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Ukraine



Netherlands

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Group A - Matchday 1

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Match background

Not only are Ukraine and the Netherlands both playing in their first fixture at a women's final tournament, but the nations have never met before in a senior female international.

- Indeed, they only played for the first time in a men's senior international on 24 May 2008 when the Netherlands won a pre-UEFA EURO 2008™ friendly 3-0 in Rotterdam.
- Both teams progressed to these finals via the play-offs. For the Netherlands it was the first time they had come to within one two-legged tie of the finals since the expanded tournament was introduced in 1997. After pipping Switzerland and Belgium to second place in Group 4 behind Germany they were drawn with Spain, winning both games 2-0 despite the absence of key player Manon Melis through injury.
- The Netherlands' Group 4 record was P8 W3 D3 L2 F12 A12 PTS12.
- The Netherlands finished bottom of their qualifying groups in 1997 and 2001 and needed to beat the Czech Republic and Hungary respectively in play-offs to remain in the top tier of the two-divisional system then in operation. In 2005 they only just pipped Belgium to finish fourth in a five-team group but the turning point was a 1-0 win in France at the start of 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup qualifying. The Dutch went on to run Les Bleues and England close despite eventually ending third in the pool, boosting their coefficient in the process.
- Ukraine reached the EURO play-offs for the first time in 2001 qualifying, losing 4-1 on aggregate to England. This time round in Group 5 they opened with six straight wins, culminating with a 1-0 defeat of top seeds Denmark in Chernigov. However, in their last two matches Ukraine drew 1-1 at home to Portugal and lost 1-0 in Denmark, meaning a two-legged tie with Slovenia, where a 3-0 away win was followed by a 2-0 home success.
- Ukraine's Group 5 record was P8 W6 D1 L1 F15 A3 PTS19.
- Ukraine may be in their first final tournament but Nadezhda Baranova, Olena Khodyreva, Vira Dyatel, Alla Lyshafay, Nataliya Zinchenko and Daryna Apanaschenko have proved themselves in the later stages of a major continental event. The five helped Russian club Zvezda-2005 to the 2008/09 UEFA Women's Cup final on their debut campaign, beating among others holders 1. FFC Frankfurt, Norway's Røa IL, Danish team Brøndby IF and Umeå IK of Sweden (for that semi-final Khodyreva, had left to be replaced by Apanaschenko, scorer of two second-leg goals in a 2-2 draw that clinched a 4-2 aggregate win).
- In the final they were matched with Germany's FCR 2001 Duisburg, home to the Netherlands' Annemieke Kiesel-Griffioen. Baranova, Dyatel, Lyshafay, Zinchenko, Apanaschenko and Kiesel-Griffioen all played in both legs as Duisburg won 6-0 in Russia before drawing the second leg 1-1 in front of a competition record 28,112 crowd, who saw Apanaschenko give Zvezda the lead on the night after 25 minutes.

Team facts

UKRAINE

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

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

Tournament record

2005: qualifying

2001: qualifying play-offs

1997: promoted

1995: qualifying/relegated

2009 qualifying

P10 W8 D1 L1 F20 A3

Top scorer: Daryna Apanaschenko 6

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

Friendly results since qualifying

29/05/2009 Ukraine 2-0 Russia

Competition record win

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

Competition record defeat

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

NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands were among the stronger nations in the early days of European competitions for women and, after recovering from a quiet period, they have reached the final tournament for the first time.

They entered the first European women's competition in 1984 and reached the two-legged quarter-finals of 1989, 1991 and 1993, losing to Norway, Denmark, and Norway again. The next few editions proved a struggle but the appointment of one of their key players from the past, Vera Pauw, as coach in 2005 proved inspired. They gave England and France a tough race in 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup qualifying and finished second behind Germany in their group for this tournament, going on to surprise Spain with two 2-0 wins in the play-off.

