

THE HEART OF WOMEN'S SOCCER

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

After going to Kazakhstan for the round of 16 of the Champions League, and after watching the end of the first half of the D1 championship, here is your new edition of "O ELLES"!

Of course with the OL Women Team it is nearly like Christmas everyday, and the players have already offered their first present at the end of 2017: a qualification for the quarter-finals of the **Champions League, against Barcelona**. And maybe after that a possible encounter with Manchester City or Linköping.

Other good news: having won every game since the beginning of the season, Lyon is also en route to win a 12<sup>th</sup> D1 Championship in a row, even if nothing is over yet and one must remain cautious.



The transfer period is now open and OL has made two arrivals official: the return of AMANDINE from the US, and the arrival – from the US too – of the American player Morgan BRIAN.

One should also note that MARO has extended her contract til 2020.

Another celebration at the end of this year: **the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the OL Fondation** for which the players often dedicate some of their time.



## Spotlight on... The goalkeepers

In the previous edition of "O ELLES" we focused on the goalkeepers, and the IFFHS (International Federation of Football History and Statistics) recently confirmed the conclusions that we drew: **SARAH** Bouhaddi was named **Best goalkeeper in the world** for the second year in a row, by a wide margin.



1 – Sarah BOUHADDI (OL / France)

190 points

- 8 French Champion titles
- 5 French Cups
- 4 Champions League, for which she was often decisive.





 8- C.ENDLER (Valencia-PSG/Chile), S.PANOS (FC Barcelona/Spain), S.L. PETERSEN (Kolding Q/Denmark)
 26 pts

 11- S.LABBE (Washington Spirit/Canada)
 18 pts
 12- L.WILLIAMS (Houston Dash/Seattle Reign/Australia)
 15 pts

 13- G.THALMANN (AGSM Verone /Switzerland)
 12 pts
 14- A.NAEHER (Chicago Red Stars/ USA)
 7 pts

 15- S.CHAMBERLAIN (Liverpool /England), A.FRANCH (Portland Thorns/USA), I.HJELMSETH(Stabaek/Norway)
 3 pts

This ranking was made according to the votes of 91 specialists from all over the world, taking into account the performances of the players in 2017.

OL Résults... D1

Game 7 - OL- Lille : 6-0 (Camille Abily x2, Ada Hegerberg x2 , Shanice Van de Sanden, Amel Majri)



Lille was D2 Champion last season, and recently received its trophy, in October against Marseille.

As a newcomer in D1, it targeted players who had already played one or two seasons in D1.

As a result, **8 new players** arrived before the start of this season, and 16 in this year's roster have some previous D1 experience.

5 played against OL <-Bordeaux

Ouleymata SAAR



-Bordeau

Elisa LAUNAY

and



Camille LEWANDOVSKI



<- La Roche-sur-Yon



Anne-Laure DAVY



<- Soyaux

Ch.Saint Sans LEVACHER



Aurore PAPRZYCKI



<-St Maur

14 present players were already members of the club last season, including 3 Belgian internationals: the captain Maud COUTEREELS, Jana CORYN (both played in the EURO last summer), and Silke DEMEYERE.









The team form Lille tried to produce some offense against Lyon, especially in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, but did not really manage to create scoring opportunities for themselves.





Indeed they were facing a really tough opponent, who played particularly well during the 1<sup>st</sup> half, lead by a remarkable EUGENIE Le Sommer.



A small event occurred during this game: SAKI finally missed an in-game penalty-kick, after 21 makes since her arrival in Lyon.

Elisa Launay, brand new French international, is the goalkeeper who put an end to this impressive run.



CAMILLE Abily played her 300th career game with OL, and scored twice



CAMILLE (7')

CAMILLE (21')

She received some presents to celebrate this, including a jersey offered by the FC Bruz, club in which she began playing soccer as a child in downtown Rennes.



Game 8 - Albi - OL : 0-5 (Ada Hegerberg, Eugénie Le Sommer, Saki Kumagaï (penalty), Camille Abily, Griedge Mbock Bathy)

Albi has been playing in D1 since the 2014-15 season. Since then it has finished 9<sup>th</sup> each season (the clubs ranked 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> are relegated to D2), but it is still a tough team to play. Before receiving Lyon, they managed to win in Marseille, but have lost some key players on injuries in the process (including Kimberley Cazeau, who scored twice against Marseille).

