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A Word From... The « OL ANG'ELLES » Team

Part of the goals for the first half of the season have been achieved : the team will be still be in the hunt for the European Cup in the Spring, and it will be another meeting with Wolfsburg...already... We'll be meeting up with the German fans once again.



Londres 2013, Reggio 2016



Lyon 2017



Kiev 2018



While we wait, the team just needs to solidify its position in the league, hopefully to gain some comfort ahead of the finals: only PSG seem like they can threaten for the league title...as always...



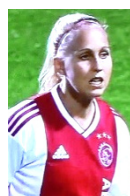
Champions League... Round of 16 Against AJAX

Ajax Women, another relatively new team (created in 2012), have won the past two league titles in the Netherlands.

There has been plenty of turnover for the team this season, with a dozen new arrivals: **6 new players** were starters in the first leg (Van Es, Roddick Hansen, Akkerman, Salmi, Jansen, Lewerissa), and 5 in the second leg (the same players, except Salmi), as well as substitutes Munsterman, Bakker, and Djistra who just signed her first contract.



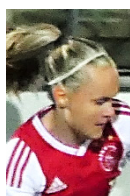
Kika Van Es
<-Twente



Line Roddick Hansen
<-Barcelona



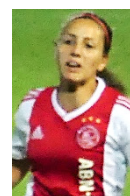
Lucie Akkerman
<-Eindhoven



Lina Salmi (Finland)
<-Vantaa



Ellen Jansen
<-Twente



Vanity Lewerissa
<-Eindhoven



Marthe Munsterman
<-Everton



Eshley Bakker
<-Duisburg

and Caitlin Djistra (age 19), Kim Mourmans (<-PSV Eindhoven).

Danish player Lyne Roddick Hansen again crossed paths with OL after spending a short stint in Lyon in 2015-16 (6 months, 4 games in D1) before joining Barcelona, then coming to Amsterdam this season.

Following a move to Freiburg by Van Lunteren (age 25, more than 40 call ups), Van Es is the most capped player among the 4 senior Dutch internationals who were at the 2017 Euros.

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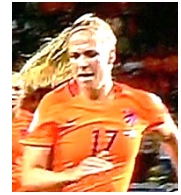
Kika Van Es
35 caps, 15x on the bench



Liza Van der Most
12 caps, 17x on the bench



Vanity Lewerissa
4 caps, 6x on the bench

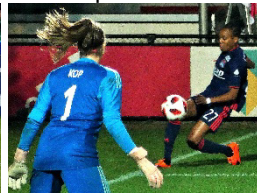


Kelly Zeeman
14 caps, 29x on the bench

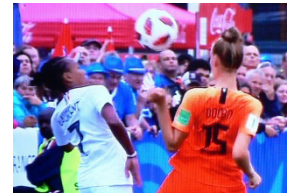
The injured Kelly Zeeman missed the two matches against OL, but Emelyne, Melvine, and Selma crossed paths again with goalkeeper Lize Kop, Caitlin Dijkstra, and Lisa Doorn, Dutch U20s that our Bleuettes eliminated from the World Cup this summer.



Emelyne faces off with Lize Kop

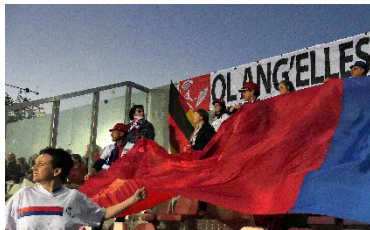


Melvine / Dijkstra



Emelyne / Lisa Doorn

Round of 16 First Leg - Ajax - OL : 0 - 4 (Amel, Selma, Ada, Izzy) (attendance : 1783)



OL : 6 Fr/11 starters,
Ajax : 9 Dutch/11 starters,



7 Fr/14 appearing,
12 D/14,



9 Fr/18 in the squad.
16 D/18.



Ajax	
0	Shots
0	On Target
2	Corners

OL
26
18
11

Similar stats as in the away leg against Avaldsnes, but with more shots on target. Ajax never troubled Sarah, or even got close to her net.

