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Norway

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Group B - Matchday 2

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Match background

Having both experienced opening-day defeats, Group B rivals Iceland and Norway come together in Lahti knowing another loss now could spell an early end to their tournament bids.

- Iceland managed to repeat their feat in qualifying of scoring against France in Tampere on Monday, but after Hólmfríður Magnúsdóttir had put them ahead with just six minutes gone, Les Bleues fought back to claim a 3-1 victory. Camille Abily equalised from the spot on 18 minutes and Sonia Bompastor scored in similar fashion eight minutes after the interval, before a solo Louisa Nécib effort in the 67th minute sealed the result.
- Top scorer in qualifying, Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir had a penalty saved by Sarah Bouhadi as Iceland attempted to claim a positive result in their first ever match – either in men's or women's football – at a senior international tournament.
- Earlier that day, Norway suffered a heavy 4-0 loss to Germany at the same venue, though in the final minute of the game only Linda Bresonik's first-half penalty separated the sides. A late double from Fatmire Bajramaj, either side of a deflected effort from fellow substitute Anja Mittag, compounded a miserable evening for the competition's second most successful team.
- With head-to-head results serving as the first tie-breaker in the group stage, those results mean that defeat for Iceland, combined with a victory for Germany against France in Tampere, would ensure the debutants finish fourth in the section. Likewise, a loss for Norway, combined with a French triumph, would leave Bjarne Berntsen's charges unable to climb off bottom spot.
- Norway won the second UEFA Competition for National Representative Women Teams in 1987 and the second UEFA European Women's Championship six years later. In 1995 they beat Germany 2-0 in Stockholm to win the FIFA Women's World Cup, the first European side to lift the trophy.
- Iceland have qualified for their first finals, having missed out on the 2005 edition in a two-legged play-off with eventual runners-up Norway. In the first leg, played on 10 November 2004 indoors in Reykjavik, Norway led 4-0 at half-time and went on to win 7-2 with a hat-trick from Solveig Gulbrandsen and two more goals from the unrelated Ragnhild Gulbrandsen. Dagny Mellgren was also on target and although Katrin Jónsdóttir and Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir reduced arrears late on, Erla Hendriksdóttir deflected in an added-time own goal.
- The lineups were:
Iceland: Thóra Helgadóttir, Ásta Árnadóttir, Andrea Olga Færseth, Edda Gardarsdóttir (Nina Ósk Kristinsdóttir), Katrín Jónsdóttir, Laufey Ólafsdóttir, Hólmfríður Magnúsdóttir (Dóra María Lárusdóttir), Erla Hendriksdóttir, Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir, Iris Andresdóttir (Erla Steina Amardóttir), Gudlaug Jónsdóttir.
Norway: Bente Nordby, Gunhild Følstad, Ane Stangeland, Marit Fiane Christensen, Elisabeth Fagereng (Ann Iren Morkued), Ingvild Stensland, Trine Rønning (Siv Skard), Solveig Gulbrandsen, Unni Lehn (Kristine Rand Edner), Dagny Mellgren, Ragnhild Gulbrandsen.
- Three days later, in what was Norway coach Åge Steen's last game in charge before giving way to Berntsen, his side won 2-1 in Oslo's indoor Vallhall arena to wrap up a 9-3 aggregate success. Mellgren scored twice either side of a Nina Kristinsdóttir effort.
- The lineups were:
Norway: Ingrid Hjelmseth, Gunhild Følstad, Ane Stangeland, Marit Fiane Christensen, Elisabeth Fagereng, Ingvild Stensland, Trine Rønning (Siv Skard), Solveig Gulbrandsen (Tonje Hansen), Unni Lehn (Kristine Rand Edner), Dagny Mellgren, Ragnhild Gulbrandsen.
Iceland: Thóra Helgadóttir, Ásta Árnadóttir, Andrea Olga Færseth (Hólmfríður Magnúsdóttir), Edda Gardarsdóttir, Erla Steina Amardóttir, Katrín Jónsdóttir, Laufey Ólafsdóttir, (Málfríður Erna Sigurdardóttir), Erla Hendriksdóttir, Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir (Nina Ósk Kristinsdóttir), Dóra María Lárusdóttir, Gudlaug Jónsdóttir.
- Iceland gained revenge on 4 March this year in the Algarve Cup, beating Norway 3-1.
- Norway and Iceland also met in their first ever fixture in European competition, the second match in the competition's history. The teams drew 2-2 in Tonsberg on 18 August 1982 and the following July visitors Norway won 1-0 in Kopavogur, though it was Sweden who were to go through.
- In these nations' only other meeting, Norway beat Iceland 6-0 in an Algarve Cup fixture in Olhao, Portugal in March 1997. Norway were to successfully defend the title, the second of a run of three straight victories in the competition.

