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Group A - Matchday 2

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Match background

Hosts Finland will be eager to maintain the momentum of their victorious start to UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ when they take on the Netherlands at Helsinki's Olympic Stadium, with both teams vying to take sole control of Group A.

- Michael Kåld's Finland side kicked off their bid in perfect fashion with a 1-0 win over Denmark in the capital on Sunday, Maija Saari making the difference with a crossed free-kick that evaded everyone and nestled in the back of the net with 49 minutes gone.
- The goal followed a first-half dominated by the Danes, but galvanised by their lead Finland went on to give their coach the perfect outcome to his 100th match in charge of the national side.
- The Netherlands likewise enjoyed a winning start to the competition thanks to their 2-0 success against Ukraine in Turku. The Dutch got the tournament up and running with two strikes inside the first ten minutes, Kirsten van de Ven prodding in a deep cross after just four minutes and Karin Stevens adding a simple tap-in five minutes later.
- Those two early breakthroughs allowed Vera Pauw's team to see out the rest of the match in relative comfort, even threatening to add to their tally through Sylvia Smit and Manon Melis on the counterattack.
- Now, with both of Wednesday's opponents on three points, they come face to face for the tenth time, having never before contested a competitive match.
- Their first meeting came on 17 October 1981 in Taipei, Finland winning 1-0. Overall Finland have four wins to the Netherlands' three with two draws, and the 2009 hosts lead 14-5 on goals scored.
- There are several recent friendly meetings. In February 2005, Finland won 1-0 in Las Palmas and confirmed that form six months later with a 4-0 victory in Oulu, their only previous home encounter with the Netherlands. They then played twice in Maspalomas, Spain in February 2006, the Netherlands winning 1-0 before a goalless draw three days later.
- Finland's Taru Laihanen scored the only goal when these sides met in the second qualifying round of the UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship in April 2005 while Marloes De Boer was on target as the Netherlands won 2-0 in the third qualifying round of the 2001 event, then a U18 competition.
- Netherlands coach Pauw is leading her team in their first final tournament and makes no secret that they have taken inspiration from Finland, who reached the last four on their finals debut four years ago. "Finland were semi-finalists in 2005 and they have actually been an example for us to follow," Pauw told uefa.com. "So it's fantastic to play them, especially as they are the hosts."
- Finland were involved in the first match in the history of the original European competition, the UEFA European Competition for Representative Women Teams, losing 6-0 at home to eventual winners Sweden in Vammala on 18 August 1982.
- Finland also took part in the first qualifier for the inaugural UEFA European Women's Championship, losing 1-0 at home to Norway in Varkaus in 9 September 1989.
- 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. They subsequently ran Les Bleues and England close despite ending third in the pool, boosting their coefficient in the process.

Team facts

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

FINLAND

Finnish women's football dates back to before the First World War and their first championship was in 1971, two years before their national team made their bow. However, for a long period they were not able to match the success of neighbours Norway and Sweden.

They did pick up the occasional scalp, such as West Germany in 1995, Norway three years later and Denmark in 2000, but signs of a real improvement came when HJK Helsinki reached the inaugural 2001/02 UEFA Women's Cup semi-finals, losing to Umeå IK, who were to sign Laura Kalmari, Sanna Valkonen and Jessica Julin. They were at the core of the squad that beat Russia in a play-off to qualify for the 2005 UEFA European Women's Championship and despite an opening 3-2 loss to hosts England in front of 29,092 spectators, Finland held Sweden 0-0 and beat Denmark 2-1 to reach the semi-finals, losing to Germany. They missed out on the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup narrowly behind Denmark but already were assured a 2009 European berth as hosts.

Tournament record

2005: semi-finals
2001: qualifying play-offs
1997: qualifying play-offs
1995: qualifying
1993: qualifying
1991: qualifying
1989: qualifying
1987: qualifying

1984: qualifying

Players with previous European final tournament experience

Petra Vaelma (2005), Sanna Valkonen (2005), Tiina Salmén (2005), Jessica Julin (2005), Anna-Kaisa Rantanen (2005), Sanna Malaska (2005), Sanna Talonen (2005), Laura Österberg-Kalmari (2005), Anne Mäkinen (2005).