The opening goal came early thanks to AMEL's talent, with a dribble behind her plant leg mystifying the defender and a low shot, following the cutback cross from Shanice.



Amel 12th minute

The team showed its confidence in SELMA when she was entrusted with a free kick at the edge of box, nudged by Amel, for Selma's first goal in European competition.



Selma 27th



Ada 57th



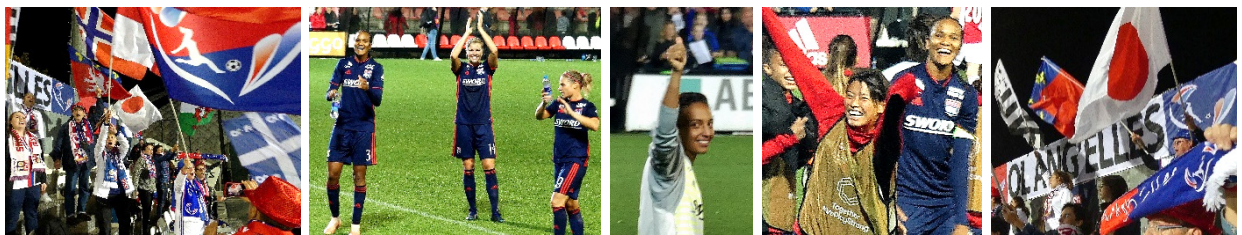
Izzy 89th

MARO made her return in this game following her health issues...



...and JESS made her Champions League debut with OL.

It was also SARAH and SAKI's birthday, celebrated appropriately at the end of the match by the 15 OL ANG'ELLES who traveled to attend the expected (and dominant) victory.



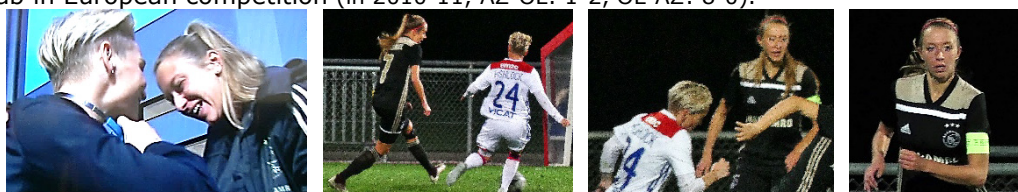
Round of 16 Second Leg – OL – Ajax : 9 – 0 (Delphine x/2, Griedge x/3, Wendie, Amel, Ada, Lucy)
(attendance: 1480)

A number of former teammates found themselves opponents this time around.

SHANICE played alongside Marthe Munsterman and Ellen Jansen when OL played Twente in the 2013-14 season (Twente-OL : 0-4 / OL-Twente : 6-0, attendance: 6752).



For the second leg, JESS found herself up against Lois Schenkel, Ajax's captain who was back in action. They played together at AZ (3 seasons between 2008 and 2011) and faced OL in another matchup with a Dutch club in European competition (in 2010-11, AZ-OL: 1-2, OL-AZ: 8-0).





OL : 6 Fr/11, 7 Fr/14, 10 Fr/18 - Ajax : 10 D/11, 13 D/14, 16 D/18

Both Amandine and Lucy returned from injury in a Champions League match again at the Training Center instead of Groupama Stadium!

It's best not to upset DELPHINE, who initially was not selected for the French National « A » Team before Eugénie was injured! She scored a lightning fast brace less than 5 minutes into the match...to send a clear message.

She strung together several dribbles followed by an excellent shot (Maro had an equally spectacular copycat goal from the other wing against Dijon).



