



NEWS DETECTIVES

TODAY'S NEWS STORY

UK to host Women's World Cup in 2035

KEYWORDS

- ☐ **Fifa:** Organisation of world football
- ☐ **Tournament:** Competition between different teams
- ☐ **Manager:** Person who chooses a team's players
- ☐ **Lionesses:** England women's football team

Is football finally coming home? For the first time since 1966, when the England men's team tasted glory, the UK is set to host a global football competition: the Women's World Cup!

Bidding war

Earlier this month, **Fifa** president Gianni Infantino announced that the UK's bid to host the **tournament** in 2035 had been successful. It is set to be formally confirmed in 2026.

It is thought that Spain had been interested in holding

the event alongside Portugal and Morocco. The 2031 edition will be hosted in the United States.

Coming home

Football fans in the UK have a lot to be excited about, with England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland having already been announced as the hosts of the men's European Cup in 2028.

"Another tournament on an even bigger stage would be incredible and give another boost to the game,"

said England women's **manager** Sarina Wiegman.

Inspiring a generation

Many experts see the decision as a significant moment for women's football, as there are still some people who wrongly see the sport as a 'men's game'.

Holding the world's biggest football event will inspire a new generation of girls to dream of being footballers, building on the **Lionesses'** famous triumph at the Euros in 2022.



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Women's World Cup is a football tournament contested by national women's football teams around the globe. It takes place in a different country or group of countries every four years. In 2035, it will be held in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.



INVESTIGATION OF THE DAY

WILL FOOTBALL FINALLY "COME HOME"?

WHAT
did the
Lionesses win
in 2022?

WHO
is the England
women's
manager?

WHERE
will the Women's
World Cup be
held in 2031?

WHEN
will the UK host
the Women's
World Cup?

WHY
is the decision
significant?

HOW
could the
tournament
inspire girls?

1 CHECK YOUR FACTS

Make sure you have all the facts before you start your investigation. Can you answer these questions?

2 KNOW YOUR KEYWORDS

Can you remember what these keywords mean? Match the word to the correct meaning.

1=C

2=

3=

4=

1. Fifa

2. Tournament

3. Manager

4. Lionesses

A. Person who chooses a team's players

B. England women's football team

C. Organisation of world football

D. Competition between different teams

3 LOOK AT ALL SIDES

There's always more than one side to every story. How might the people involved feel about the story?



UK football fans



UK business owners



People who don't like sport



People who thought only men could play football



Happy



Sad



Calm



Excited



Surprised



Angry



Scared



Bored



Disgusted



Confused

4 DISCUSS THE QUESTION

Will football finally "come home"?

What do you think? Use the speaking prompts here to help you get started.

I disagree with...

I agree with...

I'm not sure about...

I'd like to know more about...

I think that...

I don't think that...



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5 REPORT BACK

Write, present or record a report that communicates your view. Share this with your class, family and friends. What's their opinion?