



## UEFA Women's EURO 2025 Power Rankings: Which teams loom as favourites in Switzerland?

Here are our power rankings ahead of the Women's EURO 2025 opener on July 3.

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UEFA Women's EURO 2025 promises to be the biggest and most competitive yet, with England trying to defend their crown in the Group of Death, while World Cup champions Spain look to nab yet another major trophy.

*Here are our Power Rankings ahead of the Euros, which begin on July 3 (AEST) - last updated June 6.*

### 1 – Spain

**FIFA Ranking (as of March 6):** 2

**Last five results:** L (0-1, England), W (4-2, Portugal), W (7-1, Portugal), W (5-1, Belgium), W (2-1, England).

**Next fixtures:** Japan (friendly, June 28).

**Current notable injuries:** Teresa Abelleira (ACL, will miss Euros), Laia Codina (will miss Euros).

The reigning World Cup champions have been terrifyingly good of late, capping off a fine Nations League campaign with a vital 2-1 win over England that was so prototypical of La Roja it was laughable.

After the Lionesses' sterling defensive display at Wembley in February held them to a 0-1 loss, Spain bounced back in the best way possible with a spot in the Nations League semi-finals on the line. England were actually the better team in the first half, but as Sarina Wiegman rested a couple of starters in the second, Spain smelt blood.

England started to look sluggish and Spain (like Barcelona often do) ramped it up perfectly, completely starving the Lionesses of possession and confidence despite still being down 1-2. Enter the in-form Claudia Pina, who scored the leveller within 75 seconds of coming on, before a stunning strike secured the win in the 70th minute.

It was typically Spanish foot-on-the-throat stuff in astonishingly clinical fashion, and against the reigning EURO champions, no less. And with the midfield trio of Alexia Putellas, Aitana Bonmati and Patri Guijjaró not even getting out of second gear. The fact Monste Tome can choose between starting either Pina or Salma Paralluelo, is also quite frightening.

A very physical and technical Japan side will present a brilliant challenge in the lead-up to the tournament, and it feels like the only team that can beat La Roja is Spain themselves.

## 2 – England

**FIFA Ranking (as of March 6):** 4

**Last five results:** W (1-0, Spain), W (5-0, Belgium), L (2-3, Belgium), W (6-0, Portugal), L (1-2, Spain).

**Next fixtures:** Jamaica (friendly, June 30).

**Current notable injuries:** Ruby Mace, Lauren James, Millie Turner (broken foot, will miss Euros), Ella Morris (ACL, will miss Euros), Millie Bright (personal reasons, will miss Euros). Mary Earps and Fran Kirby (retired from international football).

You might look at the list of people missing from the Lionesses' Euros squad and think England is in a bit of trouble - but it feels like a changing of the guard in a good way for Wiegman's side.

Hannah Hampton was already set to be England's No. 1, not Earps, while they are blessed at No. 10, and no longer in need of the legendary Kirby. And while Bright has been brilliant for Chelsea this season, Alex Greenwood is better suited to partner Leah Williamson, with Niamh Charles fixing the years-long issue at left-back.

What is slightly concerning is the fact they've struggled away after putting on electric displays at home - but the fact half of the regular starting XI has been injured or returning from being so, does negate that somewhat. Greenwood, Hemp and Georgia Stanway have now all returned from serious knee injuries, and somehow haven't missed a beat.

Even in the loss to Spain, Hemp's partnership with Charles down the left presented a really promising development, while Williamson's form is unlike any we've seen in her storied career.

Wiegman will find a way to lift England in this tournament, despite the Group of Death, and the Lionesses deserve to go into this tournament defending their crowd as second favourites - regardless of recent results. They just need to hope Lucy Bronze and Hampton can stay upright for the whole tournament, because if either of those two go down it could be dire.



### 3 – Germany

**FIFA Ranking (as of March 6): 3**

**Last five results:** W (4-1, Austria), W (4-0, Scotland), W (6-1, Scotland), W (4-0, Netherlands), W (6-0, Austria)

**Next fixtures:** No friendlies scheduled.

**Current notable injuries:** Lena Oberdorf (ACL, will miss Euros). Lina Magull, Merle Frohms and Alexandra Popp (retired from the international football).

