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Italy



Sweden

Turku Stadium, Turku

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Group C - Matchday 2

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Match background

Sweden and Italy meet in Turku on Friday after both sides opened their Group C campaigns at UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ with a victory, meaning another win for either side would ensure a quarter-final place.

- At worst, six points would mean finishing as one of the two best third-placed teams. If Sweden win, they would ensure first place in the group unless England beat Russia. If Italy win, they would ensure first place in the group unless Russia also prevail.
- Goals from defender Charlotte Rohlin and captain Victoria Sandell Svensson inside the opening 15 minutes put the Swedes on their way to a victory that was wrapped up by Caroline Seger's fine shot from distance with eight minutes left to play.
- The victory was a welcome relief for Sweden, who had not made a winning start to a major tournament since the 1997 UEFA European Women's Championship.
- Her goal will be a special one for Svensson, who is retiring from international football after this tournament.
- Italy were helped in their task against Hope Powell's side after England were reduced to ten players in the 28th minute following the dismissal of Casey Stoney.
- Though England went on to take the lead, with a Fara Williams penalty in the 38th minute, Italy hit back with a 56th minute equaliser from captain Patrizia Panico and a superb long-range winner from Alessia Tuttino in the 82nd.
- Sweden and Italy have always reached the last eight or better in every previous edition of this tournament but have not met in the finals for 20 years – though they have encountered each other in the last two qualifying competitions.
- Overall these teams have played 16 times, with Sweden winning eleven to Italy's two and three draws. The Scandinavian side lead the goal count 31-9.
- Their first encounters were in the inaugural UEFA Competition for National Representative Women Teams in 1984, when they met in the two-legged semi-finals. Sweden won 3-2 in Rome and 2-1 in Linköping before going on to beat England for the trophy.
- Five years later the two teams faced off for third place in Germany and Sweden won 2-1 after extra time in Osnabrück.
- The next time Sweden and Italy met in this competition was in UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2005™ qualifying, Sweden winning 5-0 in Solna with a Hanna Ljungberg hat-trick and two Svensson goals. They had clinched first place by the time they travelled to Berevento on 26 June 2004 and lost 2-1, Frida Nordin's first-half goal trumped after the break by Chiara Gazzoli and Panico.
- In 2009 qualifying, Sweden prevailed in both encounters as part of their superb group record in not dropping a point nor conceding a goal. The losses were the only points dropped by Italy in finishing second before beating the Czech Republic in the play-offs, as they had four years previously.
- In what was both teams' first qualifier, Sweden won 2-0 in Trento on 5 May 2007 thanks to goals late in each half from Seger and Nilla Fischer, making light of the recent retirements of Malin Moström and Anna Sjöström.
- The teams were:
Italy: Chiara Marchitelli, Sara Gama, Daniela Tavalazzi, Alessia Tuttino, Elisabetta Tona, Giulia Perelli, Giulia Domenichetti, Michela Greco (Venusia Paliotti, Melania Gabbiadini), Patrizia Panico, Tatiana Zorri, Silvia Fuselli.
Sweden: Caroline Jönsson, Anna Paulson, Hanna Marklund, Stina Segerström, Frida Östberg, Caroline Seger, Nilla Fischer, Therese Sjögran (Maria Aronsson), Josefine Öqvist (Sara Johansson), Victoria Svensson, Lotta Schelin (Frida Nordin).
- Before the return, Sweden beat Italy 3-0 in the Algarve Cup in Olhao on 12 March 2008 with a Josefine Öqvist goal followed by two from Svensson.
- The teams were:
Sweden: Hedvig Lindahl, Frida Östberg (Anna Paulson), Karolina Westberg, Stina Segerström, Sara Thunebro, Caroline Seger (Nilla Fischer), Frida Nordin (Therese Sjögran), Therese Lundin (Victoria Svensson), Johanna Almgren, Josefine Öqvist (Charlotte Rohlin), Maria Aronsson (Jessica Landström).
Italy: Anna Maria Picarelli, Giorgia Motta, Giulia Perelli, Roberta D'Adda, Sara Gama, Alessia Tuttino, Tatiana Zorri, Carolina Pini (Silvia Fuselli), Pamela Conti (Cristina Cassanelli), Melania Gabbiadini (Ilaria Mauro), Patrizia Panico.
- In the second qualifier in Örebro on 7 May 2008 substitute Jessica Landström's added-time goal secured Sweden a 1-0 home win that all but sealed automatic qualification.

