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Finland



Ukraine

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Group A - Matchday 3

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Match background

Finland will be hoping to head into the quarter-finals with a third successive victory when they face Ukraine in their last Group A game at Helsinki's Olympic stadium. For Ukraine, their first appearance in a major final tournament has been a sobering one and as they prepare to head home all that remains for them is to restore some pride.

- Finland beat Denmark 1-0 in their opening game and a 2-1 win against the Netherlands means the hosts will definitely finish top. They now look forward to a quarter-final against a third-finishing team in Turku on 3 September.
- Ukraine still had hopes of claiming third place while it remained 1-1 with Denmark in their second game in the Helsinki Football stadium but a late winner from Maiken Pape meant they exit the tournament after the group stage.
- In their opening 2-0 loss to the Netherlands, Ukraine set two records on their finals debut. Olena Mazurenko became the oldest player in the history of the UEFA European Women's Championship finals at 39 years and 303 days while half-time substitute Oksana Yakovyshyn became the youngest, aged 16 years and 156 days. Mazurenko increased that record by three days against Denmark and if she plays in this match will end the tournament with a new mark of 39 years, 309 days.
- This will be these nations' first fixture at senior level for either women or men. They have met twice in female youth competition, Finland beating Ukraine 4-2 in 1999/00 UEFA European Women's Under-18 Championship third qualifying round on 18 April 2000 in Schifferstadt, Germany.
- Petra Vaelma, Sanna Malaska and Katri Nokso-Koivisto were among the Finland team. Nokso-Koivisto scored, as did Alla Lyshafay and Olena Khodyreva for Ukraine, whose side also included Vira Dyatel and Tetyana Chorna
- Finland then gained a 1-0 victory in the 2005/06 Women's U19 first qualifying round on 10 October 2005 in Minsk thanks to Linda Sällström's goal. Tuija Hyrynen, Heini Tiilikainen and Anna Westerlund were also in the Finland side, while the Ukraine line-up included Kateryna Samson and Olga Boychenko
- Ukraine will hope to emulate Finland's performance four years ago when they made their debut in a major tournament and reached the semi-finals in England.
- In 2005, Finland opened with a 3-2 defeat by hosts England – Anna-Kaisa Rantanen and Laura Österberg Kalmari among the goals after Sanna Valkonen's early own goal had given England the lead – but then eked out a goalless draw with Sweden and defeated Denmark 2-1 to claim second place in Group A behind the Swedes. They went on to lose 4-1 to eventual champions Germany in the semi-finals.

Team facts

FINLAND

Finnish women's football dates back to before the First World War and their first championship was in 1971, two years before their national team made their bow. However, for a long period they were not able to match the success of neighbours Norway and Sweden.

They did pick up the occasional scalp, such as West Germany in 1995, Norway three years later and Denmark in 2000, but signs of a real improvement came when HJK Helsinki reached the inaugural 2001/02 UEFA Women's Cup semi-finals, losing to Umeå IK, who were to sign Laura Kalmari, Sanna Valkonen and Jessica Julin. They were at the core of the squad that beat Russia in a play-off to qualify for the 2005 UEFA European Women's Championship and despite an opening 3-2 loss to hosts England in front of 29,092 spectators, Finland held Sweden 0-0 and beat Denmark 2-1 to reach the semi-finals, losing to Germany. They missed out on the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup narrowly behind Denmark but already were assured a 2009 European berth as hosts.

Tournament record

- 2005: semi-finals
- 2001: qualifying play-offs
- 1997: qualifying play-offs
- 1995: qualifying
- 1993: qualifying
- 1991: qualifying
- 1989: qualifying
- 1987: qualifying
- 1984: qualifying

Players with previous European final tournament experience

Petra Vaelma (2005), Sanna Valkonen (2005), Tiina Salmén (2005), Jessica Julin (2005), Anna-Kaisa Rantanen (2005), Sanna Malaska (2005), Sanna Talonen (2005), Laura Österberg-Kalmari (2005), Anne Mäkinen (2005).