Speaking of teams being terrifyingly good of late: Germany. They might have had weaker opponents on some occasions, but they've made each of them, including the EURO 2017 champions, the Netherlands, look downright amateur.

All that despite the fact there is trouble brewing behind the scenes, with a number of top players retiring early and others, very publicly, calling out coach Christian Wuck - and being supported by teammates still in the starting XI. He's only been in charge for just over 12 months, which is rather concerning but hey, they are still winning.

It feels like the Germany we saw take England all the way in the EURO 2022 final. New captain Guilia Gwinn rampaging dangerously down one wing from the back, Klara Buhl down the other (and proving why Barcelona were desperate to sign her) and Lea Schuller's magic forehead making Popp's retirement feel like it isn't of great consequence.

Ann-Katrin Berger now the permanent No. 1 and a recent debutant for Man City's mature-aged centre-back Rebecca Knaak has provided greater stability and utility in the back half; while there is also far more world-class depth on the bench. That could be the difference in this tournament in the way that it was for England last time around.

Unfortunately it's been confirmed that Oberdorf hasn't recovered enough from the devastating ACL injury suffered just prior to the Olympics last year, which is another massive blow. Sydney Lohmann, Sjoeki Nusken, Linda Dallman and Elisa Senss have deputised in her absence, but none have the same quality. But given the depth in the area, it feels like more of a blow when it comes to her presence and popularity among the group.

If they can keep the off-field drama under control, the breathtaking attacking football Germany have been displaying of late will make life difficult for a lot of their EURO 2025 opponents.





## 4 – France

**FIFA Ranking (as of March 6):** 11

**Last five results:** W (3-2, Iceland), W (2-0, Switzerland), W (2-0, Norway), W (4-0, Switzerland), W (2-0, Iceland).

**Next fixtures:** Belgium (friendly, June 21), Brazil (friendly, June 28).

**Current notable injuries:** Maelys Mpomé, Noemie Muchon.

They may be in the Group of Death with England and the Netherlands, but when it comes to their results since a disappointing home Olympics campaign, they've really turned it around since 2025 ticked over. That comes even with the fact they are in quite a difficult Nations League group that they have absolutely cruised through.

It's like 2025 has ignited the fire within after quite a poor 2024 when it comes to the high standards France has set over the years.

It really seemed to click in both attack and defence against Switzerland on May 31. Les Bleues easily controlled 72 per cent of the possession, but it was the ease, power and discipline with which they tore the Swiss that will have their Euros opponents really shaking in their boots.

Laurent Bonadei made the controversial decision to leave out French icons Wendie Renard and Eugenie Le Sommer and as well as veteran Kenza Dali out of their most recent Nations League encounters. But he was vindicated in the best way possible with a Renard-less defence barely troubled by Switzerland, and far more options in front of goal in a forward line bereft of record goalscorer Le Sommer.

That the exciting Kelly Gago and Marie-Antoinette Katoto were able to show exciting flashes from the bench when they replaced Sandy Baltimore and Kadidiatou Diani, who made Swiss lives a nightmare is a brilliant sign for Les Bleues ahead of the Euros.

Baltimore in particular looks much dangerous closer to goal than the fullback move she made at Chelsea, and the 25-year-old appears to be playing with all the confidence of a truly world-class treble winner now.

A clinical performance against a very resolute Iceland side on June 4 put a nice little bow on top, with Baltimore scoring yet again, and this time from the right wing. They are the real deal.



## 5 – Sweden

**FIFA Ranking (as of March 6):** 6

**Last five results:** D (1-1, Wales), W (3-2, Italy), D (1-1, Wales), D (0-0, Italy), W (6-1, Denmark).

**Next fixtures:** Norway (friendly, June 27).

**Current notable injuries:** Zecira Musovic (pregnant, will miss EURO 2025), Fridolino Rolfo (injured ankle against Denmark). Hanna Glas (retired from international football).

This isn't the all-conquering Sweden we have grown to love and admire over the past decade, but it isn't panic stations just yet. YET - that sentence was written two days before the Swedes astonishingly swept aside fellow Scandinavians, Denmark, 6-1, with two goals in the first four minutes.

