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Italy

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Group C - Matchday 1

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Match background

Two of the traditional powerhouses in international women's football get Group C under way in Lahti with England and Italy having both previously gone all the way to the final in this competition only to fall at the last.

- England reached the final of the very first UEFA Competition for National Representative Women Teams in 1984, where they met Sweden. After losing the away leg 1-0 in Gothenburg they won by the same score in Luton but were defeated 4-3 on penalties. They made further semi-finals in 1987 and in the 1995 UEFA European Women's Championship, losing to Sweden and Germany respectively.
- Despite reaching the 1995 FIFA Women's World Cup quarter-finals, England did not qualify for the 1997 European finals and one of the World Cup squad, Hope Powell, was appointed as their first full-time women's coach. In 2001 she led them to the European finals, though they picked up only one point from their three matches thanks to a 1-1 draw with Russia in their first fixture. In 2005 England staged the final tournament though, after beating Finland 3-2 in their first game, a young team lost 2-1 to Denmark and 1-0 to Sweden and failed to progress from their group.
- England returned to the World Cup in 2007 and again made the last eight, going on to win Group 1 in qualifying for these finals. They went into their last game in Spain needing to avoid a two-goal defeat and although they trailed 2-0 at the break, goals from Karen Carney and Kelly Smith salvaged a draw.
- England's qualifying record was P8 W6 D2 L0 F24 A4 PTS20
- Italy have been among the last eight in every edition of this competition, with their best performances being runs to the 1993 and 1997 finals, though in 2001 and 2005 they departed in the group stage. They have twice qualified for the World Cup, reaching the 1991 quarter-finals and the group stage eight years later.
- Italy's qualifying Group 2 campaign began with a 2-0 home loss to Sweden and they were to lose 1-0 in Orebro but they won all other six fixtures to finish a comfortable second place. Their record read: P8 W6 D0 L2 F23 A7 PTS18
- As in 2005 they were drawn with the Czech Republic in the play-offs and Italy secured a repeat success. Patrizia Panico's 88th-minute goal secured a 1-0 away win and in the return in Gubbio, Tatiana Zorri's penalty was followed by another Panico strike before the break. Despite a Czech consolation, the Azzurre progressed 3-1 on aggregate.
- The Czech Republic finished third in England's group. England were held 0-0 in Blackburn but won 5-1 in Prague having trailed at the break.
- These teams have played 22 times with Italy recording eleven wins to England's six and five draws. Italy lead 38-27 on the goal count.
- Their first game was back on 2 June 1976, England winning 2-0 in Rome, and they also won the most recent encounter, 4-1 in Milton Keynes on 17 February 2005. Fara Williams, Jody Hanley, Amanda Barr and 17-year-old debutant Karen Carney, a substitute, were on target before Deiana Damiana's consolation.
- The teams were:
England: Jo Fletcher, Alex Scott, Faye White, Mary Phillip, Rachel Unitt, Jody Handley (Karen Carney), Fara Williams, Katie Chapman, Rachel Yankey (Sue Smith), Emily Westwood, Amanda Barr (Eniola Aluko).
Italy: Carla Brunozzi; Deiana Damiana, Elena Ficarelli, Viviana Schiavi, Tatiana Zorri; Elisa Camporese, Sara Di Filippo, Piera Maglio (Meliana Gabbiadini), Iliaria Pasqui, Patrizia Panico, Valentina Boni (Valentina Lanzieri).
- Italy and England have had five competitive encounters, all in the European event, and the Azzurre have four wins with the other game drawn. Italy beat England 2-1 in the 1987 third-place match and in the 1993 quarter-finals won 3-2 at home and 3-0 away.
- Italy reached the final of the latter competition and playing England proved a lucky omen as they repeated the feat in 1997 when the sides met in qualifying. England held Italy 1-1 at home but lost 2-1 in Cosenza, condemning them to a play-off and a defeat by Spain.

Team facts

ENGLAND

England have a long history in women's football and reached the final of the first European competition in 1984 – a side which contained current manager Hope Powell that lost on penalties to Sweden – but it is in the last few years that they have really emerged as a force in the game.