Delphine 4th

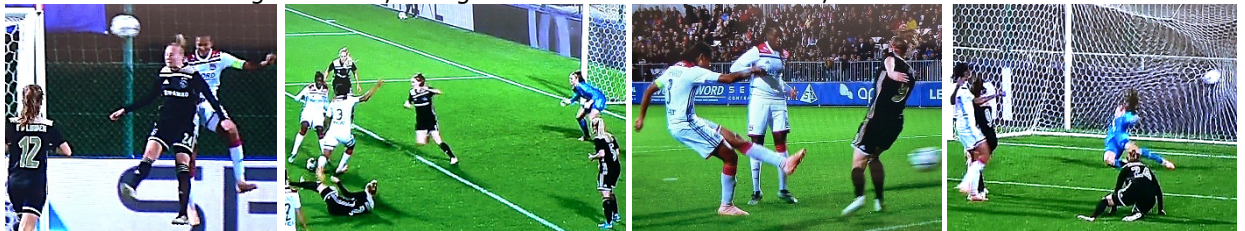
Ada worked with her back to goal to create space for Amel. Amel served Delphine who was ready at the near post and didn't miss.



Delphine 8th

It's also best not to upset WENDIE, as several Dutch players did, especially Vanity Lewerissa, with a series of uncalled fouls!

A brace from a true goal scorer, though not from a corner this time, as is often the case.



Wendie 17th

While the goal was initially given to Griedge, who took the free kick and was thought to have recorded a hat trick, the goal was eventually attributed to Wendie, who deflected the ball from her position in the wall.



Wendie 22nd

GRIEDGE got the taste for scoring goals after her brace against Cameroon with the French National Team.



Griedge 62nd

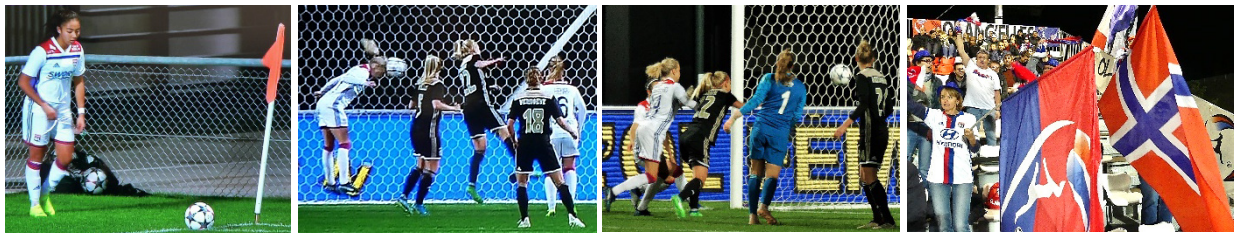


Griedge 89th

She thought she had a hat trick after her successful header on a corner from Maro, which according to tradition meant she kept the game ball... only to see Wendie credited with the first goal in the end.

<u>OL</u>		<u>Ajax</u>
36	Shots	1
19	On Target	0
16	Corners	0

For the first time this season, the team kept up a high press, maintained a fast rythm, and showed the desire to score from the 1st minute through the 93rd !



Corner from Selma ->

Ada 57th

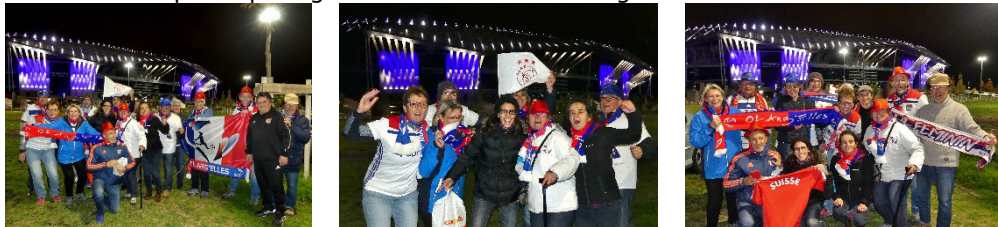


Cross from Maro ->

Amel 69th

Lucy 93rd

The OL ANG'ELLES celebrated qualification after an exemplary match, even if the opposition was not up to OL's level, and sent a message of support to LARA Dickenmann after the serious injury that will surely prevent her from participating in the March matches against OL.



On the Road...To Amsterdam.

About 15 OL ANG'ELLES traveled 1000 km to Amsterdam for the Champions League match, even treating themselves to a few nighttime detours in the countryside of Haute Marne, near Bricon and Colombey-les Deux Eglises... 😊



First contact: a meet up in a shockingly open stadium, with the pre-match involving a tour of the stadium and the Ajax museum, where the face of Johan Cruyff is (naturally) omnipresent and which tells of a (long ago) prestigious history.



