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Olympique Lyonnais



1. FFC Turbine Potsdam

Coliseum Alfonso Pérez, Getafe
Thursday 20 May 2010
20.30CET (20.30 local time)

Background

Lyon and Potsdam make history

Olympique Lyonnais and 1. FFC Turbine Potsdam are matched in the first UEFA Women's Champions League final at the Coliseum Alfonso Pérez in Getafe on Thursday 20 May.

The inaugural UEFA Women's Champions League final matches a club from the dominant nation in female European competition, Germany's 1. FFC Turbine Potsdam, and the first French team to make it this far, Olympique Lyonnais.

UEFA Women's Champions League

- This competition has replaced the former UEFA Women's Cup, which ran from 2001/02 until last season.
- This is the first women's final to be played as a one-off match since the inaugural UEFA Women's Cup showpiece, won by 1. FFC Frankfurt in the German city.
- All finals from now on will be played two nights before the men's UEFA Champions League decider, and in the same city.
- The other major change was that the eight top-ranked nations now have two competing teams in the competition, the titlewinners and runners-up. Both Lyon and Potsdam entered as national champions.

Match background

- German clubs dominated the eight UEFA Women's Cup editions, winning five titles. Only twice, in 2002/03 and 2006/07, was there not a finalist from the Frauen-Bundesliga.
- Potsdam lifted the trophy at their first attempt in 2004/05, beating Sweden's Djurgården/Älvsjö 5-1 on aggregate.
- In the first leg in Stockholm, Conny Pohlers and Anja Mittag scored in a 2-0 Potsdam win. A week later Potsdam triumphed 3-1 with Petra Wimbersky opening the scoring before two Pohlers goals.
- Of that team, Jennifer Zietz, Viola Odebrecht and Mittag remain with Bernd Schröder's side while Carolin Schiewe was an unused substitute in both legs.
- The following season Potsdam lost the final to Frankfurt, the second of that side's record three wins. Potsdam were beaten 4-0 at home and 3-2 in Frankfurt, Pohlers scoring both of Turbine's goals.
- Zietz, Mittag, Babett Peter, Isabel Kerschowski all took part while Schiewe and Josephine Schlanke remained on the bench.
- Potsdam had one other European entry before this season, reaching the 2006/07 quarter-finals. They will be back next season as German champions.
- Lyon have achieved what their men's side have never done by reaching a major European final.
- Lyon's two previous UEFA Women's Cup campaigns ended in semi-final defeats. In 2008/09 they fell to Germany's eventual winners FCR 2001 Duisburg and the year before went out on away goals to Umeå IK – the Swedish club they beat at the same stage this season.
- The final will be Lyon's 25th UEFA competition fixture and Potsdam's 32nd – all of them under the same coaches. For both it will be the first in Spain.

Previous meetings

- The teams will be meeting for the first time in UEFA club competition though each have experience against sides from each other's nations.
- In the 2005/06 second qualifying round, Potsdam drew 0-0 at Montpellier Hérault SC with both teams already assured of progress from the group. Lyon forward Élodie Thomis was in the Montpellier side.

- The season before the teams met at the same stage but Potsdam had home advantage and won 6-0 on their European debut, Odebrecht and Mittag among their scorers.
- Lyon's sole encounter with German opposition came in last year's semi-final defeat by Duisburg when a 1-1 home draw was followed by 3-1 away loss. Potsdam's Fatmire Bajramaj was in the Duisburg lineup for both legs, and also scored in the final victory against Russia's Zvezda-2005, before her summer switch.