There were hints of a revival in 1995 when England reached the UEFA European Women's Championship semi-finals and the last eight of the FIFA Women's World Cup but did not qualify for the continental event two years later. Powell was then appointed the first full-time manager and implemented a system that has brought through a host of talented young players. They qualified in 2001 and were hosts four years later, attracting big crowds but missing the semi-finals. But that same set of players made the World Cup quarter-finals in 2007 and topped their group this time around. There was also a boost in July when England won their first UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship.

Tournament record

2005: group stage (hosts)
2001: group stage
1997: qualifying play-offs
1995: semi-finals
1993: quarter-finals
1991: quarter-finals
1989: qualifying
1987: fourth place
1984: runners-up

Other honours

2009 UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship winners

2009 qualifying

P8 W6 D2 L0 F24 A4

Top scorer: Kelly Smith 5

Most appearances: Anita Asante, Karen Carney, Fara Williams, Alex Scott 8

Players with previous European final tournament experience

Rachel Brown (2001*, 2005), Rachel Unitt (2001, 2005), Faye White (2001, 2005), Katie Chapman (2001, 2005), Kelly Smith (2001, 2005), Sue Smith (2001), Alex Scott (2005), Casey Stoney (2005*), Lindsay Johnson (2005), Anita Asante (2005*), Fara Williams (2005), Emily Westwood (2005), Karen Carney (2005), Eniola Aluko (2005), Jody Handley (2005*).

*Did not appear

Friendly results since qualifying

09/02/09 England 2-2 Finland (in Cyprus)
11/02/09 England 4-1 Finland (in Cyprus)
05/03/09 England 6-0 South Africa (Cyprus Women's Cup)
07/03/09 England 2-2 France (Cyprus Women's Cup)
10/03/09 England 3-0 Scotland (Cyprus Women's Cup)
12/03/09 England 3-1 Canada (Cyprus Women's Cup, winners)
23/04/09 England 3-0 Norway
16/07/09 England 0-2 Iceland
22/07/09 England 1-0 Denmark

Competition record win

10-0 v Slovenia (h) 17/04/94, 1995 qualifying
10-0 v Slovenia (a) 25/09/93, 1995 qualifying
10-0 v Northern Ireland (h), 16/03/86, 1987 qualifying

Competition record defeat

0-8 v Norway (a), 04/06/00, 2001 qualifying

ITALY

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

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

Tournament record

2005: group stage
2001: group stage
1997: runners-up

1995: quarter-finals
1993: runners-up (hosts)
1991: fourth place
1989: fourth place
1987: third place
1984: fourth place