Friendly results in 2009

10/01/09 Finland 0-4 South Korea (Guangzhou Tournament)
12/01/09 China 1-0 Finland (Guangzhou Tournament)
14/01/09 Finland 2-0 New Zealand (Guangzhou Tournament, third place)
09/02/09 Finland 2-2 England (in Cyprus)
11/02/09 Finland 1-4 England (in Cyprus)
04/03/09 Finland 0-2 Germany (Algarve Cup)
06/03/09 Finland 0-1 Sweden (Algarve Cup)
09/03/09 Finland 0-1 China (Algarve Cup)
11/03/09 Finland 1-1 Portugal, 4-2 pens (Algarve Cup, seventh place)
28/05/09 Finland 3-2 Italy
22/07/09 Finland 1-3 Sweden
10/08/09 Finland 4-0 Northern Ireland

Competition record win

4-0 v Czech Republic (h), 19/06/94, 1995 qualifying

Competition record defeat

0-7 v Norway (a), 06/07/96, 1997 qualifying

UKRAINE

Ukraine's record in the past suggested that they were leading contenders to be one of the teams to benefit from the expansion of the UEFA European Women's Championship finals from eight to 12 teams. In the end they were, qualifying for their first major women's tournament via the play-offs after narrowly missing out on an automatic berth.

After the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Ukraine dropped to the second tier for the 1997 edition but for 2001 reached a play-off, losing to England. They missed out in 2005 but produced a promising 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup campaign in which they beat Italy and held Norway. Ukraine then began this qualifying bid with six straight wins and although Denmark pipped them in their group, they defeated Slovenia 5-0 on aggregate to go through.

Tournament record

2005: qualifying
2001: qualifying play-offs
1997: promoted
1995: qualifying/relegated

2009 qualifying

P10 W8 D1 L1 F20 A3

Top scorer: Daryna Apanaschenko 6

Most appearances: Daryna Apanaschenko, Vira Dyatel, Valentyna Kotyk, Alla Lyshafay 10

Friendly results since qualifying

29/05/2009 Ukraine 2-0 Russia

Competition record win

5-0 v Slovakia (h), 20/06/07, 2009 qualifying

Competition record defeat

0-6 v Germany (a), 28/04/04, 2005 qualifying

Squad list

Finland

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.	FT		WCHAMP	Gls	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Minna Meriluoto	04/10/85	23	Hammarby IF DFF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Petra Häkkinen	31/01/79	30	HJK Helsinki	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Tinja-Riikka Korpela	05/05/86	23	FC Honka Espoo	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
Defenders											
2	Petra Vaelma	11/05/82	27	Klepp Elite	-	-	-	2	-	23	-
4	Sanna Valkonen	12/12/77	31	KIF Örebro DFF	-	-	-	2	-	26	2
5	Miia Niemi	09/07/83	26	Amazon Grimstad	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
6	Tiina Salmén	03/08/84	25	Amazon Grimstad	-	-	-	2	-	12	2
13	Tuija Hyyrynen	10/03/88	21	HJK Helsinki	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Maiju Hirvonen	25/12/90	18	NiceFutis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Maija Saari	26/03/86	23	Umeå IK	-	-	-	2	1	2	1
Midfielders											
3	Jessica Julin	06/12/78	30	Stattena IF	-	-	-	2	-	21	2
7	Anne Mäkinen	01/02/76	33	AIK Solna	-	-	-	2	-	35	3
8	Katri Nokso-Koivisto	22/11/82	26	VfL Wolfsburg	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
10	Anna-Kaisa Rantanen	10/02/78	31	Linköpings FC	-	-	-	1	-	18	2
11	Susanna Lehtinen	08/05/83	26	KIF Örebro DFF	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
15	Sanna Malaska	06/04/83	26	Amazon Grimstad	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
16	Anna Westerlund	09/04/89	20	FC Honka Espoo	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
19	Essi Sainio	09/09/86	22	AIK Solna	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
Forwards											
9	Laura Österberg Kalmari	27/05/79	30	AIK Solna	-	-	-	2	2	29	8
18	Linda Sällström	13/07/88	21	Djurgården/Älvsjö	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
20	Annica Sjölund	31/03/85	24	Djurgården/Älvsjö	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
21	Sanna Talonen	15/06/84	25	KIF Örebro DFF	-	-	-	1	-	7	-
Coach											
-	Michael Kälid	06/05/54	55	FIN	-	-	-	2	-	16	-

