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Group B - Matchday 3

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## Match background

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Nine goals in their first two games have given Germany an unassailable lead at the head of Group B and they will look to add to their tally in the final group fixture when they face an Iceland team who know they can't avoid finishing in last place.

- Germany followed up their 4-0 victory against Norway with another win by the same expansive margin as they dispatched France 5-1. Linda Bresonik scored a penalty in both games but the 2005 UEFA European Women's Championship winners have had no less than seven different scorers in the two fixtures. Fatmire Bajramaj is the only other player to register more than a single goal as she weighed in with two in the dying minutes against Norway.
- Iceland took a sixth-minute lead in their opener against France only to lose 3-1. They could not revive their fortunes on Matchday 2, falling to Norway 1-0 and are guaranteed to finish fourth no matter how they fare against Germany.
- The reigning world and European champions have played Iceland ten times and recorded ten wins, scoring 46 goals to their opponents' three.
- Their four most recent meetings have all been UEFA European Women's Championship qualifiers and Germany won them all with a total of 18 unanswered goals, increasing their margin of victory by one each time.
- Prior to the 1997 edition, which Germany were to win, these teams were drawn together in the play-offs. Germany won the first leg in Reykjavik 3-0 with two goals from Martina Voss and one by Steffi Jones. Eleven days later in Koblenz the scoreline was 4-0, Adriane Hingst scoring twice and Heidi Mohr and Kerstin Stegemann also on target. Other players involved in the match were Nadine Angerer, Birgit Prinz and Inka Grings.
- They were then drawn together in qualifying for the next edition in 2001. Germany won their home encounter 5-0 on 14 October 1999 in Oldenburg having led 3-0 at the break through Grings, Bettina Wiegmann and Voss. Wiegmann and substitute Claudia Müller added to the scoreline.

• The teams were:

**Germany:** Silke Rottenberg, Kerstin Stegemann, Steffi Jones, Doris Fitschen (Stefanie Gottschlich), Ariane Hingst, Martina Voss, Bettina Wiegmann, Maren Meinert (Tanja Wörle), Sandra Smisek, Birgit Prinz (Claudia Müller), Inka Grings.

**Iceland:** Thóra Björg Helgadóttir, Audur Skúladóttir, Gudlaug Jónsdóttir, Rakel Björk Ögmundsdóttir, Edda Gardarsdóttir (Íris Sæmundsdóttir), Sigrún Sigríður Óttarsdóttir (Helena Ólafsdóttir), Margrét Rannveig Ólafsdóttir, Guðrún Jóna Kristjánsdóttir, Ásgerður Hildur Ingibergsdóttir, Rósa Júlía Steinhórsdóttir (Guðrún Sóley Gunnarsdóttir), Katrín Jónsdóttir.

• By the time they met again on 17 August 2000 in Reykjavik, Germany had already clinched qualification and were to go on to retain the title on home soil the following year. Germany won the match 6-0, with Jones and Hingst striking in the first five minutes and Prinz adding two more before the break. Meinert and Müller, again a substitute, scored late on.

• The teams were:

**Iceland:** Thóra Björg Helgadóttir, Guðrún Sóley Gunnarsdóttir, Helga Ósk Hannesdóttir, Íris Sæmundsdóttir, Rakel Logadóttir (Rósa Júlía Steinhórsdóttir), Ásthildur Helgadóttir (Elfa Erlingsdóttir), Margrét Rannveig Ólafsdóttir, Erla Hendriksdóttir, Katrín Jónsdóttir, Rakel Björk Ögmundsdóttir, Ásgerður Hildur Ingibergsdóttir (Olga Færseth).

**Germany:** Silke Rottenberg, Tina Wunderlich (Melanie Hoffmann), Steffi Jones, Doris Fitschen, Sandra Minnert, Ariane Hingst, Bettina Wiegmann, Maren Meinert, Renate Lingor (Sandra Smisek), Inka Grings (Claudia Müller), Birgit Prinz.

• Germany won the last UEFA Competition for National Representative Women Teams in 1989 with a 4-1 win against Norway in Osnabruck and the first UEFA European Women's Championship two years later, beating the same team 3-1 after extra time in Aalborg. After Norway took the title in 1993, Germany regained it in 1995 and successfully defended in 1997, 2001 and 2005, also winning the 2003 and 2007 FIFA Women's World Cups.

• After this tournament, Germany's next scheduled competitive match is their opening game as hosts of the 2011 World Cup on 26 June 2011 at Berlin's Olympiastadion. The final is on 17 July in Frankfurt, with further host cities including Augsburg, Bochum, Dresden, Leverkusen, Monchengladbach, Sinsheim and Wolfsburg. The only previous World Cup in Europe was in Sweden in 1995, when Norway beat Germany 2-0 in the final in Stockholm.

## Team facts

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## **GERMANY**

The Germany women's team is less than 30 years old but is the dominant force in Europe, not to mention the world. Coaching guru Gero Bisanz set up the West Germany team in 1982 and organised a scouting and youth system as well as encouraging clubs to adopt a uniform playing style to ensure players could slot easily into the national side.