Friendly results in 2009

10/01/09 Finland 0-4 South Korea (Guangzhou Tournament)
12/01/09 China 1-0 Finland (Guangzhou Tournament)
14/01/09 Finland 2-0 New Zealand (Guangzhou Tournament, third place)
09/02/09 Finland 2-2 England (in Cyprus)
11/02/09 Finland 1-4 England (in Cyprus)
04/03/09 Finland 0-2 Germany (Algarve Cup)
06/03/09 Finland 0-1 Sweden (Algarve Cup)
09/03/09 Finland 0-1 China (Algarve Cup)
11/03/09 Finland 1-1 Portugal, 4-2 pens (Algarve Cup, seventh place)
28/05/09 Finland 3-2 Italy
22/07/09 Finland 1-3 Sweden
10/08/09 Finland 4-0 Northern Ireland

Competition record win

4-0 v Czech Republic (h), 19/06/94, 1995 qualifying

Competition record defeat

0-7 v Norway (a), 06/07/96, 1997 qualifying

Squad list

Netherlands

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.	FT		WCHAMP	Gls	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Loes Geurts	12/01/86	23	AZ Alkmaar	-	10	-	1	-	11	-
13	Angela Christ	06/03/89	20	FC Utrecht	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Petra Dugardein	14/04/77	32	Willem II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Dyanne Bito	10/08/81	28	AZ Alkmaar	-	9	-	1	-	17	-
3	Daphne Koster	13/03/81	28	AZ Alkmaar	-	7	-	1	-	24	1
4	Manoe Meulen	11/09/78	30	Willem II	-	3	-	1	-	10	-
5	Petra Hogewoning	26/03/86	23	FC Utrecht	-	6	-	1	-	8	-
12	Marije Brummel	19/03/85	24	SC Heerenveen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	10	1	1	-	11	1
7	Annemieke Kiesel-Griffioen	30/11/79	29	FCR 2001 Duisburg	-	8	-	1	-	31	3
8	Kirsten van de Ven	11/05/85	24	Willem II	-	6	1	1	1	7	2
17	Sherida Spitse	29/05/90	19	SC Heerenveen	-	10	-	-	-	10	-
18	Lianne de Vries	28/06/90	19	FC Utrecht	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
19	Marlous Pieëte	19/07/89	20	FC Twente	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Forwards											
9	Manon Melis	31/08/86	22	Malmö FF	-	8	7	1	-	12	8
10	Karin Stevens	11/06/89	20	Willem II	-	10	4	1	1	11	5
11	Sylvia Smit	04/07/86	23	SC Heerenveen	-	10	1	1	-	12	1
15	Claudia van den Heiligenberg	25/03/85	24	AZ Alkmaar	-	7	-	-	-	7	-
21	Chantal de Ridder	19/01/89	20	AZ Alkmaar	-	2	-	1	-	3	-
22	Shanice van de Sanden	02/10/92	16	FC Utrecht	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach											
-	Vera Pauw	18/01/63	46	NED	-	10	-	1	-	24	-

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

Finland

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		WCHAMP	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Minna Meriluoto	04/10/85	23	Hammarby IF DFF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Petra Häkkinen	31/01/79	30	HJK Helsinki	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Tinja-Riikka Korpela	05/05/86	23	FC Honka Espoo	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Defenders											
2	Petra Vaelma	11/05/82	27	Klepp Elite	-	-	-	1	-	22	-
4	Sanna Valkonen	12/12/77	31	KIF Örebro DFF	-	-	-	1	-	25	2
5	Miia Niemi	09/07/83	26	Amazon Grimstad	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
6	Tiina Salmén	03/08/84	25	Amazon Grimstad	-	-	-	1	-	11	2
13	Tuija Hyyrynen	10/03/88	21	HJK Helsinki	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Maiju Hirvonen	25/12/90	18	NiceFutis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Maija Saari	26/03/86	23	Umeå IK	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Midfielders											
3	Jessica Julin	06/12/78	30	Stattena IF	-	-	-	1	-	20	2
7	Anne Mäkinen	01/02/76	33	AIK Solna	-	-	-	1	-	34	3
8	Katri Nokso-Koivisto	22/11/82	26	VfL Wolfsburg	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
10	Anna-Kaisa Rantanen	10/02/78	31	Linköpings FC	-	-	-	-	-	17	2
11	Susanna Lehtinen	08/05/83	26	KIF Örebro DFF	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
15	Sanna Malaska	06/04/83	26	Amazon Grimstad	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
16	Anna Westerlund	09/04/89	20	FC Honka Espoo	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
19	Essi Sainio	09/09/86	22	AIK Solna	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Forwards											
9	Laura Österberg Kalmari	27/05/79	30	AIK Solna	-	-	-	1	-	28	6
18	Linda Sällström	13/07/88	21	Djurgården/Älvsjö	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
20	Annica Sjölund	31/03/85	24	Djurgården/Älvsjö	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
21	Sanna Talonen	15/06/84	25	KIF Örebro DFF	-	-	-	1	-	7	-
Coach											
-	Michael Kälé	06/05/54	55	FIN	-	-	-	1	-	15	-