As usual with these trips, a few folks extended the trip to spend some time in town. As traditional as it may be, riding along the canals remains one of the best ways to see the old city of Amsterdam:



Including its crooked houses supported by winches and pulleys with the wooden stilts supporting the houses sinking unequally into the ground.

A moving detour to the house of Anne Frank, a quick stop at the Rijksmuseum to see some Rembrandts, including the famous "The Night Watch", and a few Vermeers, though "The Milkmaid" was unfortunately on loan to Japan for a few months.



An unexpected connection between women's football and art: the guard at the exit to the museum saw our scarves and told us he was at the game the previous day – his ears having suffered a bit from the sound of the tamborine in Françoise's hands to pump up the crowd.

Of course we made sure to taste some local specialties...from cannabis lollipops to the herring Willy loves...



In the end, after narrowly escaping some dangerous bikes, we had to return, with D1 quickly returning after the Champions League.

News...from former Lyon players and coaches

The leagues in countries where the season follows the calendar year wrapped up in the month of October, and our former Lyon players and coaches earned plenty of honors.

In China, 2 former OL coaches, GERARD Prêcheur and FARID Benstiti, fought for—and shared—all the titles.



FARID, who had won the previous two league titles with his club, Dalian, was once again crowned champion ahead of GERARD's club, Jiangsu Sunning.

(1st/8: Dalian 35 pts, 2nd : Jiangsu Sunning 31 pts).

He also won the Super Cup over Jiangsu (1-0) at the end of the Chinese season.

For his part, GERARD and his club Jiangsu Sunning, home to SHIRLEY Cruz and Tabitha Chawinga (of Malawi, leading scorer in the Super League with 17 goals), won the other two titles: the League Cup on July 14 against Dalian (3-0) and the Copa CFA, again over Dalian (4-0 and 3-0).



Having already qualified for the World Cup, China will hold a national team camp ahead of the East Asian Cup in December, with 29 players called up: 4 from Jiangsu and 2 from Dalian (6 from Shanghai, 5 from Beijing, 4 from Wuhan and Changchun, 3rd in the league).

In Sweden, ANDREA Norheim, who left OL in the winter transfer window in search of more playing time, won the domestic league with her club, PITEA, ahead of challengers like Rosengard, Göteborg, and Linköpings (eliminated by PSG in the Champions League Round of 16 (0-2 and 2-3)).



Pitea secured the title on the last day of the season by beating Vaxjo (6-1, attendance: 3778) while Rosengard, who had been equal on points with Pitea, lost to then-3rd place Göteborg (4-2, attendance: 4423), losing out on the title and even a second-place finish that would have qualified them for the Champions League. (1st: Pitea 48 pts, 2nd: Göteborg 47 pts, 3rd: Rosengard 45 pts...5th: Linköpings 33 pts) ANDREA appeared in 22 matches (13 starts, 9 substitutions, for 1077 minutes) scoring 4 goals.

Scores... D1

J6 - **OL – Montpellier : 2 - 1** (Eugénie, Jess / V.Gauvin) (attendance: 1260)

Few changes to Montpellier's squad this year, except to replace Laura Agard on defense, following her move to Fiorentina.



Maëlle Lakrar (age 18), <- OM, 19 m in D1 2017-18.

Sarah Puntigam (age 26, <- Freiburg)

...and Lucie Esnault (age 18, <- Soyaux, 0 m D1)



OL : 6 Fr/11 starters, 7 Fr/14 appearing, 8 Fr/16 in the squad
 MHSC : 5 Fr/11, 6 Fr/14, 7 Fr/16

Only Montpellier goalkeeper Casey Murphy was called upon during the match, but it took a nice volley from EUGENIE, alone at the penalty spot, to open the scoring just before heading to the locker rooms at half time.



Eugénie 45th

It took some time for JESS Fishlock to settle into midfield during her first home match. She played in the absence of Amandine and Maro...though Maro was on the path to returning.



