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Group B - Matchday 2

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Match background

Holders Germany and France meet in their second Group B fixture in Tampere with both sides looking for a second consecutive victory that would guarantee them a place in the quarter-finals.

- Should either side make it to six points, at worst they would go through as one of the two best third-placed teams. In fact, if Germany win they would seal first place unless Iceland beat Norway; similarly if Les Bleues prevail, only a Norway triumph would not ensure top spot.
- Germany will be expecting another tough match after their opening 4-0 victory over Norway, a somewhat deceptive scoreline as Silvia Neid's side scored three of those goals from the 90th minute onwards. Linda Bresonik's first-half penalty was followed up two goals from substitute Fatmire Bajramaj and one from fellow sub Anja Mittag.
- Simone Laudehr sat out the game with a knee injury but is now fit.
- Germany have not failed to win a game in this competition since 1999, a 30-match run dating back to a 4-4 draw in Italy on 11 November of that year. In 2009 qualifying they secured first place with three games to spare by winning 5-0 in Belgium and had the best overall record: P8 W8 D0 L0 F34 A1 PTS24.
- Their last EURO defeat was a 3-1 qualifying defeat at home to Norway on 2 May 1996, a 41-match run. Germany have won their last 14 EURO finals games dating back to a 0-0 draw with Norway on 3 July 1997. Since the introduction of an eight-team final tournament that year they are unbeaten in 16 such games; their last loss at a final stage was in the 1993 third-place match in Italy, when they lost 3-1 to Denmark having been knocked out by the hosts on penalties.
- France had to come from behind for their 3-1 victory over Iceland, who took an early lead through a header by Hólmfríður Magnúsdóttir. Two penalties, converted by Camille Abily and Sonia Bompastor, turned the game around before Louisa Nécib added the third.
- France striker Candie Herbert and defender Corine Franco both sent off with first-half head injuries and look doubtful to face Germany, though midfielder Amandine Henry was back in training on Tuesday after recovering from an ankle problem.
- Les Bleues will be hoping to reverse the result that ended their finals campaign four years ago in England. Going into the final round of Group B games in 2005, Germany were through and France held second place, three points ahead of Norway. With 18 minutes to go in Warrington the game was goalless, but then Inka Grings gave Germany the lead, Renate Lingor converted a penalty and Sandra Minnert wrapped up a 3-0 win. As Norway beat Italy 5-3, they progressed on goal difference at France's expense.
- The teams for that match, the only previous fixture between these nations in a major competition, were:
Germany: Silke Rottenberg, Kerstin Garefrekes, Ariane Hingst, Steffi Jones, Sandra Minnert, Navina Omilade, Inka Grings, Renate Lingor (Britta Carlson), Conny Pohlers (Pia Wunderlich), Anja Mittag (Sonja Fuss), Birgit Prinz.
France: Sarah Bouhaddi, Sandrine Dusang, Laura Georges, Corinne Diacre, Peggy Provost, Stéphanie Mugneret-Béghé (Marie-Ange Kramo), Camille Abily (Candie Herbert), Sonia Bompastor, Sandrine Soubeyrand, Marinette Pichon (Hoda Lattaf), Louisa Nécib.
- Overall these nations have met eight times, Germany winning six to France's two victories and scoring 21 goals to three conceded. In their first meeting, in May 1987 in Dillingen/Saar, West Germany prevailed 2-0 with current coach Neid getting the second goal.
- France have won two of these teams' last three fixtures, both 1-0, in an April 2003 friendly in Ozoir-la-Ferrière with Herbert on target and in the Algarve Cup in Faro in March 2007, Elise Bussaglia scoring the goal.
- The teams for the latter match were:
Germany: Ursula Holl, Kerstin Stegemann, Ariane Hingst, Steffi Jones, Linda Bresonik, Kerstin Garefrekes (Melanie Behringer), Renate Lingor (Navina Omilade), Britta Carlson (Célia Okoyino da Mabi), Petra Wimbersky (Bianca Rech), Birgit Prinz, Sandra Smisek (Martina Müller).
France: Sarah Bouhaddi, Sabrina Viguier, Ophélie Meilleroux, Sandrine Dusang, Sonia Bompastor, Corine Franco, Sandrine Soubeyrand, Gaetane Thiney, Camille Abily, Elise Bussaglia, Hoda Lattaf (Elodie Thomis).
- France have competed in all three editions of this competition since the eight-team showpiece stage was introduced, though they departed in the group stage in 1997, 2001 and 2005. Les Bleues suffered the same fate in their sole appearance in the FIFA Women's World Cup finals in 2003.
- Germany won the last UEFA Competition for National Representative Women Teams in 1989 with a 4-1 victory against Norway in Osnabruck and also lifted the first UEFA European Women's Championship two years later, beating