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

Ukraine

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		WCHAMP	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Iryna Zvarych	08/05/83	26	WFC Rossiyanka	-	2	-	-	-	10	-
12	Nadiya Baranova	05/07/83	26	Zvezda-2005	-	8	-	2	-	10	-
22	Kateryna Samson	05/07/88	21	FC Legend Chernigov	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Olena Mazurenko	24/10/69	39	FC Nürnberg	-	9	-	2	-	39	2
7	Olena Khodyreva	19/05/81	28	FC Legend Chernigov	-	9	2	2	-	16	3
13	Inessa Tytova	18/03/76	33	Zhilstroy-1 Kharkov	-	-	-	1	-	4	-
14	Yuliya Vaschenko	31/01/78	31	Zhilstroy-1 Kharkov	-	7	-	-	-	7	-
19	Maryna Sasalska	17/05/85	24	Zhilstroy-1 Kharkov	-	2	-	-	-	3	-
20	Iryna Vasylyuk	18/05/85	24	FC Illichivets Mariupol	-	5	-	1	-	7	-
Midfielders											
3	Tetyana Chorna	25/02/81	28	WFC Rossiyanka	-	9	1	2	-	26	1
4	Valentyna Kotyk	08/01/78	31	ShVSM-Izmaylovo Moskva	-	10	-	-	-	10	-
9	Vira Dyatel	03/03/84	25	Zvezda-2005	-	10	2	2	-	21	3
15	Lyudmyla Lemeshko	12/11/79	29	ShVSM-Izmaylovo Moskva	-	4	-	-	-	10	-
16	Alla Lyshafay	24/12/83	25	Zvezda-2005	-	10	1	2	-	15	1
17	Daryna Apanaschenko	16/05/86	23	Zvezda-2005	-	10	6	2	1	20	8
18	Nataliya Sukhorukova	18/10/75	33	Zhilstroy-1 Kharkov	-	9	1	1	-	14	1
21	Tetyana Romanenko	03/10/90	18	SK Energia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards											
5	Oksana Yakovyshyn	20/03/93	16	FC Legend Chernigov	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
6	Lyudmyla Pekur	06/01/81	28	WFC Rossiyanka	-	9	2	2	-	24	3
8	Olha Boychenko	06/01/89	20	FC Legend Chernigov	-	3	-	2	-	5	-
10	Svitlana Frishko	15/03/76	33	Zhilstroy-1 Kharkov	-	8	2	-	-	28	12
11	Nataliya Zinchenko	03/10/79	29	Zvezda-2005	-	9	3	2	-	27	9
Coach											
-	Anatoliy Kutsev	20/04/59	50	UKR	-	10	-	2	-	12	-

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

Match-by-match lineups

Group A

Standings

	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

Matchday 1 (23/08/09)

Ukraine 0-2 Netherlands

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

Ukraine: Baranova, Mazurenko, Chorna, Pekur, Khodyreva, Boychenko, Dyatel (Vasylyuk 83), Zinchenko, Lyshafay, Apanaschenko, Sukhorukova (Yakovyshyn 46)

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

Matchday 1 (23/08/09)

Finland 1-0 Denmark

Goals: 1-0 Saari 49

Finland: Korpela, Vaelma, Julin (Sjölund 84), Valkonen, Salmén, Mäkinen, Österberg Kalmari, Westerlund, Sällström (Lehtinen 73), Sainio (Talonen 60), Saari

