



THE HEART OF WOMEN'S SOCCER



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### The word from... The « OL ANG'ELLES » team

This month of March was highlighted by a qualification for the semi-final of the French Cup (against Hénin-Beaumont) and for the semi-final of the Champions League. Moreover, the 11<sup>th</sup> French Champion title has also gotten much nearer.



Even if much – almost everything, in fact – remains to be done, the hope for a new triple is still very much alive.

The Wolfsburg team, which was said to be "ahead" of Lyon, was a very strong opponent. It was probably one of the only teams in Europe capable of holding a whole game against OL.

But was it really *the best team on the field during the return game* ?

Indeed, we are so used to seeing OL way stronger than its opponents, especially as far as ball possession is concerned, that when an opposing team is – almost – as strong as Lyon, we have sometimes a slightly biased view of what happens.



Even if Ralf KELLERMANN is a very good coach, he still "lost" twice in the last two years against Gérard PRÊCHEUR's team.

The latter has succeeded – with his coaching staff – in bringing his extremely impressive squad in good form and good health at the right time. Even if some were worried by the size and quality of the squad, we could witness the cohesion and solidarity of the players.



### News... Wendie RENARD under contract at OL until 2022

In her 11<sup>th</sup> year with the club, Wendie RENARD was having interrogations about her future: she was thinking about playing in the English Championship, Manchester City and Chelsea were doing everything they could to attract her.

She probably needed to be told – or told again – that she is an important player for the club, and it took all the engagement of Jean-Michel Aulas to make her stay.

Every part of the club, including the supporters, as well as the persons in charge of the City, the French Football Federation, and the French ministry for sports, all expressed their wishes that she stays in France, and in Lyon.



She was ambassador for the city of Lyon during the UEFA Euro 2016. Furthermore, in addition to being a great player – probably the best central defender for the last several years –, she is also a well-known representative of Lyon, the Olympique Lyonnais, and the French women's soccer.



Wendie's career identifies with the OL history since 2006. They have together won all of the 19 trophies of the OL Women's Team.



Wendie then continues her adventure with OL with ambition for 5 additional years. We feel that it is a good choice for her and without any doubt for us, who feel very lucky. She aims for new trophies and has set herself a new goal, never achieved before: to win the Champion's League three times in a row...



## Spotlight... on Saki KUMAGAÏ and Camille ABILY

Many of the major as well as promising players have renewed their contract with OL: Eugénie Le Sommer, Ada Hegerberg, Dzsenerifer Marozsan, Jessica Houara-D'Hommeaux, Sarah Bouhaddi, Amel Majri, Griedge M'Bock, Pauline Bremer, Kadeisha Buchanan, and now Wendie.

But it is still not the case for SAKI and CAMILLE, whose contracts end in June. We would be tempted to say: please Mr. Aulas, renew also their contracts...



CAMILLE and SAKI were both among the top 10 players in 2016 according to FIFA, even if they did not make the top 3. (composed of Carli Lloyd, Melanie Behringer, and Marta)

Let us recall that, in 2013, Camille had finished second behind Lena Gössling and ahead of Dzsenerifer Marozsan.

**SAKI** is still the primary element of Gérard Prêcheur's midfield, where she orients and regulates the play of the team. She was at first an essential element of Lyon's defense, before being asked to play in the midfield.



One can add that she has fighting spirit and is extremely cold-blooded, which makes her excellent at shooting penalty kicks: she has notably scored the winning penalty during the penalty shootouts in the final of the 2011 World Cup (for Japan), and in the Champions League final last year.



**CAMILLE** is still having one of her best seasons, scoring many – often spectacular – goals.



OL-Guingamp

Juvisy-OL

Montpellier-OL

OL-Zurich

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
<b>D1</b>	12	15	20	13	12	10	10
<b>French cup</b>	0	3	6	1	5	3	0
<b>WCL</b>	1	9	5	1	3	3	5
<b>French team</b>	4	3	0	5	1	2	4
Au 3.4.17	<b>17</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>

She arrived in Lyon from Montpellier and participated in the first of the 10 French Championship titles in a row for Lyon. She is today the French player who has won the most at the club level: 3 Champions Leagues, 11 French Championships (2 with Montpellier, 9 with Lyon), 7 French Cups (1 with Montpellier, 6 with Lyon), 1 Women Professional Soccer title (with the FC Gold Pride in 2010). She has lately beaten the record of games played with OL, which was previously hold by Louisa Nécib-Cadamuro with 278 games.