Team facts

- Lyon's Norwegian international striker Isabell Herlovsen was born in Germany while her father Kai Erik Herlovsen was playing for VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach.
- Potsdam defender Schmidt and midfielders Bajramaj and Zietz have played in all eight games of their run to the final. Indeed, Zietz has played every game in all of Potsdam's European campaigns.
- Defender Wendie Renard plus midfielders Corine Franco and Shirley Cruz Trana have been ever-present for Lyon.
- Mittag has scored nine goals in Potsdam's campaign, two behind the leading scorer Vanessa Bürki of FC Bayern München. Lotta Schelin has struck five times for Lyon.
- Overall Potsdam have averaged four goals a game in their run, scoring 32 and conceding only twice.
- Mittag, Bajramaj, Schmidt, Peter and Zietz were in the Germany squad that won UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009 in September.
- When Germany beat France 5-1 in the group stage, Schmidt started against a Les Bleues side containing Lyon's Sarah Bouhaddi, Laura Georges, Thomis, Louisa Nécib and substitute Sandrine Brétigny.
- Ingvild Stensland and Herlovsen were in the Norway side that lost 4-0 to Germany in the group stage – Bajramaj (2) and Mittag scoring. The Scandinavians also went down 3-1 in the semi-finals despite Herlovsen's opening goal, Bajramaj coming off the bench to score Germany's third.
- Stensland and Herlovsen were also on the losing side against Germany in the final of the 2005 UEFA European Women's Championship. Mittag featured in a 3-1 triumph for the all-conquering Germans.

Penalties

- There have only been three penalty shoot-outs in the history of UEFA women's club competition, both after two-legged ties:

2009/10 semi-finals: 1. FFC Turbine Potsdam 3-1 FCR 2001 Duisburg (after two 1-0 home wins)

2007/08 quarter-finals: Brøndby IF 2-3 ASD CF Bardolino Verona (after two 1-0 away wins)

2002/03 semi-finals: 1. FFC Frankfurt 6-7 Umeå IK (after two 1-1 draws)

UEFA Women's Cup finals

(first named team home in first leg, winners in bold)

2008/09: Zvezda-2005 0-6, 1-1* **FCR 2001 Duisburg** (agg: 1-7)

2007/08: Umeå IK 1-1, 2-3 **1. FFC Frankfurt** (agg: 3-4)

2006/07: Umeå IK 0-1, 0-0 **Arsenal LFC** (agg: 0-1)

2005/06: **1. FFC Turbine Potsdam** 0-4, 2-3 1. FFC Frankfurt (agg: 2-7)

2004/05: Djurgården/Ålvsjö 0-2, 1-3 **1. FFC Turbine Potsdam** (agg: 1-5)

2003/04: **Umeå IK** 3-0, 5-0 1. FFC Frankfurt (agg: 8-0)

2002/03: **Umeå IK** 4-1, 3-0 Fortuna Hjørring (agg: 7-1)

2001/02: **1. FFC Frankfurt** 2-0 Umeå IK**

*competition record crowd, 28,112 at MSV Arena, Duisburg

**one-off game in Frankfurt

Team profiles

Olympique Lyonnais

Formed: 1970 (as FC Lyon)

Nickname: Les Fenottes (the girls)

UEFA Women's Cup best performance: 2007/08 & 2008/09 semi-finals

Domestic honours

- League title: 7 (1991*, 1993*, 1995*, 1998*, 2007, 2008, 2009)
- French Cup: 3 (2003*, 2004*, 2008)

*as FC Lyon

Round of 32: ŽFK Mašinac Niš 3-0** (a), 5-0 (h), agg: 8-0

Round of 16: Fortuna Hjørring 1-0 (a), 5-0 (h), agg: 6-0

Quarter-finals: ASD Torres Calcio 3-0 (h), 0-1 (a), agg: 3-1

Semi-finals: Umeå IK 3-2 (h), 0-0 (a), agg: 3-2

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History

- FC Lyon were founded in 1970 and won four league titles and two French Cups before being taken over by the city's main club in 2004. Big games are played at Stade de Gerland.
- Olympique Lyonnais president Jean-Michel Aulas ensured the club enviable resources and in 2006/07 a team including French internationals Camille Abily, Sonia Bompastor and Sandrine Dusang alongside Brazilians Simone and Katia won the title.
- That meant a European debut in the former UEFA Women's Cup and Lyon equalled France's best performance by reaching the semi-finals, departing unbeaten on away goals against Umeå IK.
- They also completed the French double that season and in their second European campaign in 2008/09 again made the semi-finals, losing this time to FCR 2001 Duisburg, as well as retaining the league championship.
- While the likes of Paris Saint-Germain FC and Juvisy CFC ensured Lyon had more domestic competition in 2009/10, they thrived in the new UEFA Women's Champions League and beat Umeå 3-2 on aggregate to reach the final.