As in most clubs many changes occurred before this season, starting with the coach Adolphe Ogouyon, replaced by Patrice Garrigues and Théodore Genoux. Some important players also left the club :

DEPARTURES









Coline GOUINEAU



->Dijon, D2



Among the 9 new players, 5 took part in the game versus OL :



and Sarah SAHRAOUI (<-U19 PSG), Elodie POLICARPO (Croix-Savoie Ambilly), Léa MASSIBOT (<-Dijon), Morgane BELKHITER (<-Nîmes), Soriana CONSTANT et Alexandra SAINT-JOURS (<-Toulouse).

As last season against Lyon, the goalkeeper Gabrielle LAMBERT played an excellent game, preventing OL to score too many times.



It was still an easy win for Lyon, **5-0**, as in every one of their road games since the start of the season. MARO was moreover back from her injury, and played with a protection mask which did not seem to bother her much.



Year after year, OL ANG'ELLES is warmly welcomed in Albi by the same volunteers. We also had the pleasure of seeing again Thibaut, whom we had already met last summer in Toulouse, and who is trying to create a supporters club in Albi.



Game 9 - OL- Fleury 91 : 5-0 (Dzsenifer Marozsan, Ada Hegerberg, Saki Kumagaï (penalty), Eugénie Le Sommer, Delphine Cascarino)

Fleury 91 is a new club in D1, born from both FC Fleury and FC Val d'Orge (which was promoted from D2 to D1 at the end of last season). Among the 1000 members composing this club, **300** of them are girls or women.

In January 2017, FC Val d'Orge had played an exhibition game against OL. At that time 16 of the 26 present players were already there, but only 6 of them played in that particular game.















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This season, in this game 9 of D1, the starting XI of Fleury was constituted of 8 newcomers (on the 10 the club has).

M.HAUPAIS

M.GIGNOUX-SOULIER



Maeva CLEMARON





S.PALACIN









T. SISSOKO

<- ASSE Lena JOUAN





<- EA Guingamp Laura MARTINEZ



<- Juvisy, U19



Among them is **Daphné CORBOZ**, who is LUCY's best friend since they met in 2015 at Manchester City.

She played earlier this year in the NWSL, with the Sky Blue FC (1 goal, 5 assists for her this season), which almost qualified for the playoffs.

She has both the French and American citizenships, and recently played with the "France B" team.

Her team was apparently worth more than what its ranking (in the last 3) suggested: Salma AMANI has been suspended for three games, CORBOZ and HAUPAIS have arrived only recently... And Fleury 91 is indeed a solid team, with the technical qualities of CLEMARON, CORBOZ, AMANI.



MARO (34')

ADA (48')

EUGENIE (75')

DELPHINE (84')

Game 10 – **OM - OL : 0-5** (Wendie Renard, Ada Hegerberg x2, Lucy Bronze, Kheira Hamraoui)

For OM 12 players of last year's roster are not longer at the club:



->Fleury 91 ... and Salomé ELISOR, Charlène TOROSSIAN, Barbara BOUCHET, Cécilia VIGNAL.



SANDRINE Brétigny, former OL player (and once best goalscorer of the club, before Lotta Schelin surpassed her), recently stopped her career and is now part of the staff of OM. She received a warm salute from the OL ANG'ELLES fans present in Marseille.





For its recruitment OM principally focused on young players:

MY.ALIDOU

ARRIVALS





<-South Florida ,US

FRIðRIKSDOTTIR



<-Isl,Breidablik, 87 sel, 11 goals

N.TRAORE



H.CISSOKO

<-Val d'Orge/ ASSE

In the first half, despite its domination, OL had some trouble to put Marseille's defense - composed in major part of young and promising players, Maëlle LAKRAR, Anaïs MBASSINDJE, Maud ANTOINE - out of position.





G.RICHARD

The best opportunities were for EUGENIE Le Sommer - twice and AMEL Majri.

But the goalkeeper prevailed each time.



OM's goalkeeper was nevertheless less successful on corner kicks, and on one of those WENDIE was once again decisive, scoring the first goal (11') with her knee.



In total OL scored 3 times after corner kicks.



ADA (55'), corner kick Amel LUCY(58'), corner kick Camille ADA (55')

KHEIRA (71')

DZSENIFER Marozsan, still so precise on her passes, created the other 2 goals, scored by Ada and Kheira. ADA scored 2 new goals and has now scored 15 goals in 10 games in D1 this season.