To be honest though, it is hard to read too much into that result because for the entire 90 minutes, a usually resolute Denmark team quite unfortunately offered almost no resistance whatsoever. The acres of space Sweden were allowed across the game was hard to believe, but they absolutely did take advantage, even though there was a couple of regular starting players missing.

Three wins and three draws from what is a reasonably easy Nations League group including Denmark, Wales and Italy is a long way from what we've come to expect over the past decade from Sweden, but with the win over the Danes, they did top the group and go onto the semi finals. Solid, if unspectacular.

Player unavailability has tested a nation that has always had very strong depth. Musovic's pregnancy is of course wonderful news, but the 2023 World Cup hero leaves an immense hole with her leadership, presence and shot-stopping abilities.

Another World Cup hero, Amanda Ilestedt, has only just resumed minor minutes after her own pregnancy, while Lina Hurtig is in the same boat with few minutes after a variety of injury and personal issues. Her goal in stoppage time against Denmark (and a cameo for Arsenal in the Champions League final) will be a wonderful boost for a player with serious X-factor.

Sweden desperately need the latter to get some minutes into them in the friendly, because solid and unspectacular, is not good enough for a Sweden team of this calibre. Fridolino Rolfo hasn't looked her brilliant self this season at Barcelona, and Johanna Rytting Kaneryd fell off in the second half of the season for Chelsea.

Worryingly, Rolfo started well against the Danes before suffering what looked to be a nasty ankle injury, which would rob Sweden of their top player, regardless of form. Fortunately, Rytting Kaneryd turned it on against Denmark, combining brilliantly with Stina Blackstenius. The pair combined for four goals and three assists, and it was the classic way they both got in behind the defence that was so pleasing.

It might not have come against an opponent who really brought their best performance, but momentum is everything when it comes to major tournaments and maybe the Swedes are peaking nicely once again.



## 6 – Netherlands

**FIFA Ranking (as of March 6):** 10

**Last five results:** W (2-1, Scotland), L (3-1, Austria), W (3-1, Austria) , L (4-0, Germany), D (1-1, Scotland).

**Next fixtures:** Finland (friendly, June 27).

**Current notable injuries:** Vivianne Miedema, Femke Liefting, Lieke Martens (retired from international football).

This is getting very worrying for the EURO 2017 champions. Injury, retirements and ageing players has made things difficult, but since the national federation announced Andries Jonker wouldn't be continuing as manager, regardless of how the Dutch perform at this tournament, things have gone downhill.

Jonker is quite a popular figure with the players, unlike his predecessor Mark Parsons, and it's hard not to draw a correlative conclusion with their rollercoaster results.

But that would also ignore the fact Miedema, Jill Roord, Victoria Pelova, Daphne Van Domselaar and Danielle Van De Donk have spent much of their Nations League campaign have all. They're some of the best players in the world in their respective positions, so the judgement on the Dutch deserves a bit of calming down.

Then again, losing 1-3 to Austria and drawing 1-1 with Scotland is not something a side like this should ever accept, because depth from the bench is an incredibly important part of a tournament like the Euros.

Miedema's absence against Germany and Scotland was sorely missed, because for all the dominance they had with the ball, at times, there was a lack of clarity in front



of goal, and the attack (from all three lines) looked very disjointed, despite the club form from players like Wieke Kaptein, Roord and Damaris Egurrola.

But the defence looked better, even with Dominique Janssen resting on the bench, against Scotland, and there is plenty to work with. They are still dominating possession and chances for the most part, but just missing the final piece.

And Miedema is quite the final piece. She will be fit for the Euros, and they know how to manage her best; so Jonker deserves a bit of faith.

## 7 – Norway

**FIFA Ranking (as of March 6):** 15

**Last five results:** W (2-1, Switzerland), D (0-0, Iceland), L (0-2, France), D (1-1, Iceland), W (1-0, Switzerland).

**Next fixtures:** Sweden (friendly, June 27).

**Current notable injuries:** None.

It's been slow, steady progress for a Norwegian side that has missed a couple of their best players over the Nations League campaign; but there are still a few concerns.