Key players

There is high quality throughout the squad including much of the France side: goalkeeper **Sarah Bouhaddi**, defenders **Laura Georges**, **Sandrine Dusang** and **Corine Franco**, playmaker **Louisa Nécib** and **Elodie Thomis** up front. They are combined with foreign talents like Swedish defender **Amelie Rybeck**, Costa Rica midfielder **Shirley Cruz Trana** and Norway forward **Isabell Herlovsen**, though fellow striker **Lotta Schelin** is expected to miss the final injured.

Coach: Farid Benstiti

Date of Birth: 16 January 1967

Nationality: French

Playing career: Olympique Lyonnais, Dijon FCO, AS Lyon-Duchère, KFC Avenir Lembeek, FC Sète, CS Saint-André, Gap FC

Coaching career: FC Lyon/Olympique Lyonnais women

Benstiti began his playing career at local club Lyon, leaving in 1989 after helping them to promotion. A midfielder, Benstiti continued to play until 2000, taking in several more French clubs as well as Lembeek in Belgium and also spent two years in Reunion with Saint-André.

In 2001 Benstiti was appointed coach of FC Lyon, winning two French Cups before their absorption by his former playing side. He continued at the helm and has overseen their rise to dominance at home, and prominence in Europe, reaching the first UEFA Women's Champions League final in 2010.

1. FFC Turbine Potsdam

Formed: 1955

Nickname: Turbinen (Turbine)

UEFA Women's Cup best performance: 2004/05 winners

Domestic honours

- League title: 10 (1981*, 1982*, 1983*, 1985*, 1986*, 1989*, 2004, 2006, 2009, 2010)
- German Cup: 3 (2004, 2005, 2006)

*East German league

Round of 32: FC Honka Espoo 8-1 (a), 8-0 (h), agg: 16-1

Round of 16: Brøndby IF 1-0 (h), 4-0 (a), agg: 5-0

Quarter-finals: Røa IL 5-0 (h), 5-0 (a), agg: 10-0

Semi-finals: FCR 2001 Duisburg 0-1 (a), 1-0 (h, aet), agg: 1-1, 3-1 pens

History

- BSG Turbine Potsdam was founded as a men's side in 1955 with a female team started up 16 years later by Bernd Schröder, an employee of the energy supplier that the club was part of.
- They immediately won their district championship and by the 1980s were dominant in East Germany.
- Despite struggling in the early years of a reunified Germany, they gained promotion to the top level in 1994 and were part of the inaugural Frauen-Bundesliga in 1997/98.
- The women's club split from the main outfit to become 1. FFC Turbine Potsdam in 1999 and were soon a leading club, denied the 2002/03 title when a last-minute Petra Wimbersky strike against 1. FFC Frankfurt was ruled offside.
- However, a strong youth system ensured Potsdam would soon win honours with a double the next season and a UEFA Women's Cup in 2005. They lost the final the following year to Frankfurt despite a domestic double and after reclaiming the German title in 2008/09, went on to reach the first UEFA Women's Champions League final.

Key players

Striker **Anja Mittag** has spent virtually all her senior career with Potsdam and is a prolific striker, with support coming from **Fatmire Bajramaj**, signed from FCR 2001 Duisburg last summer, **Nadine Kessler** and **Jennifer Zietz**. At the back **Babett Peter** was a revelation for Germany at UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009.

Coach: Bernd Schröder

Date of Birth: 22 July 1942

Nationality: German

Playing career: Clubs in Leipzig

Coaching career: 1. FFC Turbine Potsdam (twice), East Germany women

The driving force behind Potsdam's success, Schröder was a goalkeeper in his playing days for various Leipzig clubs. In 1971 he was the first coach of Turbine's female side and led them to six East German titles over the next two decades, also coaching the national team in the only game they ever played, losing 3-0 to Czechoslovakia in Potsdam on 9 May 1990.