Becoming more and more involved and often on the end of the « second ball », **JESS** racked up good shots from 20 meters out and was rewarded with her **first Lyon goal** on a cutback cross from Amel.



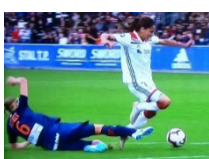
Jess 52nd

A rare aerial battle lost by Wendie against Valérie Gauvin and the wind let Montpellier reduce the deficit and put the team under some stress at the end of the match.



Gauvin 72nd

Wind is football's primary enemy and there were strong gusts: that only explains in part the poor passing in the match. But in any event, the score did not reflect OL's domination in the match up to Gauvin's late goal.



As is too often the case, in the 1st half (23rd min), the ref did not take control of the match, failing to send off Anouk Dekker for a late tackle on Amel at the edge of the penalty area, clearly preventing a goalscoring opportunity.



OL had several scoring opportunities, hitting the crossbar twice.



Ada 9th

Eugénie 37th

Ada 54th

Ada 67th

Ada 69th



Corner Amel 70th

Amel 87th

Jess 91st

Amel 91st

Ada 92nd

The score would have been more one-sided with better finishing.



J7 - **OL – Bordeaux : 4 - 0** (Amel x/2, Ada) (attendance: 1090)

4 new players among the starters for Bordeaux, along with 2 on the bench.



Plenty of former Lyon players made their return to OL's field: ERIN Nayler (who kept the score relatively close), CLAIRE Lavogez (who had little impact, settling for a few counters, with her team under pressure), MAËLLE Garbino, and ROMANE Bruneau. MYLAINE Tarrieu was absent, still sidelined with a sprained ankle.



OL : 6 Fr/11, 7 Fr/14, 8 Fr/16 - Bordeaux : 6 Fr/11, 9 Fr/14, 11 Fr/16

With Lucy dealing with lingering thigh pain for several matches and in need of a rest, Saki returned to central defense alongside Wendie, with Griedge shifting to the right side.



This made for a new and very offensive midfield with Izzy, Jess, and Eugénie – followed quickly by Jess, Maro, and Eugénie, with IZZY having hurt her ankle in warmups.

JESS quickly showed all her experience, demonstrating leadership and balancing the midfield regardless of her position.



A game in which Lyon was in control from start to finish against a solid and physical team which gave OL trouble in the 2 matches last season.



DELPHINE made the difference once again on the right side, feeding Amel for 2 more goals as she continues her torrid start to the season.



Amel 8th



Amel 30th

Stringing together high quality passes and unsettling the Bordeaux defender with a simple feint, EUGENIE, playing in support behind Ada, launched many offensive opportunities. ADA increased the lead with a superb floated shot from 25 meters out.



Ada 80th

MARO had been back in action in D1 since returning in the Champions League match against Ajax.



There was a good crowd in the stands and along the handrail, including the Bronze family and Joséphine Henning, who stopped by her old club following her retirement after a stint at Arsenal.



J8 - Metz – OL : 0 – 5 (Ada x/2, Emelyne, Delphine, Amel) (attendance: 1955)

Metz is a team built on youth, with a large number of U19 and U20 internationals. 5 were starters, with a 6th (Christy Gavory) coming on as a substitute, while Pauline Dechilly was suspended after being sent off against Montpellier.



2 of the U20 players, new to Metz, were in the starting XI, while a 3rd recruit, Marie-Laure Delie (the most experienced) only came on at halftime.



Other recruits: Julie Pasquereau (age 24, <-Losc, 14m 17/18), Joanna Viollaz (age 23, <-Albi, 0m), Sophie Quatrana (age 26, <-Riegelsberg, D3 All), Catherine Thony (age 24, <-Woippy), Lauriane Robert (age 18, <-Rouen, 7m D2).

It was a U20 reunion for Emelyne, Melvine, and Selma with Hélène Fercocq, Amélie Delabre, Christy Gavory, and Léa Khelifi, who played in the preparation matches for the U20 World Cup...