Within seven years he had a team good enough to win the European title 4-1 against Norway in front of around 22,000 fans in Osnabruck. In 1991, the unified German team tasted glory in the new UEFA European Women's Championship, beating Norway 3-1 after extra time in Denmark. Further victories have followed in the last four editions, not to mention winning the 2003 and 2007 FIFA Women's World Cups and claiming Olympic bronze in 2000, 2004 and 2008 along with a clutch of youth honours. Germany's clubs have also won the UEFA Women's Cup five times in eight seasons.

### **Tournament record**

2005: winners

2001: winners (hosts)

1997: winners

1995: winners (hosts)

1993: fourth place

1991: winners

1989: winners (hosts)

1987: qualifying

1984: qualifying

### **Other honours**

2003, 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup winners

2004 FIFA U-19 Women's World Cup winners

2000, 2001, 2002, 2006, 2007 UEFA European Women's Under-18/U19 Championship winners

2008, 2009 UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship winners

### **2009 qualifying**

P8 W8 D0 L0 F34 A1

Top scorer: Kerstin Garefrekes 9

Most appearances: Nadine Angerer, Kerstin Garefrekes, Ariane Hingst, Kerstin Stegemann 8

### **Players with previous European final tournament experience**

Birgit Prinz (1995, 1997, 2001, 2005), Kerstin Stegemann (1997, 2001, 2005), Arnie Hingst (1997, 2001, 2005), Sonja Fuss (1997, 2005), Nadine Angerer (1997\*, 2001\*, 2005\*), Linda Bresonik (2001), Martina Müller (2001), Inka Grings (2005), Anja Mittag (2005), Kerstin Garefrekes (2005).

\*Did not appear

### **Friendly results since qualifying**

25/02/09 Germany 1-1 China

04/03/09 Germany 2-0 Finland (Algarve Cup)

06/03/09 Germany 3-0 China (Algarve Cup)

09/03/09 Germany 2-3 Sweden (Algarve Cup)

11/03/09 Germany 0-1 Denmark (Algarve Cup, fourth place)

22/04/09 Germany 1-1 Brazil

25/07/09 Germany 6-0 Netherlands

29/07/09 Germany 0-0 Japan

06/08/09 Germany 3-1 Russia

### **Competition record win**

13-0 v Portugal (h), 15/11/03, 2005 qualifying

### **Competition record defeat**

1-3 v Norway (h), 02/05/96, 1997 qualifying

1-3 v Denmark (in Italy), 03/07/93, 1993 final tournament third-place play-off

## **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 Sigi Eyrjolfsson 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

## Squad list

### Germany

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.	FT		WCHAMP		
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Nadine Angerer	10/11/78	30	1. FFC Frankfurt	-	8	-	2	-	16	-
12	Ursula Holl	26/06/82	27	FCR 2001 Duisburg	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
21	Lisa Weiß	29/10/87	21	SG Essen-Schönebeck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Kerstin Stegemann	29/09/77	31	FSV Gütersloh 2009	-	8	1	-	-	38	2
3	Saskia Bartusiak	09/09/82	26	1. FFC Frankfurt	-	7	-	1	-	8	-
4	Babett Peter	12/05/88	21	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	3	-	2	-	5	-
5	Anniko Krahn	01/07/85	24	FCR 2001 Duisburg	-	6	2	2	1	8	3
15	Sonja Fuss	05/11/78	30	1. FC Köln	-	3	-	-	-	12	1
17	Ariane Hingst	25/07/79	30	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	8	1	2	-	37	5
22	Bianca Schmidt	23/01/90	19	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
<b>Midfielders</b>											
6	Simone Laudehr	12/07/86	23	FCR 2001 Duisburg	-	3	-	1	1	4	1
10	Linda Bresonik	07/12/83	25	FCR 2001 Duisburg	-	7	1	2	2	13	3
14	Kim Kulig	09/04/90	19	Hamburger SV	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
18	Kerstin Garefrekes	04/09/79	29	1. FFC Frankfurt	-	8	9	2	-	21	13
20	Jennifer Zietz	14/09/83	25	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
<b>Forwards</b>											
7	Melanie Behringer	18/11/85	23	FC Bayern München	-	6	4	2	1	8	5
8	Inka Grings	31/10/78	30	FCR 2001 Duisburg	-	-	-	2	1	18	20
9	Birgit Prinz	25/10/77	31	1. FFC Frankfurt	-	7	6	2	-	46	38
11	Anja Mittag	16/05/85	24	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	7	1	1	1	12	3
13	Célia Okoyino da Mbabí	27/06/88	21	SC 07 Bad Neuenahr	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
16	Martina Müller	18/04/80	29	VfL Wolfsburg	-	4	1	-	-	11	4
19	Fatmire Bajramaj	01/04/88	21	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	5	-	1	2	6	2
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Silvia Neid	02/05/64	45	GER	-	8	-	2	-	10	-