Game 11 – **OL - PSG : 1-0** (ADA Hegerberg, after an assist of Lucy Bronze)

Approximately one third of PSG last year's players left this summer, even if only two were very important ones: CRISTIANE and DELANNOY.



->Barcelona ->LOSC ->Fleury 91 ->0M ->Retirement ->China ... and Loes GEURTS (Retirement), Romane SALVADOR (->US university), Ngozi EBERE (->Cyprius)



In the opposite direction 6 new players arrived in what is a dense and quality roster.



The president of PSG, Nasser EL-KHELAÏFI, sat next to Jean-Michel AULAS during the game. It was a good sign to see its implication for women's soccer.



Tactically, the team of PSG played in 5-3-2 during this game, and sometimes in 3-5-2 in order to attack. As a result they had a better ball possession and use than the previous years. Yet their offenses were often a bit too slow, and Lyon's defense was rarely out of position. Concerning OL, even if they did not completely control the game this time, they still brought danger much more often on PSG's goal.

	Shots	Shots on target	Other opportunities	Dangerous opportunities	Corners
OL	12	9	5	6	9 + 2
PSG	3	2	2	3	0 + 1

#### 12' Goal ADA, de la tête sur un centre de LUCY



This game notably offered a **nice match-up of goalkeepers**, between SARAH and the n°8 in the IFFHS ranking : Christiane ENDLER. The result was a clean-sheet for SARAH.



**Best play of the game**: DELPHINE runs about 60m inside PSG's defense, and tries a nice crossed shot, well blocked by Endler.





Despite the fact that this game was played on a monday night, OL ANG'ELLES was still able to gather a significant amount of its members, participating to the attendance of 7050 in the stadium.



## On the road... From ALBI to KAZAKHSTAN

The game at **Albi** offered the opportunity to visit this beautiful city, selected as a World Heritage Site by the UNESCO, with the Ste Cécile cathedral, the Berbie palace...



Just 3 days later it was a huge geographical leap: from Albi to Kazakhstan. Indeed, even if at first OL ANG'ELLES did not consider going to Kazakhstan before the draw, it was in fact quickly decided afterwards: only a few hours after learning that OL would be facing BIIK Kazygurt in the Champions League, 8 members were already ready to book their tickets to go **Shymkent**.

This is a testimony to the will of OL ANG'ELLES to have members at every OL's game. It was the case last season, and it appears that it will also be true this season!

The **8 dedicated OL ANG'ELLES members** could thus discover some aspects of life in Kazakhstan: the bus bringing the factory workers or the pupils to work or to school, a tasting of camel milk in a sheepfold, a restaurant in Turkestan, town located on the former Silk Road, well-known to whoever comes from Lyon (Lyon was at one time famous for its silk industry)...



It was of course the time to do some sightseeing: they visited notably a former **fortified city**, and a **mausoleum** honoring Ahmed Yasavi, who founded <u>Sufism during the 12<sup>th</sup> century</u>.



They also made some nice encounters: a young Kazakh fan of OL and living in Astana, another young Kazakh studying in Strasbourg but at that time in Shymkent for the game, a French ornithologist living in Kazakhstan...





As a result it was a wonderful experience, which will join the visits of Prague, Wolfsburg, Manchester, or Cardiff among the really nice memories of the OL ANG'ELLES fans.



### **Résults...** Round of 16 of the Women's Champions League

First leg – **BIIK Kazygurt – OL : 0-7** (Ada Hegerberg x4, Camille Abily, Amel Majri, Eugénie Le Sommer)

BIIK Kazygurt is a very rich club for Kazakhstan, and is used to win its domestic games by a wide margin. Its owner is currently developing nice facilities in downtown Shymkent.



In both games BIIK Kazygurt played with only 3 Kazakh players in its starting with **9 non-Kazakh players** on the 16 who participated to one of the games: 1 Russian Mashkova, 1 Ukrainian Kravets, 1 Georgian Gabelia

- 2 Cameroonian Ngandi, Messomo
- 2 Nigerian Ihuezo, Adule
- 2 American Dunnigan, Korte
- They are coached by a Bulgarian, Petkov.

In this first game, the Kazakh club did bring some danger in Lyon's defense at the beginning: they indeed got 3 interesting situations during the first 10 minutes, and Chinwendu Ihuezo missed a big opportunity all alone in front of Sarah.