Tournament record

2005: qualifying

2001: qualifying

1997: qualifying

1995: qualifying

1993: quarter-finals

1991: quarter-finals

1989: quarter-finals

1987: qualifying

1984: qualifying

2009 qualifying

P10 W5 D3 L2 F16 A12

Top scorer: Manon Melis 7

Most appearances: Loes Geurts, Anouk Hoogendijk, Sylvia Smit, Sherida Spitse, Karin Stevens 10

Friendly results since qualifying

14/12/08 France 0-2 Netherlands

05/03/09 Netherlands 2-1 Russia (Cyprus Women's Cup)

07/03/09 Netherlands 1-2 Canada (Cyprus Women's Cup)

10/03/09 Netherlands 0-2 New Zealand (Cyprus Women's Cup)

12/03/09 Netherlands 5-0 South Africa (Cyprus Women's Cup, fifth place)

25/04/09 Iceland 1-1 Netherlands

11/07/09 Netherlands 5-0 Switzerland (Amsterdam Four Nations Tournament)

13/07/09 Netherlands 3-2 South Africa (Amsterdam Four Nations Tournament)

15/07/09 Netherlands 2-4 China (Amsterdam Four Nations Tournament, second place)

25/07/09 Germany 6-0 Netherlands

08/08/09 Netherlands 2-0 Poland

13/08/09 Russia 1-0 Netherlands

Competition record win

9-0 v Northern Ireland (h), 17/03/1990, 1991 qualifying

Competition record defeat

1-5 v Germany (a), 12/04/07, 2009 qualifying

1-5 v Denmark (h), 29/09/04, 2005 qualifying

Squad list

Ukraine

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.	FT		WCHAMP	Gls	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Iryna Zvarych	08/05/83	26	WFC Rossiyanka	-	2	-	-	-	10	-
12	Nadiya Baranova	05/07/83	26	Zvezda-2005	-	8	-	-	-	8	-
22	Kateryna Samson	05/07/88	21	FC Legend Chernigov	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Olena Mazurenko	24/10/69	39	FC Nürnberg	-	9	-	-	-	37	2
7	Olena Khodyreva	19/05/81	28	FC Legend Chernigov	-	9	2	-	-	14	3
13	Inessa Tytova	18/03/76	33	Zhilstroy-1 Kharkov	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
14	Yuliya Vaschenko	31/01/78	31	Zhilstroy-1 Kharkov	-	7	-	-	-	7	-
19	Maryna Masalska	17/05/85	24	Zhilstroy-1 Kharkov	-	2	-	-	-	3	-
20	Iryna Vasylyuk	18/05/85	24	FC Illichivets Mariupol	-	5	-	-	-	6	-
Midfielders											
3	Tetyana Chorna	25/02/81	28	WFC Rossiyanka	-	9	1	-	-	24	1
4	Valentyna Kotyk	08/01/78	31	ShVSM-Izmaylovo Moskva	-	10	-	-	-	10	-
9	Vira Dyatel	03/03/84	25	Zvezda-2005	-	10	2	-	-	19	3
15	Lyudmyla Lemeshko	12/11/79	29	ShVSM-Izmaylovo Moskva	-	4	-	-	-	10	-
16	Alla Lyshafay	24/12/83	25	Zvezda-2005	-	10	1	-	-	13	1
17	Daria Apanaschenko	16/05/86	23	Zvezda-2005	-	10	6	-	-	18	7
18	Nataliya Sukhorukova	18/10/75	33	Zhilstroy-1 Kharkov	-	9	1	-	-	13	1
21	Tetyana Romanenko	03/10/90	18	SK Energia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards											
5	Oksana Yakovyshyn	20/03/93	16	FC Legend Chernigov	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Lyudmyla Pekur	06/01/81	28	WFC Rossiyanka	-	9	2	-	-	22	3
8	Ol'ha Boichenko	06/01/89	20	FC Legend Chernigov	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
10	Svitlana Frishko	15/03/76	33	Zhilstroy-1 Kharkov	-	8	2	-	-	28	12
11	Nataliia Zinchenko	03/10/79	29	Zvezda-2005	-	9	3	-	-	25	9
Coach											
-	Anatoliy Kutsev	20/04/59	50	UKR	-	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