the same team 3-1 after extra time in the final in Aalborg. After Norway took the title in 1993, Germany regained it in 1995 and successfully defended the trophy in 1997, 2001 and 2005, also winning the 2003 and 2007 World Cups.

- Several players who could feature in this game took part when FCR 2001 Duisburg played Olympique Lyonnais in the UEFA Women's Cup semi-finals. In the first leg at Stade de Gerland on 28 March, Germany's Sonja Fuss, Annike Krahn, Bresonik, and Grings helped Duisburg earn a 1-1 draw against a Lyon side including Georges, Franco and Thomis, while Nécib came off the bench. Earlier in the competition, Bompastor and Abily had featured for Lyon but by then had departed for Washington Freedom and Los Angeles Sol respectively.

- A week later Grings scored twice and after Thomis pulled one back, Bresonik converted a penalty as Duisburg won 3-1. As well as Grings, Bresonik, Krahn, Fuss and Bajramaj starting, Simone Laudehr came off the bench for Duisburg while Lyon started with Georges, Franco, Thomis and Nécib while Amandine Henry and Sandrine Brétigny came off the bench. Duisburg went on to beat Zvezda-2005 7-1 on aggregate in the final.

- After this tournament Germany's next scheduled competitive match is their opening game as hosts of the 2011 World Cup on 26 June 2011 at Berlin's Olympiastadion. The final is on 17 July in Frankfurt, with further host cities including Augsburg, Bochum, Dresden, Leverkusen, Monchengladbach, Sinsheim and Wolfsburg. The only previous World Cup in Europe was in Sweden in 1995, when Norway beat Germany 2-0 in the final in Stockholm.

Team facts

FRANCE

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

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

Tournament record

2005: group stage

2001: group stage

1997: group stage

1995: qualifying

1993: qualifying

1991: qualifying

1989: quarter-finals

1987: qualifying

1984: qualifying

Other honours

2003 UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship winners

2009 qualifying

P8 W7 D0 L1 F31 A2

Top scorer: Camille Abily 5

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

Players with previous European final tournament experience

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

*Did not appear

Friendly results since qualifying

14/12/08 France 0-2 Netherlands

12/02/09 France 2-0 Republic of Ireland
05/03/09 France 2-0 Scotland (Cyprus Women's Cup)
07/03/09 France 2-2 England (Cyprus Women's Cup)
10/03/09 France 3-2 South Africa (Cyprus Women's Cup)
12/03/09 France 1-1 New Zealand, 6-5pens (Cyprus Women's Cup, third place)
22/04/09 France 2-0 Switzerland
25/04/09 France 1-0 Switzerland
01/08/09 France 0-4 Japan
12/08/09 France 4-0 Scotland

Competition record win

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

Competition record defeat

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

GERMANY

The Germany women's team is less than 30 years old but is the dominant force in Europe, not to mention the world. Coaching guru Gero Bisanz set up the West Germany team in 1982 and organised a scouting and youth system as well as encouraging clubs to adopt a uniform playing style to ensure players could slot easily into the national side.

Within seven years he had a team good enough to win the European title 4-1 against Norway in front of around 22,000 fans in Osnabruck. In 1991, the unified German team tasted glory in the new UEFA European Women's Championship, beating Norway 3-1 after extra time in Denmark. Further victories have followed in the last four editions, not to mention winning the 2003 and 2007 FIFA Women's World Cups and claiming Olympic bronze in 2000, 2004 and 2008 along with a clutch of youth honours. Germany's clubs have also won the UEFA Women's Cup five times in eight seasons.