On the Lyon's side, SELMA was once again in the starting XI, and DELPHINE Cascarino, KHEIRA Hamraoui, and **MELVINE Malard** were the substitutes who got some playing time in the second half. For the last one it was **her first official game with OL**.



CAMILLE (44')

AMEL (48')

EUGENIE (75')

**ADA Hegerberg** had brought all her "killer instinct" in that game, as in the "April" ad that the players shot this year. She scored a total of 4 goals.





Thank you to the staff of OL and to the players, and especially to SARAH for their nice gestures and attentions to thank the few fans who traveled more than 6000 km to support their team.





Bouhaddi sarah Compte certifié @BouhaddiSarah 8 nov. Plus Victoire 7-0 très matinale!! un joli périple mais dans de magnifiques conditions @JM Aulas retour sur Lyon merci aux supporters #cleansheet @OL



Second leg – **OL– BIIK Kazygurt : 9-0** (Ada Hegerberg x4, Camille Abily x3, Delphine Cascarino, Amel Majri)

This game was exceptionnally played at the Groupama Training Center, since the turf of the Groupama Stadium needed to be changed after a rugby match. Jean-Michel Aulas was of course in attendance.



After winning the first leg, the coach of OL could offer some rest to some players and some playing time to others who needed it: CORINE Petit , DELPHINE Cascarino, KHEIRA Hamraoui, GRIEDGE Mbock. ELODIE Thomis and MYLAINE Tarrieu also got an opportunity to play in the second half.





**PAULINE Peyraud-Magnin** did have **her first start** since her return at OL. She did not have any save to make, but it is yet interesting to play in a real game.



**CAMILLE Abily**, who was the captain for this game, surpassed Lotta (41 goals) and became Lyon's best scorer in the Champions League with **42 goals**.



It is also a record with the same club.

- 1 Anja Mittag (Turbine Potsdam/Rosengård/Paris Saint-Germain/Wolfsburg) 50
- 2 Conny Pohlers (Turbine Potsdam/FFC Frankfurt/Wolfsburg) 48
- 3 Marta (Umeå/Tyresö/Rosengård) 46
- 4 Lotta Schelin (Lyon/Rosengård) 42 4 Camille Abily (Lyon) 42
- 6 Nina Burger (Neulengbach) 40 7 Hanna Ljungberg (Umeå) 39
- 9 Ada Hegerberg (Stabæk, Turbine Potsdam , Lyon) 35

At the same time CAMILLE also equaled the record of **77 games** (61 wins) played in the **Champions League**.

Emma BYRNE previously held all alone this record : she stopped her career last year, and played notably (as a goalkeeper) with Arsenal, club with which she won the Champions League in 2007.

**ADA** scored again 4 goals, in barely more than an hour.





ADA (p) (58')

She then has scored 13 goals in Champions League this season, already equaling (in 4 games!) her record for one season. AMEL Majri and DELPHINE Cascarino scored the other 2 goals.



AMEL (12')

DELPHINE (73')

8 - Inka Grings (Duisburg/Zürich) 38







### Germany – France 4

4-**0** (with Dzsenifer Marozsan / Wendie Renard, Griedge Mbock, Amel Majri, Eugénie Le Sommer, and Amandine Henry)



How could we hope to be up to the task against Germany (even in a reconstruction phase) with offensively only one player used to perform at the international level in EUGENIE, with AMANDINE playing her first game since October 14<sup>th</sup>, with a defensive player who played only one game in D1 this season...

4 or 5 Lyonnaises used to the international level were clearly not enough.

**France** – Sweden **0**-0 (with Wendie Renard, Griedge Mbock, Eugénie Le Sommer, and Amandine Henry)

Perhaps it is no use dwelling on these games from France: we will wait until real choices are made, because for now it is more tinkering than making some tests. The countdown is still on: 577 days to the start of the World Cup.

Other games (either exhibition or qualifications for the World Cup) involved some players of Lyon in November :

England-Bosnia Herzegovina (WC)
England-Kazakhstan (WC)
Slovakia-Netherlands (WC)
Netherlands-Ireland (WC)
Canada-Norway (exhibition)

- 4-0 with Lucy Bronze (90')
- 5-0 with Lucy (77')
- 0-5 with Shanice Van de Sanden (70')
- 0-0 with Shanice (59')
- 3-2 with Kadeisha Buchanan (90')