# England Lionesses spark euphoric scenes at Boxpark Croydon with historic Euro 2022 penalty shootout win



Collective tension gave way to an explosion of joy at Boxpark Croydon as England's Lionesses clinched a historic second consecutive UEFA Women's Euro title, defeating Spain in a dramatic penalty shootout. What began as a nerve-wracking finale to the final, with heads dropping as the referee signalled extra time and the dreaded penalties, swiftly turned into euphoric celebration when Chloe Kelly confidently slotted home the winning spot kick. Fans who had endured the emotional rollercoaster of the match erupted, their cheers overwhelming the music and filling the south London venue with an electric atmosphere.

The match itself had been a tense affair, reflective of England’s recent tournament journey, which was marked by moments of both resilience and vulnerability. Spain took an early lead, sparking a sense of anxiety among supporters including notable onlookers such as the Prince of Wales and Princess Charlotte, who were present in Basel. England responded with determination, and Alessia Russo's crucial second-half header—a moment that ignited jubilant celebrations among fans—equalised the score, providing a catalyst for the dramatic finish to come. Despite a challenging first half dominated by the Spanish side, Sarina Wiegman’s squad kept their composure, drawing on the experience of their previous Euros victory to stave off defeat.

The penalty shootout spotlighted England’s grit and the brilliance of goalkeeper Hannah Hampton, whose two vital saves set the stage for Kelly’s decisive strike. The scenes at Boxpark mirrored the national pride swelling across the country, with fans waving flags, embracing one another, and joining in collective renditions of classics like “Sweet Caroline” and “It’s Coming Home.” The atmosphere was reminiscent of moments from previous tournaments, underscoring the growing passion for women’s football in England. Veteran supporters like Julie McCauley, a lifelong footballer who wore a match-worn shirt from former Lioness Marieanne Spacey, expressed pride not just in the current team but in the evolution of the sport itself—contrasting the modern professionalism with the modest conditions of earlier generations.

This triumph also highlighted the broadening appeal of women’s football, drawing diverse fans including those who travelled significant distances to soak in the moment, such as Izzy Herson who journeyed from Brighton and celebrated not only the victory but her winning bet on England’s penalty success. Similarly, Alex Evans from Scotland remarked on England's impressive feat in overcoming the world’s best team in Spain, his support indicative of the cross-border admiration the Lionesses command.

The joy witnessed at Boxpark Croydon is not an isolated instance but part of a broader cultural moment, continuing a tradition of spirited public celebrations following landmark England football victories. The venue has been a focal point for fans before, seen in euphoric scenes during the 2018 men’s World Cup penalty win over Colombia. Now, it has cemented its place as a landmark site for Lionesses celebrations as well, demonstrating the growing stature and enthusiasm surrounding women's football.

As the night unfolded, fans lingered well beyond the final whistle, engaging with a karaoke setup and communal singing that transformed the venue into a spectacular scene of unity and shared pride. The overwhelming sentiment was one of disbelief and delight—a second Euroscup win, achieved against a formidable Spanish team, has not only cemented the Lionesses’ status as a football powerhouse but also inspired a new generation of supporters and players alike. The successful defence of the title underlines the strength and depth of the team and fuels anticipation that the squad, guided by Wiegman’s leadership, could continue their dominance on the international stage.

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