In 1991/92 he stepped upstairs to become Potsdam president but became coach again during the first Frauen-Bundesliga season in 1997/98. Potsdam were soon among the leading clubs in Germany and in the mid-2000s the club won two domestic doubles and the UEFA Women's Cup, as well as bringing through many strong young players like Mittag, Bianca Schmidt and Peter.

Squad lists

Olympique Lyonnais

No.	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	UWCL				Int. matches	
					Current		All-time		Pld	Gls
					Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers										
1	Véronique Pons	FRA	27.05.1987	22	2	0	10	0	0	0
25	Christine Colombo Nilsen	NOR	30.04.1982	28	5	0	8	0	0	0
26	Sarah Bouhaddi	FRA	17.10.1986	23	1	0	2	0	19	0
Defender										
2	Sandrine Dusang	FRA	23.03.1984	26	4	0	17	1	18	0
3	Wendie Renard	FRA	20.07.1990	19	8	0	18	2	0	0
5	Laura Georges	FRA	20.08.1984	25	5	0	21	1	36	0
17	Corine Franco	FRA	05.10.1983	26	8	1	14	3	14	5
18	Coralie Ducher	FRA	11.09.1986	23	3	0	3	0	0	0
19	Cindy Berthet	FRA	22.02.1992	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	Amelie Rybeck	SWE	06.08.1982	27	4	0	4	0	0	0
Midfielder										
4	Ingvild Stensland	NOR	03.08.1981	28	6	0	20	2	35	1
6	Simone Gomes Jatoba	BRA	10.02.1981	29	4	1	20	2	n.a.	n.a.
10	Louisa Nécib	FRA	23.01.1987	23	7	4	24	13	20	5
11	Shirley Cruz Trana	CRC	28.08.1985	24	8	1	22	3	n.a.	n.a.
13	Saïda Akherraze	FRA	04.11.1992	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Aurélie Kaci	FRA	19.12.1989	20	1	0	1	0	0	0
20	Lydia Miraoui	FRA	24.09.1991	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Lara Dickenmann	SUI	27.11.1985	24	7	0	12	0	20	6
22	Amandine Henry	FRA	29.09.1989	20	5	0	8	1	4	0
23	Inès Dahou	FRA	06.02.1988	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forwards										
7	Sandrine Brétigny	FRA	02.07.1984	25	2	1	13	8	7	3
8	Lotta Schelin	SWE	27.02.1984	26	7	5	14	12	29	12
9	Katia Cilene Teixeira Da Silva	BRA	18.02.1977	33	6	2	21	13	n.a.	n.a.
12	Élodie Thomis	FRA	13.08.1986	23	7	3	29	13	23	7
24	Isabell Lehn Herlovsen	NOR	23.06.1988	21	4	0	10	1	26	14

Key: Squad lists ordered by position and then numerically

UWCL: Includes UEFA Women's Champions League and former UEFA Women's Cup records

Int. matches: Number of A international matches played in official tournaments (World Cup and EURO)

