y: Booked

Y/R: Sent off (yellow card then direct red)

:: Statistics

(-) : Denotes player substituted

(*) : Denotes player dismissed/sent off

(+) : Denotes player introduced

(+/-) : Denotes player introduced and substituted

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