For one, scoring just four goals in six matches in a group featuring France, Iceland and Switzerland is not good enough for an attack that features (admittedly injury has affected availability) Ada Hegerberg, Guro Reiten, Caroline Graham Hansen and Frida Maanum. We're talking about some of the best players in the world, who all play at the four biggest clubs in the world.

But Norway and major tournaments are consistent, sadly, with just two things over the past decade: drama and underachievement. And every time pundits and fans say it feels different this time around, the same things happen. At the 2023 World Cup they lost to New Zealand in the group stage and were easily bundled out by Japan in the quarter finals, and in the last Euros they inexplicably lost to Austria, were thumped 8-0 by England and failed to make the knockout stage.

But it DOES feel different this time around despite an unspectacular Nations League campaign. For one, the federation has finally figured out that treating the women poorly doesn't exactly lead to promising on-field results; with Hegerberg returning to the squad after boycotting the team over poor treatment – and installed as captain, no less.

Secondly, they did only concede five goals from the six games despite not being at their best, or having a full compliment of players. Thirdly, Vilde Bøe Risa's fourth-minute strike that ended up as the matchwinner against the Swiss on June 4 was

stunning, a sign of the supreme class this team does possess when they do get it together.

A friendly against a strong Sweden side just before the tournament begins is the perfect test – and with a very easy Euros group, momentum will be incredibly important to ensure they don't fall into bad habits.



## 8 – Iceland

**FIFA Ranking (as of March 6):** 13

**Last five results:** L (2-3, France), D (0-0, Norway), D (3-3, Switzerland), D (1-1, Norway), L (0-2, France).

**Next fixtures:** No friendlies scheduled.

**Current notable injuries:** Arna Ásgrímsdóttir, Selma Sól Magnúsdóttir, Ólöf Sigríður Kristinsdóttir, Amanda Andradóttir.

It's been a difficult Nations League group for Iceland, but as per usual, they have been their solid, unspectacular selves. That being said, the historically criminally underrated (as their local league also was despite its strength and competitiveness), Our Girls, as the team is known, certainly lost no admirers against France despite the 0-2 scoreline.

Led by another criminally underrated player, Bayern Munich centre-back Glódís Perla Viggósdóttir, a clear game plan to sit low kept an absolutely flying French side to just three big chances on goals despite controlling 70 per cent of the possession.

Goalkeeper Cecilía Rán Rúnarsdóttir was also brilliant, with the Inter shot-stopper pulling off a number of impressively acrobatic saves to keep her side in the contest.

There were also good signs in a 1-1 draw against Norway on May 31, with Viggósdóttir producing an exceptional performance in the heart of defence despite an unlucky own goal, and Wolfsburg prodigy Sveindís Jónsdóttir proving herself a nightmare down the left wing.

They're clearly comfortable with not having the ball, and there's a clear game plan under Þorsteinn Halldórsson, who has been a hugely successful figure at both league and international level with Iceland. In what is a winnable group, and with a bit of luck, Iceland appear poised to surprise a few fans this Euros.

## 9 – Denmark

**FIFA Ranking (as of March 6):** 12

**Last five results:** W (3-1, Italy), W (2-1, Wales), L (0-3, Italy), W (1-0, Wales), L (1-6, Sweden).

**Next fixtures:** No friendlies scheduled.

**Current notable injuries:** Sofia Svava.

You might have said Denmark's Euros preparations were going okay until June 4 rolled around. For a country that has always punched well above their weight and produced a number of world-class stars, it was incredibly concerning to see how poorly they performed across the entire 90 minutes against a Swedish side that hadn't exactly been in good form.

Losing 1-6 and being opened up across all three lines like a hot knife through butter was so far removed from everything we've come to know about this side, and unfortunately goalkeeper Maja Bay Østergaard will have suffered a huge drop in confidence given she should've done far, far better for at least four of the goals.

Whether it will serve as a wake-up call or completely deflate the squad remains to be seen; but it's particularly concerning that it came against an opponent they will face at the Euros in their tricky group. In their favour though is their fearless leader Pernille Harder, who has been superlative this season at Bayern and who was rightly fuming all throughout, and after, the loss.