n.a.: information not available

1. FFC Turbine Potsdam

No.	Player	Nat.	DoB	Age	UWCL				Int. matches	
					Current		All-time		Pld	Gls
					Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers										
1	Desiree Schumann	GER	06.02.1990	20	5	0	5	0	0	0
18	Lena Hohlfeld	GER	02.12.1980	29	0	0	7	0	0	0
24	Anna Felicitas Sarholz	GER	05.07.1992	17	3	0	3	0	0	0
Defender										
2	Kristin Demann	GER	07.04.1993	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Babett Peter	GER	12.05.1988	22	7	1	13	1	9	0
5	Sandra Wiegand	GER	15.04.1992	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Josephine Henning	GER	08.09.1989	20	7	0	7	0	0	0
13	Laura Brosius	GER	08.01.1990	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Josephine Schlanke	GER	19.03.1988	22	0	0	4	0	0	0
19	Corina Schröder	GER	15.08.1986	23	4	0	7	0	0	0
20	Bianca Schmidt	GER	23.01.1990	20	8	0	8	0	4	0
22	Stefanie Draws	GER	16.10.1989	20	7	1	11	1	0	0
Midfielder										
3	Monique Kerschowski	GER	22.01.1988	22	5	0	6	0	0	0
6	Marie-Louis Bagehorn	GER	07.07.1991	18	2	1	2	1	0	0
7	Isabell Kerschowski	GER	22.01.1988	22	0	0	14	3	1	0
10	Fatmire Bajramaj	GER	01.04.1988	22	8	4	13	5	14	0
14	Jennifer Zietz	GER	14.09.1983	26	8	2	31	4	1	0
16	Viola Odebrecht	GER	11.02.1983	27	7	2	16	5	7	1
23	Nadine Kessler	GER	04.04.1988	22	6	5	6	5	0	0
33	Carolin Schiewe	GER	23.10.1988	21	1	0	7	0	0	0
Forwards										
9	Jessica Wich	GER	14.07.1990	19	7	2	7	2	0	0
17	Yuki Nagasato	JPN	15.07.1987	22	4	2	4	2	n.a	n.a
21	Tabea Kemme	GER	14.12.1991	18	7	1	7	1	0	0
31	Anja Mittag	GER	16.05.1985	25	7	9	25	11	20	3

Key: Squad lists ordered by position and then numerically

UWCL: Includes UEFA Women's Champions League and former UEFA Women's Cup records

Int. matches: Number of A international matches played in official tournaments (World Cup and EURO)

n.a.: information not available

Match officials

Referee	Kirsi Heikkinen (FIN)
Assistant referees	Tonja Paavola (FIN), Anu Jokela (FIN)
Fourth official	Lina Lehtovaara (FIN)
UEFA Delegate	Liana Melania Stoicescu (ROU)

Referee: Kirsi Heikkinen

Date of birth: 26 September 1978

Place of birth: Espoo, Finland

Occupation: Teacher

Hobbies: piano and singing, skiing, skating, swimming

Debut as a referee: 1998

Joined international list: 2002

UEFA Women's Champions League matches: 3

UEFA matches: 32

Previous international matches

Date	Venue	Teams	Comp	Result
01.12.2000	Utrera	Iceland v Poland	WU-18	1-0
11.08.2005	Slany	AC Sparta Praha v Gintra Universitetas FC	WOCUP	8-0
13.08.2005	Slany	Gintra Universitetas FC v CFF Clujana	WOCUP	2-2
25.04.2006	Mogosoia	Denmark v Romania	WU-19	7-0
27.04.2006	Mogosoia	Iceland v Denmark	WU-19	1-2
26.09.2006	Chisinau	Ukraine v Moldova	WU-19	5-1
01.10.2006	Chisinau	Romania v Moldova	WU-19	4-0
18.11.2006	Strumica	Wales v Faroe Islands	WOCHAMP	2-1
20.11.2006	Strumica	Wales v FYR of Macedonia	WOCHAMP	6-0
09.04.2007	Orléans	France v Netherlands	WU-19	4-0
14.04.2007	St Jean de Braye	Portugal v Netherlands	WU-19	3-3
20.06.2007	Karlstad	Sweden v Hungary	WOCHAMP	7-0
20.07.2007	Akranes	England v France	WU-19	3-1
23.07.2007	Akranes	Norway v Denmark	WU-19	2-1
29.07.2007	Reykjavik	Germany v England	WU-19	2-0*
27.09.2007	Krasnoarmeysk	Russia v Israel	WU-19	7-0
02.10.2007	Krasnoarmeysk	Italy v Russia	WU-19	1-1
27.10.2007	Dublin	Republic of Ireland v Romania	WOCHAMP	2-1
21.02.2008	Abrantes	Portugal v Ukraine	WOCHAMP	0-1
24.04.2008	Povoa Do Varzim	Italy v Portugal	WU-19	4-0
26.04.2008	Fão	Ukraine v Italy	WU-19	0-4
02.10.2008	Athens	Greece v Slovenia	WOCHAMP	4-6
11.10.2008	Limonest	Arsenal LFC v SV Neulengbach	WOCUP	6-0
14.10.2008	Limonest	SV Neulengbach v FC Zürich Frauen	WOCUP	5-3
05.04.2009	Duisburg	FCR 2001 Duisburg v Olympique Lyonnais	WOCUP	3-1
25.08.2009	Turku	Sweden v Russia	WOCHAMP	3-0
30.08.2009	Tampere	Germany v Iceland	WOCHAMP	1-0
03.09.2009	Tampere	Netherlands v France	WOCHAMP	0-0**
07.09.2009	Helsinki	Germany v Norway	WOCHAMP	3-1
07.10.2009	Montpellier	Montpellier Hérault SC v Standard Femina	UWCL	3-1
11.11.2009	Brøndby	Brøndby IF v 1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	UWCL	0-4
14.03.2010	Bishop Stortford	Arsenal LFC v FCR 2001 Duisburg	UWCL	0-2