Team facts

ICELAND

UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ will be the first senior final tournament for either men or women to feature a team from Iceland, though they have entered this competition since its inaugural 1984 edition.

The closest they had come in the past was 1995, when they lost a two-legged quarter-final to England, and they also reached the 1997 and 2005 play-offs, losing respectively to eventual winners Germany and finalists Norway. But this time under coach Siggi Eyrjólsson they made the breakthrough, beating France 1-0 at home. Although they were to lose the group decider 2-1 in France, the Republic of Ireland were dispatched 4-1 on aggregate in the play-offs, Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir taking her qualifying-leading goal tally to 12.

Tournament record

2005: qualifying play-offs

2001: qualifying

1997: qualifying play-offs

1995: quarter-finals

1993: qualifying

1987/89/91: did not enter

1984: qualifying

2009 qualifying

P10 W7 D1 L2 F31 A5

Top scorer: Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir 12

Most appearances: Gudrún Sóley Gunnarsdóttir, Katrín Jónsdóttir, Dóra María Lárusdóttir, Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir 10

Friendly results since qualifying

04/03/09 Iceland 3-1 Norway (Algarve Cup)

06/03/09 Iceland 0-1 United States (Algarve Cup)

09/03/09 Iceland 0-2 Denmark (Algarve Cup)

11/03/09 Iceland 1-2 China (Algarve Cup, sixth place)

25/04/09 Iceland 1-1 Netherlands

16/07/09 England 0-2 Iceland

19/07/09 Iceland 1-2 Denmark (in England)

15/08/09 Iceland 5-0 Serbia (2011 FIFA Women's World Cup qualifier)

Competition record win

10-0 v Poland (h), 13/09/03, 2005 qualifying

Competition record defeat

0-6 v Germany (h), 17/08/00, 2001 qualifying

0-6 v Sweden (a), 09/09/82, 1984 qualifying

NORWAY

Norway have been at the vanguard of women's football ever since they took on neighbours and great rivals Sweden in their first international in 1978. Even accounting for the emergence of Germany as the game's global power, Norway have gone on to become the only country to taste glory at European, world and Olympic levels.

Their European triumphs came in 1987 and 1993, and although they lost the inaugural FIFA Women's World Cup final to the United States in 1991, four years later Norway defeated Germany 2-0 in Sweden to lift the trophy. In 2000 they completed the set with victory in the second Olympic women's football tournament. Results then dipped, but in 2005 they reached the European final for the fifth time – after a 12-year wait – and qualified for Finland without conceding a goal.

Tournament record

2005: runners-up

2001: semi-finals

1997: group stage (hosts)

1995: semi-finals

1993: winners

1991: runners-up

1989: runners-up

1987: winners (hosts)

1984: qualifying

Other honours

1995 FIFA Women's World Cup winners

2009 qualifying

P8 W7 D1 L0 F26 A0

Top scorer: Solveig Gulbrandsen 9

Most appearances: Solveig Gulbrandsen, Marie Knutsen, Leni Larsen Kaurin, Lene Storløyken 8

Players with previous European final tournament experience

Solveig Gulbrandsen (2001, 2005), Trine Rønning (2001, 2005), Ingvild Stensland (2005), Isabell Herlovsen (2005), Ingrid Hjelmeth (2005*), Christine Nilsen (2005*).