In fairness, Andrée Jeglertz did rotate a bit of the squad, and just days earlier they looked much better against Wales, when Harder was an absolute nightmare for the Red Dragons defence all match - including the match-winning goal.

They also put in a phenomenal second-half performance against Italy to win 3-1 in February, which can give Danish fans some comfort that the Sweden performance was an abnormality, not a new normal.

## 10 – Italy

**FIFA Ranking (as of March 6):** 14

**Last five results:** L (1-3, Denmark), L (2-3, Sweden), W (3-0, Denmark), D (0-0, Sweden), W (4-1, Wales).

**Next fixtures:** No friendlies scheduled.

**Current notable injuries:** Aurora Galli (ACL, may be fit for Euros).

What a surprise packet the Italians have been this Nations League! It hasn't been transfixing by any means, but for a country whose domestic league and international team has often lagged behind other European nations, it has been a refreshing reminder of the talent available.

Manuela Guigliano and Ariana Caruso have been brilliant of late and are pulling the strings for a side that has shown good tactical elasticity with their formations from the back.

Against the Welsh in Italy's most recent win, it was a culmination of how a more counter-attacking style has suited the Azzurri, who weren't fussed about possessing the ball, but moving it quickly through the lines - which they did with quite good speed.

They won't finish above Spain in their Euros group, but their direct style in possession has been quite exciting, and it's thrown that stage into an exciting battle that wasn't quite expected.





## 11 – Switzerland

**FIFA Ranking (as of March 6):** 23

**Last five results:** L (1-2, Norway), L (0-2, France), D (3-3, Iceland), L (0-4, France), L (0-1, Norway).

**Next fixtures:** Czechia (friendly, June 27).

**Current notable injuries:** None.

They are the hosts, have an easy group, and have a once in a lifetime opportunity in their hands; but on the field, it is a little bit worrying for a country that has always acquitted themselves better than their small population and football infrastructure would suggest.

The performance against France on May 31 was concerning not for the 0-4 scoreline, but the fact Pia Sundhage's backline, that switches between building up as three players and five, was leakier than a sieve. Les Bleues moved through the midfield and defence with alarming ease, but fortunately that tightened up somewhat in a loss to Norway days later.

Captain Lia Wälti, who has struggled with injuries this domestic season, was able to play the full 90 and controlled the midfield much better, with Julia Stierli also much tighter in the heart of defence, and pushing higher when necessary.

A friendly against a weaker opposition in Czechia represents the perfect chance to get things back on track, and try and ignite the brilliant, prodigious talent of teen wonder Sydney Schertenleib in front of goal.

## 12 – Belgium

**FIFA Ranking (as of March 6):** 20

**Last five results:** L (0-1, Portugal), L (0-5, England), W (3-2, England), L (1-5, Spain), W (3-0, Portugal).

**Next fixtures:** France (friendly, June 21).

**Current notable injuries:** None.

Speaking of surprise packages: Belgium. For better or for worse - and at the extreme ends of both. After an abominable thumping at the hands of England in April, this ranking was several points lower, with their second half performance once of the worst you'll see at the highest level.

Then against all odds at home they bounced back to defeat a sluggish Lionesses side 3-2. The fact they celebrated like they won a World Cup was somewhat concerning to many, which proved true when they produced another woeful performance against Spain.

But once again after the low came a brilliant attacking display by captain Tessa Wullaert, with the Inter star utterly sublime with two goals in a relatively cruisy win over a weakened Portugal.

Hidden away in a weaker league, the Belgium skipper will be one of the players to watch this tournament, with her second strike one of the better goals you'll see this year. It was stunning.

Testing themselves in a friendly against Spain will show what level they are really at, and whether they can settle down the rollercoaster results.