* After extra-time / ** Netherlands won 5-4 on penalties

UWCL: UEFA Women's Champions League

WOCUP: UEFA Women's Cup

WOCHAMP: UEFA European Women's Championship

WU-18: UEFA European Women's Under-18 Championship

WU-19: UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship

Stadium

Coliseum Alfonso Pérez

Capacity: 16,996 (net for final)

Opened: 1998

Pitch size: 105m x 70m

- Getafe CF moved into their current stadium from the Estadio de las Margaritas on 1 January 1998
- The Coliseum Alfonso Pérez was named after the locally-born Spanish international of the time, subsequently famed for his last-gasp winner against Yugoslavia at UEFA EURO 2000, though he never played for Getafe.
- Getafe were a third-tier club when they moved into the stadium but by 2004 were in the top flight.
- On 5 June 2004 the Coliseum Alfonso Pérez staged Spain's UEFA EURO 2004 warm-up against Andorra and on 20 September 2007 the first European competition game was played there, Getafe beating FC Twente 1-0 in a UEFA Cup group match.
- The stadium was awarded the UEFA Women's Champions League final, played on 20 May 2010, the first time Europe's premier female club fixture had been held on a neutral ground.

Ambassador

Alfonso Pérez

Getafe-born Alfonso Pérez never played for his local club but his exploits led to him being honoured by them naming their Coliseum Alfonso Pérez stadium after him when it opened in 1998. It is there that the 2010 UEFA Women's Champions League final will be played, for which Alfonso is the official ambassador.

Date of Birth: 26 September 1972

Nationality: Spanish

Playing career: Real Madrid CF, Real Betis Balompié (twice), FC Barcelona, Olympique de Marseille (loan)

- A Madrid academy product, he made his debut in 1990 and while never a regular, racked up more than 100 appearance over five years, winning the 1992/93 Copa del Rey and 1994/95 Liga.
- In 1995 Alfonso joined Betis and in his second season there scored 25 league goals, breaking a club record, in a prolific partnership with Pier that helped their side to fourth place.
- Alfonso was signed by Barcelona in 2000 but did not carve out a regular place, and in January 2002 was loaned to Marseille. He rejoined Betis that summer and spent the last three years of his career there, retiring after their 2004/05 Copa del Rey win.
- At international level, Alfonso helped Spain to the semi-finals of the 1989 UEFA European Under-16 Championship and 1990 U18 Championship before being part of the side that won 1992 Olympic gold at the Camp Nou.
- His senior Spain debut followed in September 1992 and he played at EURO '96, the 1998 FIFA World Cup and UEFA EURO 2000. He scored an equaliser within a minute of coming on against Bulgaria in 1996 and four years later volleyed in a last-gasp winner to beat Yugoslavia 4-3, his second goal of the game. Overall he won 38 caps, scoring 11 goals.

Did you know?

Alfonso's younger brother, Iván Pérez, was also a Madrid academy graduate – they were team-mates at Betis in the late 1990s and as well more recently in the Real veterans' team.