Tournament record

2005: winners
2001: winners (hosts)
1997: winners
1995: winners (hosts)
1993: fourth place
1991: winners
1989: winners (hosts)
1987: qualifying
1984: qualifying

Other honours

2003, 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup winners
2004 FIFA U-19 Women's World Cup winners
2000, 2001, 2002, 2006, 2007 UEFA European Women's Under-18/U19 Championship winners
2008, 2009 UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship winners

2009 qualifying

P8 W8 D0 L0 F34 A1

Top scorer: Kerstin Garefrekes 9

Most appearances: Nadine Angerer, Kerstin Garefrekes, Ariane Hingst, Kerstin Stegemann 8

Players with previous European final tournament experience

Birgit Prinz (1995, 1997, 2001, 2005), Kerstin Stegemann (1997, 2001, 2005), Arnian Hingst (1997, 2001, 2005), Sonja Fuss (1997, 2005), Nadina Angerer (1997*, 2001*, 2005*), Linda Bresonik (2001), Martina Müller (2001), Inka Grings (2005), Anja Mittag (2005), Kerstin Garefrekes (2005).

*Did not appear

Friendly results since qualifying

25/02/09 Germany 1-1 China
04/03/09 Germany 2-0 Finland (Algarve Cup)
06/03/09 Germany 3-0 China (Algarve Cup)
09/03/09 Germany 2-3 Sweden (Algarve Cup)
11/03/09 Germany 0-1 Denmark (Algarve Cup, fourth place)
22/04/09 Germany 1-1 Brazil

25/07/09 Germany 6-0 Netherlands

29/07/09 Germany 0-0 Japan

06/08/09 Germany 3-1 Russia

Competition record win

13-0 v Portugal (h), 15/11/03, 2005 qualifying

Competition record defeat

1-3 v Norway (h), 02/05/96, 1997 qualifying

1-3 v Denmark (in Italy), 03/07/93, 1993 final tournament third-place play-off

Squad list

France

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

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

Germany

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		WCHAMP	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Nadine Angerer	10/11/78	30	1. FFC Frankfurt	-	8	-	1	-	15	-
12	Ursula Holl	26/06/82	27	FCR 2001 Duisburg	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
21	Lisa Weiß	29/10/87	21	SG Essen-Schönebeck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Kerstin Stegemann	29/09/77	31	FSV Gütersloh 2009	-	8	1	-	-	38	2
3	Saskia Bartusiak	09/09/82	26	1. FFC Frankfurt	-	7	-	-	-	7	-
4	Babett Peter	12/05/88	21	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	3	-	1	-	4	-
5	Anniko Krahn	01/07/85	24	FCR 2001 Duisburg	-	6	2	1	-	7	2
15	Sonja Fuss	05/11/78	30	1. FC Köln	-	3	-	-	-	12	1
17	Ariane Hingst	25/07/79	30	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	8	1	1	-	36	5
22	Bianca Schmidt	23/01/90	19	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Midfielders											
6	Simone Laudehr	12/07/86	23	FCR 2001 Duisburg	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
10	Linda Bresonik	07/12/83	25	FCR 2001 Duisburg	-	7	1	1	1	12	2
14	Kim Kulig	09/04/90	19	Hamburger SV	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
18	Kerstin Garefrekes	04/09/79	29	1. FFC Frankfurt	-	8	9	1	-	20	13
20	Jennifer Zietz	14/09/83	25	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Forwards											
7	Melanie Behringer	18/11/85	23	FC Bayern München	-	6	4	1	-	7	4
8	Inka Grings	31/10/78	30	FCR 2001 Duisburg	-	-	-	1	-	17	19
9	Birgit Prinz	25/10/77	31	1. FFC Frankfurt	-	7	6	1	-	45	38
11	Anja Mittag	16/05/85	24	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	7	1	1	1	12	3
13	Célia Okoyino da Mbabí	27/06/88	21	SC 07 Bad Neuenahr	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
16	Martina Müller	18/04/80	29	VfL Wolfsburg	-	4	1	-	-	11	4
19	Fatmire Bajramaj	01/04/88	21	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	5	-	1	2	6	2
Coach											
-	Silvia Neid	02/05/64	45	GER	-	8	-	1	-	9	-