Other honours

2008 UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship winners

2009 qualifying

P10 W8 D0 L2 F26 A8

Top scorer: Patrizia Panico 7

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

Players with previous European final tournament experience

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

*Did not appear

Friendly results since qualifying

31/01/09 Australia 2-2 Italy

07/02/09 Australia 1-5 Italy

08/04/09 Scotland 1-4 Italy

28/05/09 Finland 3-2 Italy

Competition record win

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

Competition record defeat

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

Squad list

England

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		WCHAMP	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Rachel Brown	02/07/80	29	Everton LFC	-	5	-	-	-	8	-
13	Siobhan Chamberlain	15/08/83	26	Chelsea LFC	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
22	Karen Louise Bardsley	14/10/84	24	Sky Blue FC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Alex Scott	14/10/84	24	Boston Breakers	-	8	2	-	-	11	2
3	Casey Stoney	13/05/82	27	Chelsea LFC	-	7	-	-	-	7	-
5	Lindsay Johnson	08/05/80	29	Everton LFC	-	5	-	-	-	6	-
14	Faye White	02/02/78	31	Arsenal FC	-	5	2	-	-	13	2
15	Rachel Unitt	05/06/82	27	Everton FC	-	2	-	-	-	9	-
19	Laura Bassett	02/08/83	26	Arsenal FC	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Midfielders											
4	Fara Williams	25/01/84	25	Everton FC	-	8	4	-	-	11	5
6	Anita Asante	27/04/85	24	Sky Blue FC	-	8	-	-	-	8	-
7	Karen Carney	01/08/87	22	Chicago Red Stars	-	8	3	-	-	11	4
8	Katie Chapman	15/06/82	27	Arsenal LFC	-	2	1	-	-	12	1
12	Jill Scott	02/02/87	22	Everton FC	-	6	2	-	-	6	2
18	Emily Westwood	05/04/84	25	Everton FC	-	3	1	-	-	4	1
20	Danielle Josephine Buet	31/10/88	20	Chelsea FC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards											
9	Eniola Aluko	21/02/87	22	Saint Louis Athletica	-	4	1	-	-	7	1
10	Kelly Smith	29/10/78	30	Boston Breakers	-	7	5	-	-	26	10
11	Sue Smith	24/11/79	29	Leeds Carnegie LFC	-	4	-	-	-	15	5
16	Jody Handley	12/03/79	30	Everton FC	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
17	Lianne Sanderson	03/02/88	21	Chelsea LFC	-	6	2	-	-	6	2
21	Jessica Anne Clarke	05/05/89	20	Leeds Carnegie LFC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach											
-	Hope Powell	08/12/66	42	ENG	-	8	-	-	-	22	-

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

Italy

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		WCHAMP	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Anna Maria Picarelli	04/11/84	24	Los Angeles Legends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Michela Cupido	02/05/78	31	ASD Torres Calcio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Sara Penzo	16/12/89	19	CF Venezia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Sara Gama	27/03/89	20	UPC Tavagnacco	-	9	-	-	-	9	-
3	Roberta D'Adda	05/10/81	27	ASD CF Bardolino Verona	-	7	1	-	-	7	1
5	Elisabetta Tona	22/01/84	25	ASD Torres Calcio	-	8	3	-	-	14	3
6	Viviana Schiavi	01/09/82	26	ASD CF Bardolino Verona	-	5	-	-	-	8	-
13	Giorgia Motta	18/03/84	25	ASD CF Bardolino Verona	-	5	-	-	-	5	-
15	Alia Guagni	01/10/87	21	ACF Firenze	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Laura Neboli	14/03/88	21	AC Reggiana Femminile	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Raffaella Manieri	21/11/86	22	ASD Torres Calcio	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
Midfielders											
4	Alessia Tuttino	15/03/83	26	ASD CF Bardolino Verona	-	10	1	-	-	18	3
7	Giulia Domenichetti	29/04/84	25	ASD Torres Calcio	-	9	-	-	-	12	-
10	Tatiana Zorri	19/10/77	31	S.S. Lazio Femminile	-	10	2	-	-	36	6
14	Alice Parisi	11/12/90	18	ASD CF Bardolino Verona	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
18	Pamela Conti	04/04/82	27	Levante UD	-	4	2	-	-	14	3
19	Carolina Pini	13/06/88	21	FC Bayern München	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
21	Marta Carissimi	03/05/87	22	ACF Torino	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
Forwards											
8	Melania Gabbiadini	28/08/83	25	ASD CF Bardolino Verona	-	8	4	-	-	14	7
9	Patrizia Panico	08/02/75	34	ASD Torres Calcio	-	10	7	-	-	39	22
11	Silvia Fuselli	01/07/81	28	ASD Torres Calcio	-	7	2	-	-	7	2
17	Evelyn Vicchiarello	24/10/86	22	AC Reggiana Femminile	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach											
-	Pietro Ghedin	21/11/52	56	ITA	-	10	-	-	-	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

Match-by-match lineups

Group C

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Sweden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
England	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Italy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Matchday 1 (25/08/09)

England v Italy

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Sweden v Russia

Matchday 2 (28/08/09)

Italy v Sweden

Matchday 2 (28/08/09)

England v Russia

Matchday 3 (31/08/09)

Russia v Italy

Matchday 3 (31/08/09)