Trophy

The glittering price

The launch of the new UEFA Women's Champions League also meant a fresh trophy to replace the previous UEFA Women's Cup.

The trophy is 60cm in height, 10kg in weight and made of sterling silver. The spiralling arms and the central body provide a vision of dynamism and strength. The column in the middle will be etched with the names of the winners, representing the climb to the top of European women's club football.

Trophy Tour

The UEFA Women's Champions League Trophy is part of the trophy tour in Madrid along with the men's UEFA Champions League trophy. The UEFA Champions League Bus stops at these locations:

Friday 30 April, Saturday 1 May: Plaza de Callao (Gran Vía)

Sunday 2 May: Red de San Luis (Gran Vía)

Thursday 6 May, Friday 7 May: Plaza Felipe II

Saturday 8 May, Sunday 9 May: Plaza de España, Getafe

History

Women's football in UEFA

European club competition

- At its meeting in Paris on 23 May 2000, the UEFA Executive Committee approved the proposal to introduce a European Women's club competition, and thus the UEFA Women's Cup for national league champions came into being.
- For 2009/10 the competition was relaunched as the UEFA Women's Champions League, also allowing entry to the runners-up from the eight top-ranked nations and the final will be played as a one-off fixture in the same city as the men's UEFA Champions League final, two nights before.
- In the first final on 23 May 2002, 1. FFC Frankfurt beat Umeå IK 2-0 with two Steffi Jones goals in the Waldstadion.
- Frankfurt were to pick up further wins in 2006 and 2008. Umeå triumphed in 2003 and 2004 and also lost the 2007 and 2008 finals. A second German team, 1. FFC Turbine Potsdam, took the trophy in 2005. Arsenal LFC won in 2007.
- Last season two debutants reached the final, with another German club, FCR 2001 Duisburg, defeating Russia's Zvezda-2005 to emulate both Frankfurt and Potsdam in winning the trophy at their first attempt. Duisburg won the first leg in Russia 6-0 and drew their home leg 1-1 in front of a competition record 28,112 crowd at the MSV Arena.

National senior teams

- UEFA first became involved in women's football in 1971 when a motion was passed urging national associations to take responsibility for the female game in their countries.
- The first competitive fixture in a UEFA women's competition was played on 18 August 1982 in Vammala when Finland were beaten 6-0 by Sweden in the opening game of qualifying for the UEFA European Competition for Representative Women's Teams. Sweden were to win the final in 1984.
- For the 1991 edition the competition was relaunched as the UEFA Women's Championship.
- The final was played over two legs in 1984. Between 1987 and 1993 there was a four-team knockout final tournament, before a one-off final in 1995. From 1997 there was an eight-team final tournament played every four years, expanded to 12 in 2009.

- From 16 competitors in the 1984 edition, the 2009 tournament began with 46 entrants including three countries new to competitive senior international women's football: Azerbaijan, Luxembourg and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
- Germany have been the dominant nation, winning the title in 1989, 1991, 1995, 1997, 2001, 2005 and 2009. Other than Sweden in 1984, the only other champions were Norway in 1987 and 1993.

National youth teams

- The UEFA European Women's Under-18 Championship was launched in 1997/98 and has run annually ever since, altering to an U19 event in 2001/02. Germany have secured five wins (2000, 2001, 2002, 2006, 2007) while other champions have been Denmark (1998), Sweden (1999), France (2003), Spain (2004), Russia (2005), Italy (2008) and England (2009).
- The 2009/10 U19 final tournament begins on 24 May in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Group A consists of Scotland, England, Germany and Italy and Group B contains the hosts, Spain, the Netherlands and France. The 2010/11 tournament will conclude in Italy.
- In 2007/08 the first annual UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship was held. Germany have won both editions so far, with the final tournament played as a four-team knockout competition in UEFA's home town of Nyon, Switzerland.
- This year's finals run from 22 to 26 June, with the last-four ties matching Spain with the Netherlands and the Republic of Ireland against Germany.