• On that occasion the teams were:

Sweden: Hedvig Lindahl, Frida Östberg, Sara Larsson, Stina Segerström, Sara Thunebro, Nilla Fischer, Therese Sjögran, Caroline Seger, Johanna Almgren (Madelaine Edlund), Therese Lundin (Jessica Landström), Josefine Öqvist.

Italy: Chiara Marchitelli, Giorgia Motta, Viviana Schiavi (Piera Maglio), Giulia Perelli, Roberta D'Adda, Giulia Domenichetti, Alessia Tuttino, Tatiana Zorri, Melania Gabbiadini, Patrizia Panico, Venusia Paliotti (Sandy Iannella).

• Sweden have never failed to reach the last eight of this tournament and have missed out on the semi-finals only twice. They won the first UEFA Competition for National Representative Women Teams in 1984, beating England in a penalty shoot-out in Luton after each side had recorded a 1-0 home win in the two-legged encounter. They lost the 1987 final 2-1 to Norway and finished third in 1989.

• Sweden were involved in the first match in the history of the original European competition, winning 6-0 away to Finland in Vammala on 18 August 1982.

• In the UEFA European Women's Championship era, they departed in the two-legged 1991 and 1993 quarter-finals but reached the final in 1995 and 2001, losing both games to Germany. They progressed to the last four in 1997 and 2005. Germany also beat them in the 2003 FIFA Women's World Cup final, Sweden's best run in the global event.

• Italy have been among the last eight in every edition of this competition with their best performances being runs to the 1993 and 1997 finals, though in 2001 and 2005 they departed in the group stage. They have twice qualified for the World Cup, reaching the 1991 quarter-finals and the group stage eight years later.

• Swedish champions Umeå IK got the better of their Italian counterparts ASD CF Bardolino Verona in the second qualifying round of the UEFA Women's Cup on 14 October 2008, though both teams were already through to the quarter-finals at that point.

• Anna Paulson and Lisa Dahlqvist played for Umeå in that game while Anna Maria Picarelli, Giorgia Motta, Roberta D'Adda, Tuttino and Panico took part for Bardolino.

Team facts

ITALY

UEFA European Women's Championship runners-up in 1993 and 1997, Italy have suffered a dip in fortunes in recent years but they have never failed to make the last eight and there are signs of improvement.

They staged and won an unofficial continental competition in 1969 and did not miss out on the UEFA semi-finals until 1995, though they have departed in the last two group stages. In qualifying this time around they lost twice to Sweden in their group, but just as in 2005 they beat the Czech Republic in the play-offs, 3-1 on aggregate.

Tournament record

2005: group stage

2001: group stage

1997: runners-up

1995: quarter-finals

1993: runners-up (hosts)

1991: fourth place

1989: fourth place

1987: third place

1984: fourth place

Other honours

2008 UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship winners

2009 qualifying

P10 W8 D0 L2 F26 A8

Top scorer: Patrizia Panico 7

Most appearances: Chiara Marchitelli, Patrizia Panico, Alessia Tuttino, Tatiana Zorri 10

Players with previous European final tournament experience

Patrizia Panico (1997, 2001, 2005), Tatiana Zorri (2001, 2005), Giulia Domenichetti (2005), Elisabetta Tona (2005), Michela Cupido (2005*), Viviana Schiavi (2005), Melania Gabbiadini (2005)

*Did not appear

Friendly results since qualifying

31/01/09 Australia 2-2 Italy
07/02/09 Australia 1-5 Italy
08/04/09 Scotland 1-4 Italy
28/05/09 Finland 3-2 Italy

Competition record win

8-0 v Serbia and Montenegro (h), 30/03/03, 2005 qualifying

Competition record defeat

0-4 v Germany (in England), 09/06/05, 2005 final tournament group stage

SWEDEN

Sweden won the inaugural European Competition for Women's Football in 1984 and in the last decade have again emerged as one of the game's main forces.