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Match-by-match lineups

Group B

Standings

	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

Matchday 1 (24/08/09)

Germany 4-0 Norway

Goals: 1-0 Bresonik 33 (pen) , 2-0 Bajramaj 90, 3-0 Mittag 90+2, 4-0 Bajramaj 90+4

Germany: Angerer, Peter, Krahn, Behringer (Mittag 86), Grings (da Mbabi 65), Prinz, Bresonik, Kulig, Hingst, Garefrekes (Bajramaj 66), Schmidt

Norway: Hjelmseth, Akerhaugen, Stensland, Huse, Rønning, Gulbrandsen, Herlovsen, Wiik (Pedersen 72), Thorsnes (Kaurin 58), Mjelde, Storløkken (Giske 80)

Matchday 1 (24/08/09)

Iceland 1-3 France

Goals: 1-0 Magnúsdóttir 6, 1-1 Abily 18 (pen) , 1-2 Bompastor 53 (pen) , 1-3 Nécib 67

Iceland: Helgadóttir, Gunnarsdóttir, Vidarsdóttir, Gardarsdóttir, Magnúsdóttir (Fridriksdóttir 89), Jónsdóttir, Vidarsdóttir, Lárusdóttir, Gunnarsdóttir (Arnardóttir 76), Sigurdardóttir, Ómarsdóttir (Hönnudóttir 71)

France: Bouhaddi, Meilleroux, Georges, Soubeyrand, Franco (Viguier 37), Bompastor, Herbert (Brétigny 40), Abily, Thomis (Le Sommer 86), Nécib, Bussaglia

Matchday 2 (27/08/09)

France v Germany

Matchday 2 (27/08/09)

Iceland v Norway

Matchday 3 (30/08/09)

Germany v Iceland

Matchday 3 (30/08/09)

Norway v France

Tournament schedule

Final tournament

Date		Home	Res.	Away	Venue
23/08/09	Grp A	Ukraine	0 - 2	Netherlands	Turku
23/08/09	Grp A	Finland	1 - 0	Denmark	Helsinki
24/08/09	Grp B	Germany	4 - 0	Norway	Tampere
24/08/09	Grp B	Iceland	1 - 3	France	Tampere
25/08/09	Grp C	England	1 - 2	Italy	Lahti
25/08/09	Grp C	Sweden	3 - 0	Russia	Turku
26/08/09	Grp A	Ukraine	1 - 2	Denmark	Helsinki
26/08/09	Grp A	Netherlands	1 - 2	Finland	Helsinki
27/08/09	Grp B	France	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	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Netherlands	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Denmark	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Ukraine	2	0	0	2	1	4	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

Top scorers

2 - Fatmire Bajramaj (GER)	1 - Fara Williams (ENG)
2 - Kirsten van de Ven (NED)	1 - Hólfríður Magnúsdóttir (ISL)
2 - Laura Österberg Kalmari (FIN)	1 - Patrizia Panico (ITA)
1 - Anja Mittag (GER)	1 - Alessia Tuttino (ITA)
1 - Victoria Sandell Svensson (SWE)	1 - Maija Saari (FIN)
1 - Hólfríður Magnúsdóttir (ISL)	1 - Sonia Bompastor (FRA)
1 - Caroline Seger (SWE)	1 - Camille Abily (FRA)
1 - Charlotte Rohlin (SWE)	1 - Louisa Nécib (FRA)
1 - Fara Williams (ENG)	1 - Linda Bresonik (GER)
1 - Patrizia Panico (ITA)	1 - Anja Mittag (GER)

Head coach

France: Bruno Bini

Date of birth: 1 October 1954

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

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

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

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

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

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

Germany: Silvia Neid

Date of birth: 2 May 1964

Playing career: SC Klinge Seckach, SSG 09 Bergisch Gladbach, TSV Siegen

Coaching career: Germany Under-18 women, Germany U19 women, Germany women

Silvia Neid had some act to follow when she took over as Germany coach in 2005, but in her very first tournament her team retained the FIFA Women's World Cup.