Camille is wondering about the future of her career at 32 years of age.



It seems that she does not picture herself stopping in just two months... And neither do we!

## Résultats... French Cup

**OL-RODEZ : 6-0** (Pauline Bremer, Alex Morgan x/3, Kheira Hamraoui, Kenza Dali)

9 players often in the starting XI did not play this game (right after games played with the national teams), and it was an opportunity to give some playing time to many: Méline Gérard, Mylaine Tarrieu, Josephine Henning, Kheira Hamraoui, Aurélie Kaci, Kenza Dali, Elodie Thomis, Alex Morgan...



Only Hénin-Beaumont now stands in front of OL on its road to the final. PSG will host Saint-Etienne in the other semi-final.

## Résultats... French Championship D1

**Albi-OL : 0-5** (Saki Kumagai (penalty), Ada Hegerberg, Camille Abily, Alex Morgan x/2)

It was without any doubt the best half-time played by Alex Morgan, who scored her first 2 goals in the D1 Championship.



**OL-Rodez : 8-0**

(Ada Hegerberg x/2, Lavogez, Tarrieu x/2, M'Bock, Petit, Bremer)

8 players were resting, just before the game against Wolfsburg. With her 2 goals, ADA took the lead in the goalscorers ranking in D1, with 16 goals, ahead of EUGENIE (15).

**OL-ASSE : 6-0**

(Jessica Houara d'Hommeaux x/2, Griedge M'Bock, Eugénie Le Sommer x/2, Claire Lavogez)

Jessica Houara-D'Hommeaux scored her first 2 goals with OL, both during the first 30 minutes.

EUGENIE retook the lead from ADA in the goalscorers ranking: 17 goals. Note also that, after 18 games played (on 22), Dzszenifer Marozsan leads the assists ranking in D1 with 12.





## On the road... to ALBI... to WOLFSBURG

The trip to Albi did not give much time to visit the city, known for instance for its cathedral, and for being the hometown of the painter Toulouse-Lautrec.

We were joined by some local supporters and by some fans from Toulouse.



Once in Albi, we heard some pleasant news: Marseille was currently beating PSG, therefore bringing OL much closer to the D1 title.

Only 3 days later, the "OL ANG'ELLES" members were once again on the road, this time to Wolfsburg.

This 2-day trip allowed us to visit the nearby city of Braunschweig, in Lower Saxony.

Fun fact : the symbol of this city is... a lion.



It was one the best trips of the season, with of course as climax a superb win for OL.



**Alex Morgan** Compte certifié @alexmorgan13 23 mars Plus

Huge victory tonight!! More importantly, we need to prepare for the second leg in Lyon. Thank you to our supporters in Wolfsburg tonight!



As usual the Lyon's fans made themselves heard in the stadium, accompanied by some Norwegians, some Parisians already met a year ago in Prague, some Potsdam's fans still supporters of Ada, some young people living in Germany, an Israeli living in Berlin, the cousin and the parents of Pauline Bremer...



## Résultats... Qualification in WCL against WOLFSBURG

For many people it was considered as a final before the final, with the 2 teams considered as the best in Europe. Only time will tell...

**Wolfsburg – OL : 0-2** (Camille ABILY, Dzsener MAROZSAN) (attendance : 3700)



OL was more careful than usual tactically in the first half, playing with 2 defensive midfielders. It changed in the second half, with only one such defensive midfielder (Saki).

**1<sup>st</sup> half :**

<b>Wolfsburg</b>	<b>OL</b>
5 dangerous situations (3 serious one)	3 goal opportunities 2 dangerous situations

Lyon had the advantage in terms of possession: 61%-39%.