After beating England on penalties in the first final they were runners-up behind Norway three years later and were also pipped by Germany in 1995 and 2001 – losing to the same opposition in the 2003 FIFA Women's World Cup final, the 2001 and 2003 losses both on golden goal. But even though the key players from that era like Hanna Ljungberg and Frida Östberg have bowed out, Sweden remain a major force and were the only team to qualify this time without conceding a goal or point.

Tournament record

2005: semi-finals
2001: runners-up
1997: semi-finals
1995: runners-up
1993: quarter-finals
1991: quarter-finals
1989: third place
1987: runners-up
1984: winners

Other honours

1999 UEFA European Women's Under-18 Championship winners

2009 qualifying

P8 W8 D0 L0 F31 A0
Top scorer: Victoria Svensson 8
Most appearances: Nilla Fischer, Therese Sjögran 8

Players with previous European final tournament experience

Victoria Svensson (1997, 2001, 2005), Sara Larsson (2001, 2005); Therese Sjögran (2001, 2005); Hedvig Lindahl (2005), Lotta Schelin (2005), Anna Paulson (2005*)

*Did not appear

Friendly results since qualifying

31/01/09 Sweden 5-1 Norway (in Spain)
04/03/09 Sweden 0-0 China (Algarve Cup)
06/03/09 Sweden 1-0 Finland (Algarve Cup)
09/03/09 Sweden 3-2 Germany (Algarve Cup)
11/03/09 Sweden 1-1 United States 4-3pens (Algarve Cup, winners)
25/04/09 Sweden 3-1 Brazil
19/07/09 Sweden 2-0 China
22/07/09 Finland 1-3 Sweden
19/08/09 Sweden 0-1 Norway

Competition record win

10-0 v Republic of Ireland (h), 20/09/92, 1993 qualifying

Competition record defeat

0-2 v France (a), 01/06/00, 2001 qualifying
0-2 v Denmark (a), 15/10/94, 1995 two-legged quarter-finals (won 3-2 on aggregate)
1-3 v Germany (in Germany), 23/06/01, 2001 final tournament group stage

Squad list

Italy

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.	FT		WCHAMP	Gls	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Anna Maria Picarelli	04/11/84	24	Los Angeles Legends	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
12	Michela Cupido	02/05/78	31	ASD Torres Calcio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Sara Penzo	16/12/89	19	CF Venezia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Sara Gama	27/03/89	20	UPC Tavagnacco	-	9	-	1	-	10	-
3	Roberta D'Adda	05/10/81	27	ASD CF Bardolino Verona	-	7	1	1	-	8	1
5	Elisabetta Tona	22/01/84	25	ASD Torres Calcio	-	8	3	1	-	15	3
6	Viviana Schiavi	01/09/82	26	ASD CF Bardolino Verona	-	5	-	1	-	9	-
13	Giorgia Motta	18/03/84	25	ASD CF Bardolino Verona	-	5	-	-	-	5	-
15	Alia Guagni	01/10/87	21	ACF Firenze	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
16	Laura Neboli	14/03/88	21	AC Reggiana Femminile	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Raffaella Manieri	21/11/86	22	ASD Torres Calcio	-	2	-	1	-	3	-
Midfielders											
4	Alessia Tuttino	15/03/83	26	ASD CF Bardolino Verona	-	10	1	1	1	19	4
7	Giulia Domenichetti	29/04/84	25	ASD Torres Calcio	-	9	-	1	-	13	-
10	Tatiana Zorri	19/10/77	31	S.S. Lazio Femminile	-	10	2	1	-	37	6
14	Alice Parisi	11/12/90	18	ASD CF Bardolino Verona	-	2	-	1	-	3	-
18	Pamela Conti	04/04/82	27	Levante UD	-	4	2	-	-	14	3
19	Carolina Pini	13/06/88	21	FC Bayern München	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
21	Marta Carissimi	03/05/87	22	ACF Torino	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
Forwards											
8	Melania Gabbiadini	28/08/83	25	ASD CF Bardolino Verona	-	8	4	1	-	15	7
9	Patrizia Panico	08/02/75	34	ASD Torres Calcio	-	10	7	1	1	40	23
11	Silvia Fuselli	01/07/81	28	ASD Torres Calcio	-	7	2	-	-	7	2
17	Evelyn Vicchiarello	24/10/86	22	AC Reggiana Femminile	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach											
-	Pietro Ghedin	21/11/52	56	ITA	-	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