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Match-by-match lineups

Group A

Standings

	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

Matchday 1 (23/08/09)

Ukraine 0-2 Netherlands

Goals: 0-1 Van de Ven 4, 0-2 Stevens 9

Ukraine: Baranova, Mazurenko, Chorna, Pekur, Khodyreva, Boychenko, Dyatel (Vasylyuk 83), Zinchenko, Lyshafay, Apanaschenko, Sukhorukova (Yakovyshyn 46)

Netherlands: Geurts, Bito, Koster, Meulen, Hogewoning, Hoogendijk, Kiesel-Griffioen, Van de Ven (Pieëte 79), Melis, Stevens (De Ridder 86), Smit

Matchday 1 (23/08/09)

Finland 1-0 Denmark

Goals: 1-0 Saari 49

Finland: Korpela, Vaelma, Julin (Sjölund 84), Valkonen, Salmén, Mäkinen, Österberg Kalmari, Westerlund, Sällström (Lehtinen 73), Sainio (Talonen 60), Saari

Denmark: Johansen, Brogaard, K. Pedersen, M. Jensen (Nadim 72), Røddik, Paaske-Sørensen, Rydahl Bukh (M. Pedersen 89), Pape, Sand, J. Rasmussen, T. Rasmussen (Veje 46)

Matchday 2 (26/08/09)

Ukraine v Denmark

Ukraine: -

Denmark: -

Matchday 2 (26/08/09)

Netherlands v Finland

Netherlands: -

Finland: -

Matchday 3 (29/08/09)

Finland v Ukraine

Finland: -

Ukraine: -

Matchday 3 (29/08/09)

Denmark v Netherlands

Denmark: -

Netherlands: -

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	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	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
France	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Iceland	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Norway	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

Group C

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Sweden	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Italy	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
England	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Russia	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

Head coach

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.

Finland: Michael Kälđ

Date of birth: 6 May 1954

Playing career: GBK Kokkola, Hovsala BK, Larsmo BK

Coaching career: GBK Kokkola reserves, Nykarleby IK, FC United, Finland women

Originating from the small west-coast town of Kronoby, Michael Kälđ has masterminded Finland's rise to the continental élite, fostering an impressive team spirit and moulding the squad into an effective unit.

Kälđ's playing career took him to GBK Kokkola, Hovsala BK and Larsmo BK, before a second spell at GBK. It was at Kokkola that he moved into coaching at reserve-team level in 1991, a position he held for six years. His next job was at Nykarleby IK, before being appointed coach of leading women's side FC United in 2000.

In Kälđ's first year he led United to victory in the Finnish Cup, ending second in the league, and in 2001 he took over the national team. Finland had never qualified for a major finals and in his opening campaign they finished bottom of their 2003 FIFA Women's World Cup qualifying group, with three points from six games and 24 goals conceded.

But an experienced and talented squad hit form in UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2005™ qualifying, finishing third in their section and beating Russia 3-1 on aggregate in the play-offs. With that, they went on to reach the semi-finals in England with victory against Denmark, which earned Kälđ an invitation to the annual president's reception on Independence Day and the title of coach of the year. Denmark had their revenge with a 1-0 win to pip Finland to the 2007 World Cup, but Kälđ was rewarded with a new contract seeing him through to the end of UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ on home soil.

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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