*Did not appear

Friendly results since qualifying

31/01/09 Norway 1-5 Sweden (in Spain)

04/03/09 Norway 1-3 Iceland (Algarve Cup)

06/03/09 Norway 0-2 Denmark (Algarve Cup)

09/03/09 Norway 0-1 United States (Algarve Cup)

11/03/09 Norway 2-0 Austria (Algarve Cup, ninth place)

23/04/09 England 3-0 Norway

19/08/09 Sweden 0-1 Norway

Competition record win

17-0 v Slovakia (h), 19/09/95, 1997 qualifying

Competition record defeat

1-4 v Sweden (a), 26/02/95, 1995 semi-final second leg

1-4 v Germany (in Germany), 02/07/89, 1989 final

Squad list

Iceland

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.	FT		WCHAMP	Gls	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Thóra Helgadóttir	05/05/81	28	Kolbotn IL	-	7	-	1	-	26	-
13	Gudbjörg Gunnarsdóttir	18/05/85	24	Djurgården/Älvsjö	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
22	Sandra Sigurdardóttir	02/10/86	22	Stjarnan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Gudrún Sóley Gunnarsdóttir	15/09/81	27	Djurgården/Älvsjö	-	10	-	1	-	22	-
3	Ólína Vidarsdóttir	16/11/82	26	KIF Örebro DFF	-	6	-	1	-	8	-
5	Ásta Árnadóttir	09/06/83	26	Tyresö FF	-	9	-	-	-	11	-
8	Katrín Jónsdóttir	31/05/77	32	Valur Reykjavík	-	10	3	1	-	30	6
19	Sif Atladóttir	15/07/85	24	Valur Reykjavík	-	4	-	-	-	4	-
Midfielders											
4	Edda Gardarsdóttir	15/07/79	30	KIF Örebro DFF	-	10	-	1	-	24	-
6	Hólmfríður Magnúsdóttir	20/09/84	24	Kristianstads DFF	-	9	4	1	1	18	6
7	Dóra Stefánsdóttir	27/04/85	24	Valur Reykjavík	-	8	1	-	-	14	1
11	Sara Björk Gunnarsdóttir	29/09/90	18	Breidablik	-	7	2	1	-	8	2
12	Gudný Ódinsdóttir	27/09/88	20	Kristianstads DFF	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
15	Katrín Ómarsdóttir	27/06/87	22	KR Reykjavík	-	9	3	1	-	10	3
16	Rakel Logadóttir	22/03/81	28	Valur Reykjavík	-	2	-	-	-	5	-
17	Erla Steinunn Arnardóttir	18/05/83	26	Kristianstads DFF	-	5	-	1	-	9	-
Forwards											
9	Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir	25/07/86	23	Kristianstads DFF	-	10	12	1	-	21	20
10	Dóra María Lárusdóttir	24/07/85	24	Valur Reykjavík	-	10	3	1	-	15	4
14	Erna Sigurdardóttir	30/12/82	26	Breidablik	-	-	-	1	-	6	-
18	Rakel Hönnudóttir	30/12/88	20	Thór WOM	-	4	-	1	-	5	-
20	Fannís Fridriksdóttir	09/05/90	19		-	-	-	1	-	1	-
21	Kristín Bjarnadóttir	01/02/84	25	Valur Reykjavík	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach											
-	Siggi Eymundsson	01/12/73	35	ISL	-	10	-	1	-	11	-