Sweden

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		WCHAMP	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Hedvig Lindahl	29/04/83	26	Göteborg FC	-	4	-	1	-	10	-
12	Kristin Hammarström	29/03/82	27	KIF Örebro DFF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Ulla Karin Rönnlund	19/02/77	32	Umeå IK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Charlotte Rohlin	02/12/80	28	Linköpings FC	-	3	-	1	1	4	1
3	Stina Segerström	17/06/82	27	Göteborg FC	-	6	2	-	-	6	2
4	Anna Paulson	29/02/84	25	Umeå IK	-	3	-	1	-	5	-
6	Sara Thunebro	26/04/79	30	Djurgården/Älvsjö	-	6	-	1	-	8	1
7	Sara Larsson	13/05/79	30	Saint Louis Athletica	-	4	1	1	-	20	2
13	Karin Lissel	25/05/87	22	Hammarby	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Lina Nilsson	17/06/87	22	Malmö FF	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Midfielders											
5	Caroline Seger	19/03/85	24	Linköpings FC	-	7	1	1	1	11	2
14	Louise Fors	23/10/89	19	AIK Solna	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
15	Therese Sjögren	08/04/77	32	Malmö FF	-	8	3	1	-	28	4
16	Petra Larsson	30/09/88	20	Linköpings FC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Lisa Dahlqvist	06/02/87	22	Umeå IK	-	2	-	1	-	3	-
18	Nilla Fischer	02/08/84	25	Malmö FF	-	8	3	1	-	10	3
19	Sara Lindén	01/09/83	25	Göteborg FC	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Forwards											
8	Lotta Schelin	27/02/84	25	Olympique Lyonnais	-	6	2	1	-	11	2
9	Jessica Landström	12/12/84	24	Linköpings FC	-	5	1	-	-	5	1
10	Kosovare Asllani	29/07/89	20	Linköpings FC	-	2	-	1	-	3	-
11	Victoria Sandell Svensson	18/05/77	32	Djurgården/Älvsjö	-	4	8	1	1	32	17
20	Linnea Liljegård	08/12/88	20	Göteborg FC	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Coach											
-	Thomas Dennerby	13/08/59	50	SWE	-	8	-	1	-	9	-

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Match-by-match lineups

Group C

Standings

	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

Matchday 1 (25/08/09)

England 1-2 Italy

Goals: 1-0 Williams 38 (pen) , 1-1 Panico 56, 1-2 Tuttino 82

England: Brown, Scott, Stoney, Williams, Asante (Unitt 73), Carney, Chapman, Aluko (Smith 46), Smith (Sanderson 85), Scott, White

Italy: Picarelli, Gama, D'Adda, Tuttino, Tona, Schiavi, Domenichetti (Parisi 53), Gabbadini (Manieri 90+3), Panico, Zorri, Pini (Guagni 77)

Matchday 1 (25/08/09)

Sweden 3-0 Russia

Goals: 1-0 Rohlin 5, 2-0 Sandell Svensson 15, 3-0 Seger 82

Sweden: Lindahl, Rohlin, Paulson, Seger, Thunebro, Larsson, Schelin, Asllani (Nilsson 76), Sandell Svensson (Fischer 87), Sjögran, Dahlgvist (Liljegård 69)

Russia: Kochneva, Skotnikova (Kharchenko 87), Shmachkova, Savchenkova, Fomina, Kurochkina (Danilova 46), Poryadina, Petrova (Terekhova 62), Pertseva, Tsybutovich, Morozova

Matchday 2 (28/08/09)

Italy v Sweden

Matchday 2 (28/08/09)

England v Russia

Matchday 3 (31/08/09)

Russia v Italy

Matchday 3 (31/08/09)

