



# 2009 UEFA EUROPEAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

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Norway



France

Helsinki Football Stadium, Helsinki

Sunday 30 August 2009 - 15.00CET (16.00 local time)

Group B - Matchday 3

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## Match background

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France take on Norway in their final Group B game on Sunday knowing that a draw would steer both through to the last eight.

- Though both sides have three points, France's goal difference advantage over Norway has earned them second place in the group, currently worth a quarter-final meeting with the Group A runners-up, either Netherlands or Denmark, on 3 September in Tampere. Should there be a draw, Norway would go through as one of the two best third-placed teams to meet either Finland or the Group C winners.
- France opened their campaign with a 3-1 comeback victory over Iceland, courtesy of penalties from Camille Abily and Sonia Bompastor, followed by Louisa Nécib's late strike, before being on the receiving end of a comprehensive 5-1 defeat by holders Germany, with Gaëtane Thiney getting their consolation goal.
- France have had to without with defender Corine Franco and striker Candie Herbert since the first half of their opener against Iceland after both women suffered head injuries.
- Norway also lost by a four-goal margin to Silvia Neid's six-times European champions, going down 4-0 after a late flurry of goals, but could only conjure a 1-0 victory over Iceland, Cecilie Pedersen's goal just before half-time securing the points but the narrow margin of victory leaving them third in the group after Matchday 2.
- Pedersen, with third-tier Avaldsnes IL, was a surprise selection in the finals squad and only made her senior debut in the 19 August friendly defeat of Sweden. The 18-year-old was a substitute against Germany and was given a first start on Thursday.
- France faced Norway on 9 June 2005 in Warrington in their second Group B game in England. France had beaten Italy in their opening game while Norway had lost to Germany, so victory for Les Bleues would have taken them through to the semi-finals and they led on 20 minutes through Stéphanie Mugneret-Béghé.
- However, Isabell Herlovsen was introduced at half-time and three days after becoming the youngest ever player in the history of the final tournament (a record now beaten by Oksana Yakovyshyn of Ukraine), her 66th-minute equaliser gave her the goalscoring record aged 16 years 351 days. It also secured a 1-1 draw that eventually helped eventual runners-up Norway pip France to the semi-finals on goal difference.
- The teams were:  
**France:** Sarah Bouhaddi, Peggy Provost, Laura Georges, Corinne Diacre, Sandrine Soubeyrand, Stéphanie Mugneret-Béghé (Marie-Ange Kramo), Sonia Bompastor, Marinette Pichon, Sandrine Dusang, Hoda Lattaf, (Élodie Thomis), Elise Bussaglia.  
**Norway:** Bente Nordby, Siri Nordby, Marit Fiane Christensen, Ane Stangeland, Gunhild Følstad, Solveig Gulbrandsen, Ingvild Stensland, Trine Rønning, Dagny Mellgren, Stine Frantzen (Lise Klaveness), Unni Lehn (Isabell Herlovsen).
- The teams also met in the first round of fixtures at the 2001 final tournament, Norway running out 3-0 winners in the Group B game in Ulm thanks to goals from Monica Knudsen and and Dagny Mellgren either side of an Emmanuelle Sykora own goal.
- Overall in their 16 fixtures, Norway have won eight to France's three with five draws and lead the goal count 25-8.
- In their first fixture in Poissy on 8 November 1980, Norway won 3-0 and it took 12 games and nearly 25 years for France to register a victory, 2-0 in La Manga on 19 February 2005. They then secured a 1-0 success three days later.
- Since Norway beat France 2-0 in the 2003 FIFA Women's World Cup – having also defeated them twice in qualifying – Les Bleues are unbeaten in five fixtures against their rivals. After the three 2005 matches, they met the following January in Guangzhou, China and drew 1-1; Laëtitia Tonazzi's 19th-minute goal for France cancelled out two minutes from time by Maritha Kaufmann.
- In March 2007 France beat Norway 1-0 in the Algarve Cup in Lagos, Camille Abily scoring after 67 minutes.
- Norway won the second UEFA Competition for National Representative Women Teams in 1987 and the second UEFA European Women's Championship six years later. In 1995 they beat Germany 2-0 in Stockholm to win the FIFA Women's World Cup. In 2007 they were fourth in the World Cup.
- France have competed in all three editions of this competition since the eight-team showpiece stage was introduced, though they departed in the group stage in 1997, 2001 and 2005. France suffered the same fate in their sole appearance in the World Cup finals in 2003, undone by an opening 2-0 loss to Norway.

- France beat Norway 2-0 on 3 August 2003 in Leipzig to win the UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship for the only time to date, Lilas Traïkia scoring the second goal. The France team were coached by Bruno Bini.
- France's starting lineup included Sarah Bouhaddi, Gaétane Thiney, Ophélie Meilleroux, and Elise Bussaglia while Élodie Thomis, Laëticia Stribick-Buerkel and Laure Lepailleur were also in the squad. Runa Vikestad started for Norway and Melissa Wiik came off the bench. Bussaglia had also found the net in a 2-2 draw between the teams in the group stage.
- A number of other players have also enjoyed scoring success in matches between these sides in the European U19 Championship. Maren Mjelde and Eugénie Le Sommer scored in a 1-1 group stage draw at the 2008 finals in Iceland, Ingvild Isaksen also involved as Norway pipped France to the last four, and were to finish runners-up.
- Elise Thorsnes of Norway found the net in France's 3-1 victory in the 2006 second qualifying round, Amandine Henry on the winning side and Isabell Hervolsen and Ingvild Isaksen also involved. Anneli Giske struck as Norway ran out 2-0 winners in the finals group stage in 2004, Mellissa Wiik on the victorious side, Sarah Bouhaddi, Gaétane Thiney, Laure Lepailleur, Élodie Thomis, Louisa Nécib and Elise Bussaglia playing for France.
- When Stensland moved to Olympique Lyonnais in the winter, she not only linked up with former Norway goalkeeper Nordby, but also French internationals Laura Georges, Amandine Henry, Louisa Nécib, Élodie Thomis, Camille Abily and Sonia Bompastor, though the latter pair soon left for the new American professional league. Stensland helped Lyon regain the French league title and also played in the UEFA Women's Cup and French Cup semi-finals alongside her Les Bleues colleagues.