Sweden v England

Knockout Phase

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	16.00CET 17.00 (local time)	Norway	Tampere
24/08/09	Grp B	Iceland	19.00CET 20.00 (local time)	France	Tampere
25/08/09	Grp C	England	16.30CET 17.30 (local time)	Italy	Lahti
25/08/09	Grp C	Sweden	19.00CET 20.00 (local time)	Russia	Turku
26/08/09	Grp A	Ukraine	16.30CET 17.30 (local time)	Denmark	Helsinki
26/08/09	Grp A	Netherlands	19.00CET 20.00 (local time)	Finland	Helsinki
27/08/09	Grp B	France	16.30CET 17.30 (local time)	Germany	Tampere
27/08/09	Grp B	Iceland	19.00CET 20.00 (local time)	Norway	Lahti
28/08/09	Grp C	Italy	16.30CET 17.30 (local time)	Sweden	Turku
28/08/09	Grp C	England	19.00CET 20.00 (local time)	Russia	Helsinki
29/08/09	Grp A	Finland	16.30CET 17.30 (local time)	Ukraine	Helsinki
29/08/09	Grp A	Denmark	16.30CET 17.30 (local time)	Netherlands	Lahti
30/08/09	Grp B	Germany	15.00CET 16.00 (local time)	Iceland	Tampere
30/08/09	Grp B	Norway	15.00CET 16.00 (local time)	France	Helsinki
31/08/09	Grp C	Russia	18.00CET 19.00 (local time)	Italy	Helsinki
31/08/09	Grp C	Sweden	18.00CET 19.00 (local time)	England	Turku

Group A

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Netherlands	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Finland	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Denmark	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Ukraine	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

Group B

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Iceland	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Norway	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
France	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

Group C

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Sweden	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
England	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Russia	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Italy	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

Head coach

England: Hope Powell

Date of birth: 8 December 1966

Playing career: Millwall Lionesses LFC, Fulham LFC, Croydon LFC

Coaching career: England women

Since becoming England's first female national coach in 1998, Hope Powell has transformed women's football in her country.

Born in London, Powell started playing football aged eleven and developed into a talented midfielder at Millwall Lionesses LFC. She went on to represent Friends of Fulham LFC and Croydon LFC and won the FA Women's Cup three times, in addition to the championship in 1996. Her international career began as a 16-year-old against the Republic of Ireland, and she was part of the side that reached the last eight of the 1995 FIFA Women's World Cup in Sweden.

After 35 goals in 66 games for England, Powell went on to become the first female coach of her country in 1998 and she now oversees the whole women's set-up from the Under-15s upwards. In 2003, she was the first female to earn the coveted UEFA Pro Licence. By then, Powell had been appointed OBE in the Queen's birthday list and had taken England to the 2001 UEFA European Women's Championship.

Pipped by France in a play-off for the 2003 World Cup, England hosted UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2005™ and only just missed out on the semi-finals. They gained revenge on France to reach the 2007 World Cup, matching their 1995 run to the last eight, and qualified unbeaten for UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™. In 2003 she was inducted into the English Football Hall of Fame, only the second women to be so honoured.

Italy: Pietro Ghedin

Date of birth: 21 November 1952

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

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

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

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

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

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

Competition facts

- The UEFA European Competition for Representative Women's Teams was introduced in 1982, with the first final two years later, and further competitions were played in 1987 and 1989 before becoming the current UEFA European Women's Championship.

- The 1991 and 1993 editions ended, like the 1987 and 1989 events, in four-team knockout final tournament. The 1995 edition was two-leg knockout from the quarter-finals onwards, with a one-off final. For 1997, 2001 and 2005 an eight-team final tournament was played, expanding to 12 for 2009.

- **The full rundown of finals is (hosts in brackets):**

UEFA European Women's Championship

2005: Germany 3-1 Norway (Blackburn, England)

2001: Germany 1-0 Sweden, aet golden goal; (Ulm, Germany)

1997: Germany 2-0 Italy (Oslo, Norway)

1995: Germany 3-2 Sweden (Kaiserslautern, Germany)

1993: Norway 1-0 Italy (Cesena, Italy)

1991: Germany 3-1 Norway aet (Aalborg, Denmark)

UEFA European Competition for Representative Women's Teams

1989: West Germany 4-1 Norway (Osnabruck, West Germany)

1987: Norway 2-1 Sweden (Oslo, Norway)

1984: Sweden 1-1 England, 4-3 pens (two legs, Gothenburg and Luton)

- Birgit Prinz played in Germany's victories in 1995, 1997, 2001 and 2005, and will aim for a fifth title in 2009. Sandra Minnert was in all four of those winning squads but did not play in the 1995 and 2001 finals.