Sweden v England

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	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	2	2	0	0	9	1	6
France	2	1	0	1	4	6	3
Norway	2	1	0	1	1	4	3
Iceland	2	0	0	2	1	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 - Anja Mittag (GER)
2 - Kirsten van de Ven (NED)	1 - Annike Krahn (GER)
2 - Laura Österberg Kalmari (FIN)	1 - Simone Laudehr (GER)
2 - Linda Bresonik (GER)	1 - Melanie Behringer (GER)
1 - Anja Mittag (GER)	1 - Maija Saari (FIN)
1 - Simone Laudehr (GER)	1 - Sonia Bompastor (FRA)
1 - Victoria Sandell Svensson (SWE)	1 - Camille Abily (FRA)
1 - Caroline Seger (SWE)	1 - Gaëtane Thiney (FRA)
1 - Charlotte Rohlin (SWE)	1 - Louisa Nécib (FRA)
1 - Patrizia Panico (ITA)	1 - Inka Grings (GER)
1 - Alessia Tuttino (ITA)	1 - Camilla Sand Andersen (DEN)
1 - Gaëtane Thiney (FRA)	1 - Maiken Pape (DEN)

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1 - Cecilie Pedersen (NOR)	1 - Fara Williams (ENG)
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Head coach

Italy: Pietro Ghedin

Date of birth: 21 November 1952

Playing career: ACF Fiorentina, S.S. Lazio, AC Venezia, Calcio Catania, Pescara Calcio, AC Pistoiese, AC Siena

Coaching career: Italy Under-18, Malta U21, Malta, Italy (assistant), Italy women

Pietro Ghedin has been working for the Italian Football Federation since 1987. He started as coach for the Under-18 side before becoming a scout for the senior national team ahead of the 1990 FIFA World Cup in Italy.

He then became the Azzurri goalkeeping coach for the Olympic Games in 1992 and 1996, in Barcelona and Atlanta respectively. Between 1992 and 1995, he also coached the Malta national team at Under-21 and senior level, while still under contract with the FIGC.

He was then made assistant to Italy coach Cesare Maldini during the 1998 World Cup before covering the same role under Dino Zoff at UEFA EURO 2000™ and Giovanni Trapattoni at the 2002 World Cup. He took over as coach of the women's national team from Carolina Morace after Italy lost all their games in the group stage of UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2005™, and has now led them to the 2009 finals.

A former defender, Ghedin played in Serie A with ACF Fiorentina and S.S. Lazio, joining the latter immediately after the capital side had won their first ever Scudetto in 1974 and remaining at the Stadio Olimpico until 1981. He also played in the lower divisions with AC Venezia, Calcio Catania, Pescara Calcio and AC Pistoiese before hanging up his boots in 1985 after a season at AC Siena.

Sweden: Thomas Dennerby

Date of birth: 13 August 1959

Playing career: Hammarby IF

Coaching career: Värtans IK, Spårvägens FF, Hammarby (assistant), Hammarby women, Djurgården/Älvsjö, Sweden women

Thomas Dennerby has been in charge of the Sweden team since July 2005, having previously assisted Marika Domanski-Lyfors at that year's UEFA European Women's Championship in England.

Dennerby grew up in southern Stockholm, and played Allsvenskan football for Hammarby IF between 1977 and 1985. Dennerby's best year there was 1982, when Hammarby finished league runners-up behind UEFA Cup winners IFK Göteborg. Dennerby was also capped by Sweden at Under-21 and youth level.

Moving on into coaching, Dennerby worked at Värtans IK and Spårvägens FF before working as assistant to Sören Cratz for Hammarby's sole Allsvenskan title success in 2001. After switching to lead Hammarby's female team, Dennerby moved to coach Djurgården/Älvsjö and won the 2003 title. Repeating that success the following year, Dennerby's side also knocked out compatriots Umeå IK in the UEFA Women's Cup quarter-finals in October 2004, the only time the northern club have ever lost before the final.

Three months later, Dennerby left to become No2 to Domanski-Lyfors. After reaching the semi-finals in England, he took over as Sweden's head coach, qualifying for the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup and progressing to the quarter-finals of the 2008 Olympics, as well as earning a place at UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ with eight wins and 31 unanswered goals. Before going into full-time coaching, Dennerby worked as a detective inspector at the Swedish National Criminal Investigation Department.

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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