

Scots reach elite round of European Women's Under-19 Championship



Scotland reached the elite round of this season's European Women's Under-19 Championship with a 4-2 victory over Albania in Austria.

Having defeated Ukraine just 48 earlier, Gareth Evans' side got off to a flying start, scoring twice inside the opening 20 minutes with goals from Hibs' star Liz Tweedie and Kirsty Howat.

Albania grabbed one back just five minutes after Howie's goal through a strike by Ezmiralda Franja. With four minutes left in the half, Kirsty Hanson restored Scotland's two-goal advantage, only for it to be cut once more deep into stoppage time by Ambra Gregji.

15 minutes from time when a goal from Carla Boyce secured Scotland's second win in three days.

Scotland and host-nation Austria have confirmed their place in the elite round, with both sides accumulating six points from their two matches in Group 11. The two teams meet each other on Sunday to determine who wins the group, but both sides will be in the elite round when it takes place next spring.

Scotland: Flaherty (GK), McLauchlan (Gallacher 86'), Clelland, Cowper, Cuthbert, Hanson (Cornet 46'), Howat (Boyce 46'), Tweedie, Mullen, Rafferty (C), Whyte.

Subs not used: Hamilton (GK), Michie, Brown, Harrison.