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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE – Component 2**  
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## England beat Germany 2–1 in Women's Euro 2022 final

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Amidst extraordinary scenes of celebration at Wembley, England's women's team, the Lionesses, won their first major trophy in heart-pounding style, as Chloe Kelly's extra-time goal defeated Germany in a dramatic final, witnessed by a record-breaking crowd for a women's football fixture in the UK.

Fifty years after England's first international women's match, it was Manchester City winger Chloe Kelly who firmly etched her name into English football folklore. She scored the winning goal with just ten minutes of additional time remaining to clinch the nation's first major senior international football honour of any kind since 1966.



In a sea of England shirts, supporters noisily cheered on their team by blowing horns and waving flags. Everyone lucky enough to have a ticket roared on every England attack and loudly booed every refereeing decision they didn't like. For those without tickets the choice was whether to back the team at one of the big screen venues across the country, from Trafalgar Square in London to Lincoln, catch it with some mates in a pub or watch from the edge of the sofa

at home. Craig Stephens and his wife Julie, visiting from Birmingham said, "We just wanted to be around Wembley while the game was on; it really is historic."

Buoyed by the excited roar of the capacity crowd, England, in their familiar home kit of white shirts and white shorts, made the strongest start when Ellen White nearly beat the German goalkeeper early on. The England Lionesses then survived a desperate goalmouth scramble which saw them have a lucky escape as replays appeared to show the ball strike captain Leah Williamson on the arm barely a yard from the goal-line.

There were few chances at either end in the first half and England were on the back foot at the start of the second half, when the German team in their dark green shirts and shorts, put pressure on the England goal with Lina Magull, firing just wide. Manchester United's midfielder Ella Toone then put England in front in the second half of the normal 90 minutes with a moment of magic, expertly lifting the ball into the top corner to send the crowd wild. Suddenly, England were 28 minutes from glory, but Germany had other ideas. Magull fired a warning shot first, which fiercely smacked against the goalpost, and soon afterwards Magull, the 27-year-old Bayern Munich midfielder, scored a dramatic equaliser giving Germany hope and forcing the nerve-wrenching contest into extra time.

The nail-biting intensified around the stands but 24-year-old Chloe Kelly was in the right place at the right time to stamp her name in English sporting history. Exactly 56 years and one day since England won the World Cup at this same venue, she poked in the scrappiest of winning goals, but not a single England fan would care about the manner by which the ball hit the net. It sent the raucous record crowd of 87,192 into a frenzy with ten minutes of extra time remaining.

Within seconds of the final whistle sounding, 'Football's Coming Home' began playing from Wembley's sound system as the country's long, long wait for football glory finally ended. There were scenes of jubilation in the stands and an outpouring of emotion by players on the pitch at full-time as the magnitude of their achievement sank in. The England players fell to the ground with tears of joy, in scenes which will be remembered and replayed for years to come on one of the greatest nights in English sport.

"It's the proudest moment of my life," England captain Leah Williamson said, "so I'm going to lap it up and take every single second in."

Even head coach Sarina Wiegman, usually the calmest of personalities, began to dance with happiness, as her team sprinted around the pitch.

The victory set off raucous celebrations not just on the field and in the stands but also in pubs and at watch parties across England. Up North, locals had flocked into Newcastle's Central fan zone to watch the game. Anna Benham, 30, said, "I've watched every single game leading to the final. It's really great to see the support and how the country has got behind them. I came into the fan zone because it's a fantastic atmosphere and we can all celebrate the win together."



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