Neid was a leading player in the first great generation of Germany women's football. Joining SSG 09 Bergisch Gladbach in 1983 from SC Klinge Seckach, she helped them to a league title and one German Cup triumph before moving to TSV Siegen, where she claimed six championships and five knockout crowns between 1985 and 1996. In that time, she also captained Germany to victory at the 1989, 1991 and 1995 UEFA European Women's Championships, as well as reaching the World Cup final in the last of those years.

In 1996 she retired, having long been groomed for a coaching role by the founder of the Germany women's team, Gero Bisanz. Neid joined the technical staff of the national squad under her former playing colleague Tina Theune-Meyer, and in addition to assisting her to further senior European titles in 1997 and 2001 and the 2003 World Cup, Neid proved a success in charge of the youth team, winning the 2000 and 2001 UEFA European Women's Under-18 Championships and completing a hat-trick with the renamed U19 event a year later. That was topped in 2004 when Germany won the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup, and after Neid helped Theune-Meyer to end her time in charge with another European crown in 2005, she took over as senior coach.

Germany soon cruised into the 2007 World Cup and once in China made stately progress to retaining their global title. In 2008, Germany won Olympic bronze for the third consecutive games and were the first team to qualify for UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ in Finland. Neid is under contract until 2013, a period that will take in the 2011 World Cup 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: Olena Mazurenko (Ukraine) v Denmark, 26.08.2009, 39 years 306 days

Oldest goalscorer: Heidi Støre (Norway) v Denmark, 30.06.1997, 33 years 361 days

Youngest player: Oksana Yakovyshyn (Ukraine) v Netherlands, 23.08.2009, 16 years 156 days

Youngest goalscorer: Isabell Herlovsen (Norway) v France, 09.06.2005, 16 years 351 days

Tournament preview

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

Legend

:: Squad list

No: number

DoB: date of birth

Qual: qualifying

FT: final tournament

Pld: played

Gls: goals

WChamp: UEFA European Women's Championship

:: Match officials

Nat: nationality

DoB: date of birth

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

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

:: Group statistics/Tournament schedule

Pos: position

Pld: played

W: won

D: drawn

L: lost

GF: goals for

GA: goals against

Pts: points

:: NOTE: All-time statistics

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

:: Competitions

Club competitions

ECCLC: European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

UCUP: UEFA Cup • **UCWC:** UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

SCUP: UEFA Super Cup • **UIC:** UEFA Intertoto Cup

ICF: Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship

WC: FIFA World Cup • **CONFCUP:** Confederation Cup

FRIE: Friendly internationals • **U21FRIE:** Under-21 friendly internationals

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

U17: UEFA Under-17 Championship • **U16:** UEFA European Under-16 Championship

U19: UEFA Under-19 Championship • **U18:** UEFA European Under-18 Championship

WWC: FIFA Women's World Cup • **WCHAMP:** UEFA European Women's Championship

:: Competition stages

F: Final

GS: Group stage

GS1: First group stage

GS2: Second group stage

KO1: First knockout round

PR: Preliminary round

QF: Quarter-finals

QR: Qualifying round

QR1: First qualifying round

QR2: Second qualifying round

FT: Final tournament

ELITE: Elite round

P-O 3rd: Third place play-off

GS - FT: Group stage - Final tournament

QR3: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

R16: Second knockout round

R32: Round of 32

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

P-O: Play-off

(R): Replay

PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament

Prom/Rel P-O: Promotion/Relegation play-off

:: Other Abbreviations

AP: Appearances

Comp.: Competition

D: Drawn

DoB: Date of birth

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

L: Lost

Nat.: Nationality

N/a: Not Applicable

No.: Number

Pld: Matches played

Pos.: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (red card)

Res.: Result

W: Won

Y: Booked

Y/R: Sent off (yellow card then direct red)

:: Statistics

(-) : Denotes player substituted

(*) : Denotes player dismissed/sent off

(+) : Denotes player introduced

(+/-) : Denotes player introduced and substituted

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