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

Norway

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		WCHAMP	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Ingrid Hjelmseth	10/04/80	29	Stabæk FK	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
12	Caroline Knutsen	21/11/83	25	Røa IL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Christine Nilsen	30/04/82	27	Kolbotn IL	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Defenders											
2	Toril Hetland Akerhaugen	05/03/82	27	Stabæk IF	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
3	Marita Skammelsrud Lund	29/01/89	20	Team Strømmen FK	-	4	-	-	-	4	-
6	Camilla Huse	31/08/79	29	Røa IL	-	2	-	1	-	3	-
15	Hedda Strand Gardsjord	28/06/82	27	Røa IL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Maren Mjelde	06/11/89	19	Arna Bjørnar	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
18	Runa Vikestad	13/08/84	25	Kolbotn IL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Kristin Lie	13/12/78	30	SK Trondheims-Ørn	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
Midfielders											
4	Ingvild Stensland	03/08/81	28	Olympique Lyonnais	-	5	-	1	-	15	-
5	Anneli Giske	25/07/85	24	Fløya IF	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
7	Trine Bjerke Rønning	14/06/82	27	Stabæk IF	-	5	1	1	-	20	1
8	Solveig Gulbrandsen	12/01/81	28	Stabæk IF	-	8	9	1	-	32	21
21	Lene Storløkken	20/06/81	28	Team Strømmen FK	-	8	1	1	-	9	1
Forwards											
9	Isabell Lehn Herlovsen	23/06/88	21	Kolbotn IL	-	2	1	1	-	8	3
10	Melissa Wiik	07/02/85	24	Stabæk FK	-	6	6	1	-	8	6
11	Leni Larsen Kaurin	21/03/81	28	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	8	1	1	-	9	1
14	Marit Sandvei	21/05/87	22	Team Strømmen FK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Elise Hove Thorsnes	14/08/88	21	Røa IL	-	4	-	1	-	5	-
19	Ingvild Isaksen	10/02/89	20	Kolbotn IL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Cecilie Pedersen	14/09/90	18	Avaldsnes IL	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Coach											
-	Bjarne Berntsen	21/12/56	52	NOR	-	8	-	1	-	14	-

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Match-by-match lineups

Group B

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
France	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Iceland	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Norway	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

Matchday 1 (24/08/09)

Germany 4-0 Norway

Goals: 1-0 Bresonik 33 (pen) , 2-0 Bajramaj 90, 3-0 Mittag 90+2, 4-0 Bajramaj 90+4

Germany: Angerer, Peter, Krahn, Behringer (Mittag 86), Grings (da Mbabi 65), Prinz, Bresonik, Kulig, Hingst, Garefrekes (Bajramaj 66), Schmidt

Norway: Hjelmseth, Akerhaugen, Stensland, Huse, Rønning, Gulbrandsen, Herlovsen, Wiik (Pedersen 72), Thorsnes (Kaurin 58), Mjelde, Storløkken (Giske 80)

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

Iceland: Helgadóttir, Gunnarsdóttir, Vidarsdóttir, Gardarsdóttir, Magnúsdóttir (Fridriksdóttir 89), Jónsdóttir, Vidarsdóttir, Lárusdóttir, Gunnarsdóttir (Arnardóttir 76), Sigurdardóttir, Ómarsdóttir (Hönnudóttir 71)

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 v Germany

Matchday 2 (27/08/09)

Iceland v Norway

Matchday 3 (30/08/09)

Germany v Iceland

Matchday 3 (30/08/09)

Norway 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	16.30CET 17.30 (local time)	Germany	Tampere
27/08/09	Grp B	Iceland	19.00CET 20.00 (local time)	Norway	Lahti
28/08/09	Grp C	Italy	16.30CET 17.30 (local time)	Sweden	Turku
28/08/09	Grp C	England	19.00CET 20.00 (local time)	Russia	Helsinki
29/08/09	Grp A	Finland	16.30CET 17.30 (local time)	Ukraine	Helsinki
29/08/09	Grp A	Denmark	16.30CET 17.30 (local time)	Netherlands	Lahti
30/08/09	Grp B	Germany	15.00CET 16.00 (local time)	Iceland	Tampere
30/08/09	Grp B	Norway	15.00CET 16.00 (local time)	France	Helsinki
31/08/09	Grp C	Russia	18.00CET 19.00 (local time)	Italy	Helsinki
31/08/09	Grp C	Sweden	18.00CET 19.00 (local time)	England	Turku

Group A

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

Group B

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
France	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Iceland	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Norway	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

Group C

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Sweden	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Italy	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
England	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Russia	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

Top scorers

2 - Fatmire Bajramaj (GER)	1 - Fara Williams (ENG)
2 - Kirsten van de Ven (NED)	1 - Hólfríður Magnúsdóttir (ISL)
2 - Laura Österberg Kalmari (FIN)	1 - Patrizia Panico (ITA)
1 - Anja Mittag (GER)	1 - Alessia Tuttino (ITA)
1 - Victoria Sandell Svensson (SWE)	1 - Maija Saari (FIN)
1 - Hólfríður Magnúsdóttir (ISL)	1 - Sonia Bompastor (FRA)
1 - Caroline Seger (SWE)	1 - Camille Abily (FRA)
1 - Charlotte Rohlin (SWE)	1 - Louisa Nécib (FRA)
1 - Fara Williams (ENG)	1 - Linda Bresonik (GER)
1 - Patrizia Panico (ITA)	1 - Anja Mittag (GER)