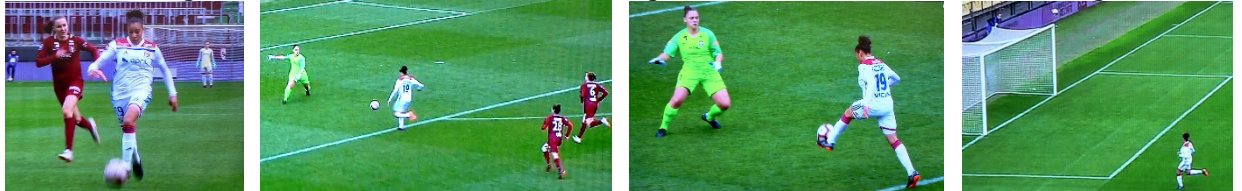
...and for Loréna Azzaro (Eva Kouache and Danielle Roux weren't in the squad) with Metz's U19 players, Célia Rigaud, Léa Khelifi and Justine Lerond who played in the U19 Euros and U20 World Cup last summer. It was LORENA's first official professional match in D1.



Entering in the 72nd

Loréna / Célia Rigaud

Loréna was close to scoring her first goal, after a good move to get behind the defense and a little lob over the closing Justine Lerond went just over the cage. She showed she deserves more games.



FC Metz chose to play this game at St. Symphorien stadium. Fortunately, the game did not turn into a rout (like the 0-15 5 years ago in the same stadium), meaning the team could feel better about choosing to play there.



More short term thinking might have led them to play the match on a worse pitch to undermine OL's game. But maybe considering the needs of the women's team and giving them the opportunity to play in a decent location will encourage and motivate the Metz team to continue playing hard to remain in D1 despite the young (maybe too young?) team?



OL : 4 Fr/11, 7 Fr/14, 9 Fr/16 - Metz : 8 Fr/11, 11 Fr/14, 13 Fr/16

The formation was probably intended to be a 4-4-2, but it became more of a 4-2-4, with a depleted midfield – only Jess and Maro were often there. This left room for the Metz team to launch a few dangerous counters and put together a good game, despite the score.



Ada 7th



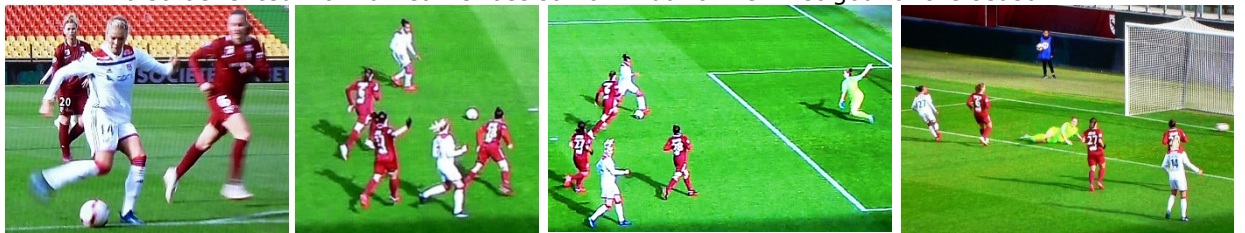
Ada 55th

A brace for ADA and an inspired assist for DELPHINE with a nutmeg past Héléne Fercocq thanks to a back heel flick.



Delphine 62nd

EMELYNE also benefited from an earlier assist from Ada for her first goal of the season.



Emelyne 9th

AMEL came on in the 2nd half to score her 7th goal already this season in D1.



Amel 80th

Overall, it was clearly a match designed to give some rest to certain players who have played a lot of or who were carrying minor injuries (Sarah, Lucy, Griedge, Kadeisha, Eugénie...), as well as to see the whole team contributing – especially the younger players, with Emelyne on a wing and Loréna and Melvine coming on as substitutes.