- Martina Voss was part of Germany's successes in 1989, 1991, 1995 and 1997 and also played in the first three qualifiers for the 2001 edition.

- Germany coach Silvia Neid played in the victories of 1989, 1991 and 1995 and was assistant to Tina Theune-Meyer in 1997, 2001 and 2005.

- The first final went to penalties after two home 1-0 wins between Sweden and England, with no extra time. Sweden prevailed 4-3 in the Luton shoot-out.

- There have been three other penalty competitions, all in semi-finals; hosts West Germany beat Italy 4-3 in 1989, Norway defeated hosts Denmark 8-7 in 1991 and hosts Italy overcame Germany 4-3 in 1993. Only West Germany in 1989 went on to win the final.

Biggest wins

Qualifying: Spain 17-0 Slovenia (1995); Norway 17-0 Slovakia (1997)

Two-legged knockout: Commonwealth of Independent States 0-7 Germany (1993)

Final tournament: Denmark 0-5 Norway (1997); Germany 5-0 Russia (2001)

Individual match goalscoring

Qualifying: 6 – Mari Mar Prieto (Spain) v Slovenia, 1995; Gabriela Chlumecká (Czech Republic) v Estonia, 1997;

Marianne Pettersen (Norway) v Slovakia, 1997

Final tournament: 4 – Marianne Pettersen (Norway) v Denmark, 1997

Overall competition top scorers

2005: Birgit Prinz (Germany) 17

2001: Gitte Krogh (Denmark) 14

1997: Gabriela Chlumecká (Czech Republic), Marianne Pettersen (Norway) 13

1995: Patricia Bocker (Germany) 18

1993: Carolina Morace (Italy) 13

1991: Heidi Mohr (Germany) 10

Finals top scorers

2005: Inka Grings (Germany) 4

2001: Claudia Müller (Germany), Sandra Smisek (Germany) 3

1997: Carolina Morace (Italy), Marianne Pettersen (Norway), Angélique Rouhas (France) 4

1995: Lena Videkull (Sweden) 3

1993: Susan Mackensie (Denmark) 2

1991: Heidi Mohr (Germany) 4

All time (final tournaments)

Heidi Mohr (Germany) 11
Birgit Prinz (Germany) 8
Carolina Morace (Italy) 7

All time (including qualifying)

Birgit Prinz (Germany) 38
Carolina Morace (Italy) 36
Heidi Mohr (Germany) 32

2009 qualifying top scorers

Preliminary round: Sarit Shenar (Israel), Katarína Dugovicová (Slovakia) 6
Qualifying round: Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir (Iceland) 11
Play-offs: Pauline Hamill (Scotland) 4
Overall: Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir (Iceland) 12

Highest attendances

Qualifying: Germany v Belgium, Lubeck 2009, 17,000
Final tournament: England v Finland, Manchester 2005, 29,092

2009 Highest attendances

Preliminary round: Croatia v Turkey, Tarsus-Mersin, 5,000
Qualifying round: Germany v Belgium, Lubeck, 17,000

(Final tournament only)

Oldest player: Elisabeth Leidinge (Sweden) v Germany, 26.03.1995, 38 years 20 days
Oldest goalscorer: Heidi Støre (Norway) v Denmark, 30.06.1997, 33 years 361 days
Youngest player: Isabell Herlovsen (Norway) v Germany, 06.06.2005, 16 years 348 days
Youngest goalscorer: Isabell Herlovsen (Norway) v France, 09.06.2005, 16 years 351 days