## Team facts

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### NORWAY

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

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

#### Tournament record

2005: runners-up  
2001: semi-finals  
1997: group stage (hosts)  
1995: semi-finals  
1993: winners  
1991: runners-up  
1989: runners-up  
1987: winners (hosts)  
1984: qualifying

#### Other honours

1995 FIFA Women's World Cup winners

#### 2009 qualifying

P8 W7 D1 L0 F26 A0

Top scorer: Solveig Gulbrandsen 9

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

#### Players with previous European final tournament experience

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

\*Did not appear

#### Friendly results since qualifying

31/01/09 Norway 1-5 Sweden (in Spain)  
04/03/09 Norway 1-3 Iceland (Algarve Cup)  
06/03/09 Norway 0-2 Denmark (Algarve Cup)  
09/03/09 Norway 0-1 United States (Algarve Cup)  
11/03/09 Norway 2-0 Austria (Algarve Cup, ninth place)  
23/04/09 England 3-0 Norway  
19/08/09 Sweden 0-1 Norway

**Competition record win**

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

**Competition record defeat**

1-4 v Sweden (a), 26/02/95, 1995 semi-final second leg  
1-4 v Germany (in Germany), 02/07/89, 1989 final

**FRANCE**

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

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

**Tournament record**

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

**Other honours**

2003 UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship winners

**2009 qualifying**

P8 W7 D0 L1 F31 A2

Top scorer: Camille Abily 5

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

**Players with previous European final tournament experience**

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

\*Did not appear

**Friendly results since qualifying**

14/12/08 France 0-2 Netherlands  
12/02/09 France 2-0 Republic of Ireland  
05/03/09 France 2-0 Scotland (Cyprus Women's Cup)  
07/03/09 France 2-2 England (Cyprus Women's Cup)  
10/03/09 France 3-2 South Africa (Cyprus Women's Cup)  
12/03/09 France 1-1 New Zealand, 6-5pens (Cyprus Women's Cup, third place)  
22/04/09 France 2-0 Switzerland  
25/04/09 France 1-0 Switzerland

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01/08/09 France 0-4 Japan  
12/08/09 France 4-0 Scotland

**Competition record win**

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

**Competition record defeat**

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

## Squad list

### Norway

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.	FT		WCHAMP	Gls	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Ingrid Hjelmseth	10/04/80	29	Stabæk FK	-	-	-	2	-	3	-
12	Caroline Knutsen	21/11/83	25	Røa IL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Christine Nilsen	30/04/82	27	Kolbotn IL	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Toril Hetland Akerhaugen	05/03/82	27	Stabæk IF	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
3	Marita Skammelsrud Lund	29/01/89	20	Team Strømmen FK	-	4	-	-	-	4	-
6	Camilla Huse	31/08/79	29	Røa IL	-	2	-	2	-	4	-
15	Hedda Strand Gardsjord	28/06/82	27	Røa IL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Maren Mjelde	06/11/89	19	Arna Bjørnar	-	1	-	2	-	3	-
18	Runa Vikestad	13/08/84	25	Kolbotn IL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Kristin Lie	13/12/78	30	SK Trondheims-Ørn	-	2	-	1	-	3	-
<b>Midfielders</b>											
4	Ingvild Stensland	03/08/81	28	Olympique Lyonnais	-	5	-	2	-	16	-
5	Anneli Giske	25/07/85	24	Fløya IF	-	1	-	2	-	3	-
7	Trine Bjerke Rønning	14/06/82	27	Stabæk IF	-	5	1	2	-	21	1
8	Solveig Gulbrandsen	12/01/81	28	Stabæk IF	-	8	9	2	-	33	21
21	Lene Storløkken	20/06/81	28	Team Strømmen FK	-	8	1	2	-	10	1
<b>Forwards</b>											
9	Isabell Lehn Herlovsen	23/06/88	21	Kolbotn IL	-	2	1	2	-	9	3
10	Melissa Wiik	07/02/85	24	Stabæk FK	-	6	6	1	-	8	6
11	Leni Larsen Kaurin	21/03/81	28	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	8	1	1	-	9	1
14	Marit Sandvei	21/05/87	22	Team Strømmen FK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Elise Hove Thorsnes	14/08/88	21	Røa IL	-	4	-	1	-	5	-
19	Ingvild Isaksen	10/02/89	20	Kolbotn IL	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
22	Cecilie Pedersen	14/09/90	18	Avaldsnes IL	-	-	-	2	1	2	1
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Bjarne Berntsen	21/12/56	52	NOR	-	8	-	2	-	15	-

**Key:** Squad list is ordered by position and then numerically

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

France

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

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

## 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 (Viguier 37), Bompastor, Herbert (Brétigny 40), Abily, Thomis (Le Sommer 86), Nécib, Bussaglia

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

##### France 1-5 Germany

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

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

**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)

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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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### **Norway: Bjarne Berntsen**

**Date of birth:** 21 December 1956

**Playing career:** Figgjo IL, Viking FK

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

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

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

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

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

### **France: Bruno Bini**

**Date of birth:** 1 October 1954

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Competition facts

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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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