## 13 – Finland

**FIFA Ranking (as of March 6):** 25

**Last five results:** W (1-0, Hungary) , D (0-0, Belarus), W (3-0, Hungary), W (3-0, Belarus), D (1-1, Serbia).

**Next fixtures:** Netherlands (friendly, June 27).

**Current notable injuries:** Jutta Rantala (availability for Euros not certain).

One of the most bizarre stories you'll hear came ahead of Finland's League B match against Serbia, when manager Outi Saarinen accidentally named a 51-year-old former player (Stina Ruuskanen) instead of 23-year-old back Nanne Ruuskanen on his team sheet. Thus the latter couldn't feature, and thus concluded a decidedly strange situation.

The Finns have always been a steady side, but they've found it tough going in the second tier this year, finishing second in quite a weak group to Serbia.

As always, Spurs star Eveliina Summanen has been the bright light in midfield, playing in a more advanced role than she does at club level and proving a bigger threat when involved in the attack.

Taking on a very out-of-form Netherlands side in a friendly prior to the Euros presents a brilliant opportunity to see if they can step it up when needed most.

## 14 – Portugal

**FIFA Ranking (as of March 6):** 22

**Last five results:** W (1-0, Belgium), L (2-4, Spain), L (1-7, Spain), L (0-6, England), L (0-3, Belgium).

**Next fixtures:** Nigeria (friendly, June 23).

**Current notable injuries:** Kika Nazareth (ankle).

It's impossible not to think about the heartbreaking ankle injury to Nazareth when casting your mind to Portugal. The Barcelona star missed the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play a Champions League in her native Lisbon; now she won't be able to play a starring role in the Euros in a massive blow for the nation.

Her absence has been keenly felt, with Portugal struggling in what is a nightmare group in the top tier of the Nations League. They were easily swept aside by England and Spain, but did perform reasonably well on June 4 against Belgium - much better than the 0-3 scoreline suggested.

On that occasion, Portugal did actually control the majority of the possession and generated a couple of opportunities in front of goal thanks to captain Ana Borges' strong performance on the right wing.

But late lapses in the second half cost them dearly, as did a needless penalty, leaving them with one win, one draw and four losses from their six matches.

Nigeria are a very dangerous and physical opponent to take on in a friendly, and if they can keep their attacking threats under control, it will present a strong warm-up for the Euros.

## 15 – Poland

**FIFA Ranking (as of March 6):** 28

**Last five results:** W (1-0, Romania), W (5-1, Bosnia and Herzegovina), D (1-1, Bosnia and Herzegovina), W (4-0, Northern Ireland), W (3-0, Romania).

**Next fixtures:** Ukraine (friendly, June 27).

**Current notable injuries:** Nikola Karczewski.

Admittedly it is in the second tier of the Nations League, but Poland (namely superstar captain Ewa Pajor) were just breathtaking against Northern Ireland on May 31 before being equally so at home against Romania four days later.

Pajor has gone to another level with Barcelona this season (though unfortunately recorded her fifth Champions League final loss) and that has continued on for Poland, where she's led like her life depends on it in the past two games - while scoring four goals and providing three assists.

Paulina Tomasiak has also been dangerous in attack, while PSG defender Paulina Dudek has been a brick wall in defence - although again against admittedly weaker opponents.

It's the first major tournament for a country that has always treated women's football exceptionally poorly, but they go into it with a huge flock of adoring fans and some brilliant form.

## 16 – Wales

FIFA Ranking (as of March 6): 31

Last five results: D (1-1, Sweden), L (1-2, Denmark), D (1-1, Sweden), L (0-1, Denmark), L (1-4, Italy).

Next fixtures: No friendlies scheduled.

Current notable injuries: Sophie Ingle (ACL, line ball decision for Euros), Mayzee Davies (injured knee against Denmark) Olivia Clark and Carrie Jones (both injured against Italy).

It's brilliant that the tiny nation has made their first major tournament, but seeing how badly things have gone downhill since qualifying (be it bad luck or performance), Ireland will absolutely be kicking themselves they lost in qualifying to Wales.

Injuries may well rob the squad of some of their best players, but being able to hold Sweden to draws with a patient low block has certainly given them something to hold onto.

On June 4, though, Italy were able to breeze through that low block with some brilliant attacking play as Wales, unfortunately, were unable to generate a single chance on goal.

Heading into the Group of Death with England, France and the Netherlands, Wales will be hoping for a miracle (and another on Ingle's knee).