**2<sup>nd</sup> half :**

<b>Wolfsburg</b>	<b>OL</b>
2 goal opportunities 3 dangerous situations	2 goal opportunities and <b>2 goals</b> 6 dangerous situations

**61'**



**74'**



**OL – Wolfsburg : 0-1** (HANSEN, penalty) (attendance : 14128)

Wolfsburg had no choice but to give everything they had, and played like maybe no other team in Europe is capable against Lyon: with an intense and almost constant pressing.



**1<sup>st</sup> half :**

<b>OL</b>	<b>Wolfsburg</b>
2 goal opportunities 8 dangerous situations (3 serious one)	2 goal opportunities 5 dangerous situations (1 serious one)

But this time it was Wolfsburg who had the upper-hand concerning ball possession: 55%.

**2<sup>nd</sup> half :**

<b>OL</b>	<b>Wolfsburg</b>
2 goal opportunities 7 dangerous situations (5 serious one)	1 goal opportunity 3 dangerous situations (2 serious one)

On the other hand, in the second half, Lyon managed to balance the ball possession for the whole game: 50%-50%.

Finally, the outcome of this game was in part decided on two potentially controversial actions: one in Wolfsburg's penalty area during the first half, when a penalty was at first granted to Lyon before being waved off.



The second situation occurred in the second half when a penalty was obtained by Pernille Harder for Wolfsburg on a foul from Kadeisha Buchanan.



But at the end of the day OL has secured the qualification, which is all that matters. It has required huge defensive strength, and great mental qualities.



For the OL Women's Team, it was the 8<sup>th</sup> Champions League quarter-final in 10 years, and it is the 8<sup>th</sup> qualification for a semi-final.



Lyon will play against Manchester City in the next round, and all the supporters from "OL ANG'ELLES" will be here to support them in the "Parc OL"! Some will even be in Manchester for the first game.



### In the rear-view mirror... Lara DICKENMANN

When she left Lyon to start on a new adventure 2 years ago, LARA assuredly chose the right club : Wolfsburg, the only club on par with OL during these last 2 years.



Sadly for her, Lyon still eliminated her new club twice in the Champions League. In the meantime she won a German Cup and is hoping to win the German Championship this year (Wolfsburg is well-placed, as are Potsdam and the Bayern München).

LARA (31 years old) arrived in Lyon in 2009 from FC Zürich, after playing 2 years at the NCAA level in the USA, for Ohio State University. She arrived at the same time as Lotta Schelin and Ingvild Stensland.



She won 4 times the Swiss Championship with Kriens, her hometown (2002-2004), and with Zürich (2009), and twice the Swiss Cup.

With Lyon: 7 French Championships (2009-2015), 4 French Cups, 2 Champions Leagues (plus 3 other finals during her whole career), scoring one goal in the 2011 final. 185 games and 77 goals.




With Switzerland: 111 games, 44 goals, named "Swiss Player of the Year" in 2016. She will play against France this summer in the European Championship...



### National teams... After the SheBelievesCup

France won the second edition of the SheBelievesCup at the beginning of March, with a splendid 3-0 win against the United States (2 goals by ABILY, 1 by LE SOMMER).



1		Allemagne / Germany	2108
2		Etats-Unis / USA	2105
3		France	2072
5		Canada	2017
6		Japon / Japan	1977
6		Suède / Sweden	1977
11		Norvège / Norway	1926

A month after this competition many "Lyonnaises" were once again selected by their national teams to play games, preparing for instance – for the european teams – the European Championship.

**21** of the 26 players of Lyon's squad were selected.

- 10** with **France** (France beat the Netherlands 2-1)
- 2** (Tarrieu and Dali) with **France "B" team** (who beat Bosnia and Herzegovina twice)
- 1** (Alex Morgan) with the **United States** (who beat Russia twice)
- 1** (Caroline Seger) with **Sweden**, and **1** (Kadeisha Buchanan) with **Canada** (Canada won against Sweden)
- 3** (Dzsenifer Marozsan, Pauline Bremer, Josephine Henning) with **Germany** (who beat Canada)
- 1** (Saki Kumagai) with **Japan** (who beat Costa-Rica)
- 1** (Ada Hegerberg) with **Norway** (who beat Switzerland)
- 1** (Andrea Norheim) with **Norway U19 team** (she scored 3 goals in 3 games)