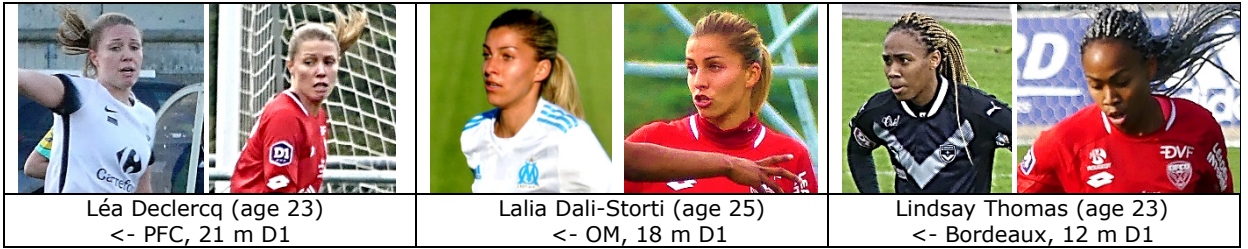
The trip had a certain charm as it was nice to see the players several of us met during the U20 games: Pauline Dechilly, Amélie Delabre, Justine Lerond, and a special mention for Hélène Fercocq, who was especially friendly and accessible... without forgetting Simone, still Metz's captain and not at all forgotten in Lyon.



J9 - **OL – Dijon : 5 - 0** (Amandine x/2, Maro, Wendie x/2) (attendance: 734)

Promoted team Dijon brought in plenty of reinforcements: 6 players in the starting XI just arrived this season.





KENZA (age 27)
<- Losc, 10 m D1 2017/18

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also arrived this season (4 goals in 8 matches, hat trick against Metz) and has been back with the French national team, but was injured for this game.



OL : 6 Fr/11, 7 Fr/14, 7 Fr/16 - Dijon : 10 Fr/11, 12 Fr/14, 14 Fr/16

Less than 3 days after the second leg against Ajax, it was hard to find the right rhythm and to show the same effort. The team therefore was a bit wasteful. But the team dominated enough to find two beautiful goals.

After an acrobatic touch by Delphine led to a scramble in the box, AMANDINE opened the scoring with a shot from 20 meters out at the edge of the area. In the second half, she doubled her tally with an excellent right-footed shot from 25 meters straight to the back of the net.



Amandine 26th

77th

Just as nice as Amandine's shot, MARO locked up the prettiest goal of the matchday, if not the season.



A series of dribbles at the edge of the box followed by a powerful shot (76 km/h, 47 mph) into the top corner.



Maro 38th

Just as was the case against Ajax 3 days earlier, ADA had scoring opportunities, but no success: Mylène Chavas won each battle with her, including stopping a penalty awarded after not one, but several fouls by Coline Gouineau to stop Amel in the box (37th min).



Influential in the game, ADA lacked some spontaneity in the box, a quality she'll surely find again quickly, perhaps when Eugénie returns from a minor heel injury and with whom she has plenty of chemistry.

After a standard headed goal from a corner, WENDIE earned a brace by converting the 2nd OL penalty, this one awarded for obstruction of Emelyne.



Wendie 75th

92nd pen

There have been some doubts on penalties following misses from Saki, Ada, and Maro at the end of last season. After another miss from Ada in the first half, WENDIE, our reliable « Captain Wendie », handled it herself.

SARAH, as is often the case, had just one save to make, and she won her one-on-one against Fatoumata Baldé who came in on goal alone at the end of a match that was already long since decided.



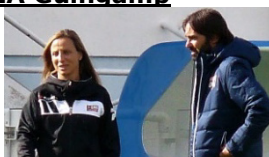
SELMA, resting due to a minor injury, came to say hello to the OL ANG'ELLES group, just as the rest of the team did at the end of the match, following Wendie's lead.



Snapshots... Reshuffling of Coaches

We're coming to the end of the first half of the season, and we've seen many new faces on the touchline in D1. Compared to last season, a majority of teams have **changed coaches: 7 out of 12.**

EA Guingamp



Sarah M'Barek



Frédéric Biancalani

He played most of his professional career at Nancy in L1 and L2 (392 matches over 16 seasons).

He ended his career at Metz then Reims (after 456 matches and 14 goals), and coached the Nancy women from 2012 to 2016 before taking over EAG's U17 team.



Losc

Jérémie Descamps coached for 6 years, from Templemars to Losc after the 2015 merger. He chose to leave at the end of his contract.