Head coach

Iceland: Sigi Eyjólfsson

Date of birth: 1 December 1973

Playing career: KR Reykjavík,ÍA Akranes (twice), UNC Greensboro Spartans, Walsall FC, Chester City FC, KRC Harelbeke

Coaching career: Iceland women

The first man to lead an Iceland team to a senior final tournament in either men's or women's football, Sigi Eyjólfsson had a cosmopolitan playing career before moving into coaching.

Born in December 1973 and entering the youth ranks of KR Reykjavík at a young age, he graduated to the first team and helped them win the 1994 Icelandic Cup. In 1995, he moved to the United States for a bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science and then a master's in exercise and sports psychology at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. Returning home with ÍA Akranes in 1998, the following year he joined English club Walsall FC, scoring in a 3-1 win against Oldham Athletic FC that secured promotion to the second tier.

He was loaned to Chester City FC for the first three months of 2000, before leaving Walsall for KRC Harelbeke of Belgium that November. Six months later, Eyjólfsson was back at KR, winning two league titles in as many years, and he ended his career in 2005 at ÍA. In 2002 he also began working at the Football Association of Iceland as technical director, and in that time he studied for UEFA's coaching qualifications. He earned the UEFA Pro Licence in 2007 in England, making him one of just two people from Iceland to hold that qualification at the time.

In January 2007, Eyjólfsson was appointed to the helm of the Iceland women's team, taking a particular interest in the psychological side of coaching as befitting his academic speciality. Success in UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ qualification was immediate, with his charges beating France 1-0 that June. Although Les Bleues ultimately pipped them to first place in the group, Iceland defeated the Republic of Ireland 4-1 in the play-offs, with an overall home record in the competition of five wins from five games and 21 unanswered goals.

Norway: Bjarne Berntsen

Date of birth: 21 December 1956

Playing career: Figgjo IL, Viking FK

Coaching career: Figgjo IL, Bryne FK, Viking FK, Norway women

Bjarne Berntsen was a surprise choice to follow the popular Åge Steen when the former Norway coach stood down a few months before UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2005™, but the former international defender, with no experience of the women's game, immediately led the team to their first final since winning 2000 Olympic gold.

Having begun his playing career at local club Figgjo IL, Berntsen signed for Viking FK aged 20 in 1977 and went on to make more than 130 appearances in the next five years, as well as winning 33 Norway caps, most notably in the 2-1 win against England in September 1981. After ending his playing career, Berntsen returned to Figgjo to coach before his appointment by Bryne FK, whom he led to the 1987 Norwegian Cup, their only major honour. In this period, he also assisted national coach Tor Røste Fossen.

Berntsen returned to Viking in 1989 in a directorial role before being made coach between 1992 and 1995. He was then back at the club in 1999 as CEO until a reorganisation in 2004, previous to which he had acted as caretaker coach. But, at the end of the year, he was announced as Steen's replacement from 1 January 2005.

After success in England, where they beat Sweden in the last four before losing to Germany in Blackburn, Norway went on to reach the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup semi-finals and the quarter-finals at the 2008 Olympics, having begun by inflicting a rare defeat on the United States, who went on to win gold. Shortly afterwards, Norway confirmed their place at UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™, after which Berntsen is to step down in favour of Eli Landsem.

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) 11
Birgit Prinz (Germany) 8
Carolina Morace (Italy) 7

All time (including qualifying)

Birgit Prinz (Germany) 38
Carolina Morace (Italy) 36
Heidi Mohr (Germany) 32

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 Denmark, 26.08.2009, 39 years 306 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 go through, plus the two best third-placed teams.
- **Quarter-finals:**
3 September: QF1, A1 v B3/C3, Turku Stadium, 16.00 local time; QF4, A2 v B2, Tampere Stadium, 20.00.
4 September: QF2, B1 v C2, Lahti Stadium, 16.00; QF 3C1 v A3/B3, 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 are 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

ECCLC: 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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