Tournament preview

- **Knockout phase:** The top two from each group go through, plus the two best third-placed teams.
- **Quarter-finals:**
3 September: QF1, A1 v B3/C3, Turku Stadium, 16.00 local time; QF4, A2 v B2, Tampere Stadium, 20.00.
4 September: QF2, B1 v C2, Lahti Stadium, 16.00; QF 3C1 v A3/B3, Helsinki Football Stadium, 20.00.
- **Semi-finals:**
6 September: QF1 v QF4, Tampere Stadium, 19.00
7 September: QF2 v QF3, Helsinki Football Stadium, 19.00
- **Final:**
10 September: Olympic Stadium, Helsinki, 19.00.
- **Medals:** 35 gold medals are presented to the winning team, 35 silver medals to the runners-up and 35 bronze medals to the two losing semi-finalists.
- **Carlsberg Player of the Match:** The UEFA Technical Team will select a player of the match at every game in the finals. The player will receive her award at the post-match press conference.
- **adidas Golden Boot award:** Will be presented to the leading scorer at the UEFA European Women's Championship after the final.
- **Official ball:** The 2009 finals in Finland will be the first UEFA European Women's Championship to boast its own match ball, with the adidas TERRAPASS – featuring a design inspired by the northern lights – unveiled at the draw in Helsinki on 18 November 2008. Just like EUROPASS, the official matchball of UEFA EURO 2008™, adidas TERRAPASS features the revolutionary PSC-Texture, a sophisticated and extremely fine structure on the ball's outer skin which allows players to control and direct the ball perfectly in all weather conditions. adidas first started manufacturing footballs in 1963 and has provided all the official match balls for all major UEFA and FIFA finals tournaments since 1970.
- **Official song:** Veteran singer-songwriter Geir Rønning and local star Karoliina Kallio have recorded the official song of the UEFA European Women's Championship entitled Champions of the Day, performed live for the first time at the tournament's opening ceremony in Helsinki's Olympic Stadium on 23 August. The pair have both represented Finland at the Eurovision Song Contest. Rønning not only composed the tune together with co-writers André Noël Chaker and Jukka Karjalainen; he sings it with Kallio, who is famous in Finland as the lead female vocalist of the group Waldo's People. Now a fully fledged pop star, Kallio's music career dates back two decades to her appearance as a ten-year-old on a television talent show.
- **Qualifying:** The 20-team preliminary round ran from 18 to 23 November 2006 with five group winners joining 25 top-ranked nations in the qualifying group stage from 1 April 2007 until 2 October 2008. Group winners England, Sweden, France, Germany, Denmark and Norway qualified automatically, with the six runners-up and four third-placed teams going into the two-legged play-offs on 25/26 and 29/30 October 2008. Italy, the Netherlands, Russia, Iceland and Ukraine respectively defeated the Czech Republic, Spain, Scotland, the Republic of Ireland and Slovenia.
- **Disciplinary information:** A player is automatically suspended for the next match after two cautions in two different matches. Yellow cards are not cancelled after the group stage but do expire on completion of the competition.
- **uefa.com:** A team of reporters in Finland is helping uefa.com provide unrivalled coverage in eight European languages – English, Finnish, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Russian – including a live MatchCentre for every game. The Finnish version is run in close co-operation with the host national association.
- **Ambassadors:** Former international goalkeepers Antti Niemi and Satu Kunnas are the ambassadors for UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ in their native Finland. Niemi was capped 67 times between 1992 and 2007 while Kunnas helped Finland to the UEFA European Women's Championship semi-finals in 2005.

Legend

:: Squad list

No: number

DoB: date of birth

Qual: qualifying

FT: final tournament

Pld: played

Gls: goals

WChamp: UEFA European Women's Championship

:: Match officials

Nat: nationality

DoB: date of birth

WChamp: Total matches officiated in the UEFA European Women's Championship including all qualifying round matches. Matches as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

UEFA: Total matches officiated in all UEFA competitions including all qualifying round matches. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

:: Group statistics/Tournament schedule

Pos: position

Pld: played

W: won

D: drawn

L: lost

GF: goals for

GA: goals against

Pts: points

:: NOTE: All-time statistics

Goals totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (eg. match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored from the penalty mark during a penalty shoot-out.

:: Competitions

Club competitions

ECCL: 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

(R) : Replay

QR3: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

1/8: Eighth-finals

1/16: Sixteenth-finals

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

P-O: Play-off

R32: Round of 32

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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