Denmark: Johansen, Brogaard, K. Pedersen, M. Jensen (Nadim 72), Røddik Hansen, Paaske-Sørensen, Rydahl Bukh (M. Pedersen 89), Pape, Sand Andersen, J. Rasmussen, T. Rasmussen (Veje 46)

Matchday 2 (26/08/09)

Ukraine 1-2 Denmark

Goals: 0-1 Sand Andersen 49, 1-1 Apanaschenko 62, 1-2 Pape 87

Ukraine: Baranova, Mazurenko, Chorna, Yakovyshyn (Boychenko 64), Pekur, Khodyreva, Dyatel, Zinchenko, Tytova, Lyshafay, Apanaschenko

Denmark: Johansen, Brogaard, K. Pedersen, M. Jensen, Røddik Hansen, Paaske-Sørensen, Rydahl Bukh, Pape, Sand Andersen, Nadim (Veje 56), J. Rasmussen (L. Jensen 90+1)

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

Finland: Korpela, Vaelma, Julin (Rantanen 78), Valkonen, Salmén, Mäkinen, Österberg Kalmari, Westerlund (Sjölund 46), Sällström, Sainio, Saari

Matchday 3 (29/08/09)

Finland v Ukraine

Matchday 3 (29/08/09)

Denmark v Netherlands

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 - Anni 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)

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

Finland: Michael Kälid

Date of birth: 6 May 1954

Playing career: GBK Kokkola, Hovsala BK, Larsmo BK

Coaching career: GBK Kokkola reserves, Nykarleby IK, FC United, Finland women

Originating from the small west-coast town of Kronoby, Michael Kälid has masterminded Finland's rise to the continental élite, fostering an impressive team spirit and moulding the squad into an effective unit.

Kälid's playing career took him to GBK Kokkola, Hovsala BK and Larsmo BK, before a second spell at GBK. It was at Kokkola that he moved into coaching at reserve-team level in 1991, a position he held for six years. His next job was at Nykarleby IK, before being appointed coach of leading women's side FC United in 2000.

In Kälid's first year he led United to victory in the Finnish Cup, ending second in the league, and in 2001 he took over the national team. Finland had never qualified for a major finals and in his opening campaign they finished bottom of their 2003 FIFA Women's World Cup qualifying group, with three points from six games and 24 goals conceded.

But an experienced and talented squad hit form in UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2005™ qualifying, finishing third in their section and beating Russia 3-1 on aggregate in the play-offs. With that, they went on to reach the semi-finals in England with victory against Denmark, which earned Kälid an invitation to the annual president's reception on Independence Day and the title of coach of the year. Denmark had their revenge with a 1-0 win to pip Finland to the 2007 World Cup, but Kälid was rewarded with a new contract seeing him through to the end of UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ on home soil.

Ukraine: Anatoliy Kutsev

Date of birth: 20 April 1959

Playing career: FC Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk, FC Kryvbas Kryvyi Rih, FC SKA Kyiv, FC Dynamo Kyiv

Coaching career: Ukraine women Under-19, Ukraine women

Born in Bender, Moldova, Anatoliy Kutsev has proved successful in his role as Ukraine coach.

A defender as a player, Kutsev started his career at FC Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk in 1977 and also played for FC Kryvbas Kryvyi Rih, FC SKA Kyiv and FC Dynamo Kyiv reserves. He also played ten games for the Ukrainian SSR in internal Soviet Union competitions.

Moving into coaching, he joined the staff of the Ukraine women's team in 1995 and took charge of the Under-19 side. Kutsev was appointed to the helm of the senior team in January 2007, in time for UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ qualifying, and made a superb start with six straight wins, including victory at home against Denmark.

In the end, Denmark were to pip Ukraine to first place in the group but a 5-0 aggregate win against Slovenia ensured their berth in Finland, having conceded just three goals in ten qualifiers. Kutsev said: "Many think that defence is our main strength, but we are trying hard to achieve balance in every position, though we're building it on a solid back line."

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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