Netherlands

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						Qual.		FT		WCHAMP	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Loes Geurts	12/01/86	23	AZ Alkmaar	-	10	-	-	-	10	-
13	Angela Christ	06/03/89	20	FC Utrecht WOM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Petra Dugardein	14/04/77	32	Willem II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Dyanne Bito	10/08/81	28	AZ Alkmaar	-	9	-	-	-	16	-
3	Daphne Koster	13/03/81	28	AZ Alkmaar	-	7	-	-	-	23	1
4	Manoe Mathilda Catharina Maria Meulen	11/09/78	30	Willem II	-	3	-	-	-	9	-
5	Petra Hogewoning	26/03/86	23	FC Utrecht WOM	-	6	-	-	-	7	-
12	Marije Brummel	19/03/85	24	SC Heerenveen WOM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Marloes de Boer	30/01/82	27	FC Twente	-	4	-	-	-	9	1
20	Jeanine van Dalen	18/06/86	23	ADO Den Haag	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders											
6	Anouk Hoogendijk	06/05/85	24	FC Utrecht WOM	-	10	1	-	-	10	1
7	Annemieke Griffioen e/v Kiesel	30/11/79	29	FCR 2001 Duisburg	-	8	-	-	-	30	3
8	Kirsten Johanna Maria van de Ven	11/05/85	24	Willem II	-	6	1	-	-	6	1
17	Sherida Spitse	29/05/90	19	SC Heerenveen WOM	-	10	-	-	-	10	-
18	Lianne de Vries	28/06/90	19	FC Utrecht	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
19	Marlou Pieëte	19/07/89	20	FC Twente WOM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards											
9	Manon Melis	31/08/86	22	LdB FC Malmö	-	8	7	-	-	11	8
10	Karin Christiaan Ida Catharina Stevens	11/06/89	20	Willem II	-	10	4	-	-	10	4
11	Sylvia Smit	04/07/86	23	SC Heerenveen WOM	-	10	1	-	-	11	1
15	Anna Gerarda Maria van den Heiligenberg	25/03/85	24	AZ Alkmaar	-	7	-	-	-	7	-
21	Chantal Alida Maria de Ridder	19/01/89	20	AZ Alkmaar	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
22	Shanice van de Sanden	02/10/92	16	FC Utrecht WOM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach											
-	Vera Pauw	18/01/63	46	NED	-	10	-	-	-	23	-

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Match-by-match lineups

Group A

Standings

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

Matchday 1 (23/08/09)

Ukraine v Netherlands

Matchday 1 (23/08/09)

Finland v Denmark

Matchday 2 (26/08/09)

Ukraine v Denmark

Matchday 2 (26/08/09)

Netherlands v Finland

Matchday 3 (29/08/09)

Finland v Ukraine

Matchday 3 (29/08/09)

Denmark v Netherlands

Knockout Phase

Tournament schedule

Final tournament

Date		Home	Res.	Away	Venue
23/08/09	Grp A	Ukraine	13.45CET 14.45 (local time)	Netherlands	Turku
23/08/09	Grp A	Finland	18.30CET 19.30 (local time)	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
Finland	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Ukraine	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Denmark	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	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

Ukraine: Anatoliy Kutsev

Date of birth: 20 April 1959

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

Coaching career: Ukraine women Under-19, Ukraine women

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

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

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

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

Netherlands: Vera Pauw

Date of birth: 18 January 1963

Club career: SV Brederodes, VV Vreeswijk, CF Modena, Puck Deventer, Saestum

Coaching career: Scotland women, Netherlands women

Vera Pauw has long been a ground-breaker in Dutch female football and has now become the first coach to lead the Netherlands to a senior women's finals.

Born in January 1963, she began playing as a defender with SV Brederodes and VV Vreeswijk before becoming the first female player from her nation to join an Italian professional club, CF Modena. She also went on to play for Puck Deventer and Saestum, and won 89 caps from her debut in 1983 to her retirement 15 years later. At the same time, she worked for the Royal Netherlands Football Association (KNVB), mainly in the realm of girls' and women's soccer.

Having hung up her boots, she accepted the position of Scotland coach as well as national technical director for the women's game. Taking over a team in the second tier of European international competition, she improved their status enough for them to take part in main qualifying for UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2005™, only just missing out on the play-offs. In 2004, she was appointed Netherlands coach and made a superb start to 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup qualifying with a 1-0 win in France. The Dutch were to miss out on a finals berth, but second place in their UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ qualifying pool, followed by a 4-0 aggregate play-off defeat of Spain, sent them through to Finland. In July 2009 she signed a new two-year contract.

Pauw is highly regarded internationally as a coach, and in May 2005 she was the first woman to complete the KNVB's CBV coaching diploma, earning her the UEFA Pro Licence. She has worked as a technical observer at major events including UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2005™ and is a member of the UEFA Women's Football Committee.

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

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

(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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