**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

Iceland

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

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## Match-by-match lineups

### Group B

#### Standings

	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

#### 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, G.S. Gunnarsdóttir, Ó. Vidarsdóttir, Gardarsdóttir, Magnúsdóttir (Fridriksdóttir 89), Jónsdóttir, M. Vidarsdóttir, Lárusdóttir, S. Gunnarsdóttir (E. Arnardóttir 76), E. Sigurdardóttir, Ómarsdóttir (Hönnudóttir 71)

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

**Germany:** Angerer, Peter, Krahn, Behringer (Laudehr 46), Grings (da Mbabi 77), Prinz, Bresonik, Kulig (Bartusiak 66), Hingst, Garefrekes, Schmidt

#### Matchday 2 (27/08/09)

##### Iceland 0-1 Norway

**Goals:** 0-1 Pedersen 45

**Iceland:** Helgadóttir, G.S. Gunnarsdóttir, Ó. Vidarsdóttir, Gardarsdóttir, Magnúsdóttir, Stefánsdóttir (Logadóttir 60), Jónsdóttir, M. Vidarsdóttir, Lárusdóttir, S. Gunnarsdóttir, E. Sigurdardóttir (Hönnudóttir 82)

**Norway:** Hjelmseth, Akerhaugen, Stensland, Giske, Huse, Rønning, Gulbrandsen, Herlovsen (Isaksen 86), Mjelde, Storløkken, Pedersen (Lie 90+1)

#### 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	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	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	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	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	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Italy	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
England	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Russia	2	0	0	2	2	6	0

### Top scorers

2 - Laura Österberg Kalmari (FIN)	1 - Alessia Tuttino (ITA)
2 - Linda Bresonik (GER)	1 - Anja Mittag (GER)
2 - Fatmire Bajramaj (GER)	1 - Anni Krahn (GER)
2 - Kirsten van de Ven (NED)	1 - Simone Laudehr (GER)
1 - Manon Melis (NED)	1 - Melanie Behringer (GER)
1 - Sylvia Smit (NED)	1 - Maija Saari (FIN)
1 - Karin Stevens (NED)	1 - Sonia Bompastor (FRA)
1 - Cecilie Pedersen (NOR)	1 - Camille Abily (FRA)
1 - Victoria Sandell Svensson (SWE)	1 - Gaëtane Thiney (FRA)
1 - Lotta Schelin (SWE)	1 - Louisa Nécib (FRA)
1 - Caroline Seger (SWE)	1 - Inka Grings (GER)
1 - Kosovare Asllani (SWE)	1 - Johanna Rasmussen (DEN)

**Germany v Iceland**  
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1 - Charlotte Rohlin (SWE)	1 - Camilla Sand Andersen (DEN)
1 - Lyudmyla Pekur (UKR)	1 - Maiken Pape (DEN)
1 - Daryna Apanaschenko (UKR)	1 - Kelly Smith (ENG)
1 - Olesya Kurochkina (RUS)	1 - Fara Williams (ENG)
1 - Ksenia Tsybutovich (RUS)	1 - Eniola Aluko (ENG)
1 - Hólfríður Magnúsdóttir (ISL)	1 - Karen Carney (ENG)
1 - Patrizia Panico (ITA)	

## Head coach

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### **Germany: Silvia Neid**

**Date of birth:** 2 May 1964

**Playing career:** SC Klinge Seckach, SSG 09 Bergisch Gladbach, TSV Siegen

**Coaching career:** Germany Under-18 women, Germany U19 women, Germany women

Silvia Neid had some act to follow when she took over as Germany coach in 2005, but in her very first tournament her team retained the FIFA Women's World Cup.

Neid was a leading player in the first great generation of Germany women's football. Joining SSG 09 Bergisch Gladbach in 1983 from SC Klinge Seckach, she helped them to a league title and one German Cup triumph before moving to TSV Siegen, where she claimed six championships and five knockout crowns between 1985 and 1996. In that time, she also captained Germany to victory at the 1989, 1991 and 1995 UEFA European Women's Championships, as well as reaching the World Cup final in the last of those years.

In 1996 she retired, having long been groomed for a coaching role by the founder of the Germany women's team, Gero Bisanz. Neid joined the technical staff of the national squad under her former playing colleague Tina Theune-Meyer, and in addition to assisting her to further senior European titles in 1997 and 2001 and the 2003 World Cup, Neid proved a success in charge of the youth team, winning the 2000 and 2001 UEFA European Women's Under-18 Championships and completing a hat-trick with the renamed U19 event a year later. That was topped in 2004 when Germany won the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup, and after Neid helped Theune-Meyer to end her time in charge with another European crown in 2005, she took over as senior coach.

Germany soon cruised into the 2007 World Cup and once in China made stately progress to retaining their global title. In 2008, Germany won Olympic bronze for the third consecutive games and were the first team to qualify for UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ in Finland. Neid is under contract until 2013, a period that will take in the 2011 World Cup on home soil.

### **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.

## Competition facts

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- 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  
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

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- **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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