J. Descamps



D. Carlier

Defender, Pro in D2 with Dunkerque, Châteauroux, La Roche, Thonon. (approx. 340 matches, 22 goals) Trainer at DTN (1994-2002). He coached Wasquehal (D2) and Iris Croix (N2) before coming to Losc.

PFC



Pascal Gouzènes



Sandrine Soubeyrand

198 call ups to the French national team. She returns to the team where she played most of her pro career (14 seasons, 288 matches, 43 goals). Elle was with the FFF, coach of the U17s And in charge of the « Pôles France Féminin ».

Rodez

A forward at Yzeure, Gregory Mleko then coached its women's team for 6 years, 3 years as an assistant coach in D1 and 3 as coach in D2, before coaching just 1 season at Rodez.



Gregory Mleko



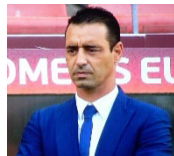
Sabrina Viguier

93 national team call ups. 2 Champions League titles, 4 titles in D1 and 3 French Cups. She was already Mleko's assistant last season.

PSG



Patrice Lair



Olivier Echouafni

Pro for OM, Strasbourg, Rennes and Nice: 480 matches, 37 goals (391 matches in L1, 28 goals)

After coaching Amiens and Sochaux (L2), he was given the reins of the French national team for one year, including the 2017 Euros.

Fleury 91



Lionel Cure



Jean-Claude Daix

Jean-Claude Daix previously coached Juvisy and Issy-les-Moulineaux.

Metz

He had been coaching since 2015, and began his 4th season after having coached Amnéville (CFA2)



David Fanzel



Manuel Peixoto

He came to Metz this summer to coach the U19 women's team. He was confirmed as the new coach after serving as interim coach during the match against OL.

REYNALD Pédro has only come across 4 familiar faces with D1 féminine teams. Like him, 2 are beginning just their second season with their clubs.

Arrived in 2017 after 2 seasons with Rodez.



Sébastien Joseph (Soyaux)

Yannick Chandiooux (Dijon)



15 matches in L1, 80 in L2 with Gueugnon, Alès et Montceau. He coached Montceau from 2003 to 2017.



<- Jérôme Dauba (Bordeaux)
Named best coach of 2017-18 by the FFF
Beginning his 3rd season.

Jean-Louis Saez ->
the longest in his job is
now in his 6th season at the helm of MHSC.



Barometer... Trainings Open to the Public

From October through the match against Dijon on November 3: **2 open trainings in 5 weeks.**



October 3.
International Break: Jess, Saki, Delphine, Audrey, Maro were the only players present. Toro with the staff and an interesting session in front of goal. A dozen supporters present, including 3 newcomers, with whom we made contact to try to get them to the games.



October 25: more than 200 in attendance.



Since the first week of the season (after the preseason camps), *i.e.* from Monday, August 20 to November 3: in **11 weeks, 4 open trainings** (of which 2 were during the international break and 1 was scheduled when those who traveled to Norway had not yet returned).

In total, since the very beginning of practices at the end of July through November 3, 5 open trainings, with the announcements coming very late each time.

At this point, we must recognize that in terms of access to practices, the schedule of open trainings continues to be disappointing after more than two years in Décines.

It also seems to us that the last autograph session organized by OL was a while ago.



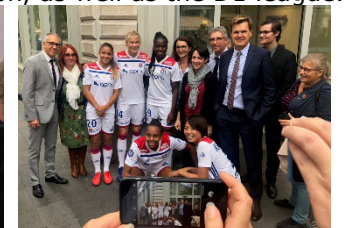
May 15, 2017,
at the Magasin Boulanger
du Carré de Soie.

We'll still hope that the month of November bring a sign of better days ahead...



Group Life... At Crédit Mutuel with the players

Crédit Mutuel has been partners with the OL women's team for one season, as well as the D1 league.



Representatives of OL ANG'ELLES were invited by Crédit Mutuel to their office on Rue de la République for a reception and autograph session with 5 players, Ada, Saki, Griedge, Delphine and Emelyne, as part of a day spent shooting an advertising video for the partnership with the OL women's team.