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

As is the case every year, representatives from the supporters groups were invited by OL and Jean-Michel AULAS for a cocktail hour to discuss the club's resolutions (13 groups were present, with OL ANG'ELLES 4th or 5th in number)



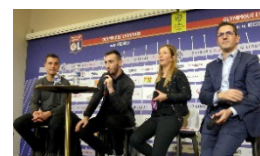
In the presence of Reynald Pedros and Bruno Genésio, Jean Michel Aulas naturally reaffirmed the ambition of OL Féminin at his confidence that the team will win everything this season—the 69th season of the club's existence!

An exchange with the supporters about OL Féminin included a discussion of the need and the potential to build an intermediate stadium between the Training Center (which has limited capacity, and not much appeal for the public) and Groupama Stadium (too big and too expensive for many matches). To our surprise, this problem did not seem to be on the club's radar, and it did not appear that Jean-Michel AULAS shares our concerns about the women's team's venue.

There was also an exchange between representatives from the supporters groups and club executives—in particular, Stadium Manager Xavier Pierro—to share certain issues and concerns...



...notably, with respect to OL Féminin, the creation of a season ticket plan that would simplify the procedures for fans' access to matches, and should not pose any problem for the future.



The renewal of Aurore's contract by OL, and her acceptance of the new contract 😊, was widely celebrated, as Hugues and Aurore do a great job in their role as intermediary between the club and the supporters.

Cocktails (which OL is very good at providing) wrapped up the resolutions meeting, with an opportunity to take a photo with Ada's Ballon d'Or and a replica of the World Cup won by Nabil Fekir. Barth, whose recent return to OLV has been a source of joy was present, and Jean-Michel AULAS, as always, was very open with and receptive to the supporters.



## International Duty... France A

**France -USA : 3 - 1** (Diani x/2, Katoto)  
 (Official attendance was 22,870, in reality, a little less)

The final countdown to the World Cup has begun.

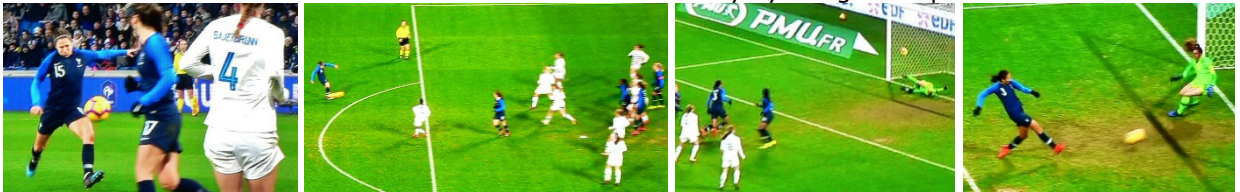


The 6 Lyon players called up were all starters. Griedge, returning from injury, was absent; Selma was overlooked again; and Emelyne was not selected, having seen limited minutes since the start of December (though other players selected played even less during this period).

The game against the United States was an opportunity for the Lyon players to face off against some of their recent teammates, including Alex Morgan, the U.S. Captain, Morgan Brian, who started, and Megan Rapinoe, who was scratched, but in the stands.



SARAH and WENDIE were at their best. Wendie was even wrongfully denied a goal for an imaginary offsides call after a shot from Elise was not dealt with cleanly by the goalkeeper Naeher.

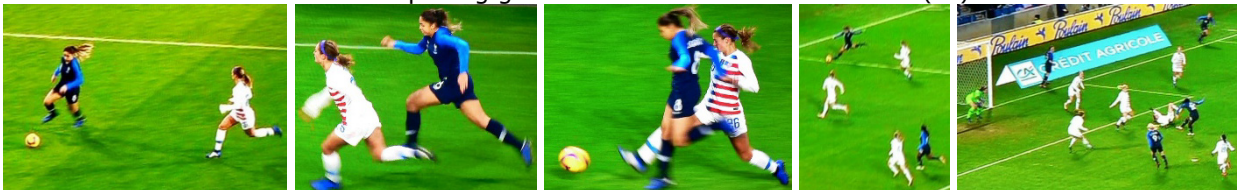


EUGENIE seemed isolated down the left side, but was sparked to life by Marie-Antoinette Katoto's substitute appearance, which prompted some more instinctive movement.

DELPHINE was the real delight of the match, making the difference particularly in the first half. She showed once again that she deserves to be a part of the squad and has real potential as a starter in big games.



She made the difference on the opening goal with a cutback cross for Diani (9<sup>th</sup>).



Her speed, power, and determination punished Emily Fox (20 years old, 3<sup>rd</sup> cap) for an hour of game time.







Chloé et Cyrine play with OL's U19 team, alongside 6 players regularly selected for **U19 national team** duty (Grace Kazadi, Eva Kouache, Lorena Azzaro, Melvine Malard, Jessy Danielle Roux...and Selma Bacha). The U19s are also preparing for Elite Tour qualifiers for the U19 Euros in Scotland in July.

Another player for OL's U19 team, Inès BENYAHIA (10 goals, 5 assists in 12 games in the National league this season), was selected by Cécile Locatelli for the **U16 national team**.



## Group Life... New Year, 2019

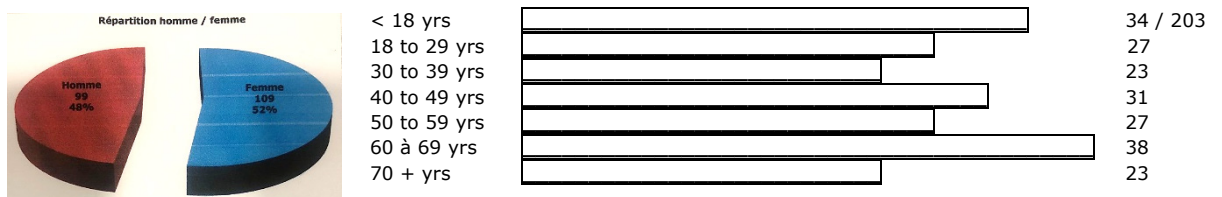
While certain OL ANG'ELLES traveled to Le Havre to join the FRANCE ANG'ELLES to support the French national team, approximately 50 members of the group gathered in the Groupama Stadium's meeting rooms to share a cocktail and resolutions for the group, with a **visit to the OL Museum** serving as the grand finale.



An **Administrative Council** convened early at the Parc OL to launch and organize what will be an exciting and busy 2019.

This provided an opportunity to look at how the group has developed across a number of categories. At the start of the year:

- 217 members
- 52% female, 48% male.
- Every age category represented, with more than 60 members under the age of 25.



A new wave of interest has taken off in this World Cup year, and the **Museum** demonstrates why, giving plenty of space to OL Féminin. With good reason – the team has filled the display cases with all its trophies, especially the European trophies.





J15 - **OL – Rodez : 4 - 0** (Eugénie x/2, Wendie, Maro) (Attendance: 639)



Having just arrived in Lyon, SOLE Jaimes took a spot in the stands after being presented to the public and welcomed by the OL ANG'ELLES. Several members of the group had already been able to wish her the best as she adapts to her new club.



**OL** : 6 Fr/11, 8 Fr/14, 9 Fr/16 - **Rodez** : 10 Fr/11, 13 Fr/14, 14 Fr/15

It was a good first half for OL, during which the players got in a good rhythm primarily thanks to SELMA and EUGENIE, with Saki dazzling in her role as the metronome in midfield.



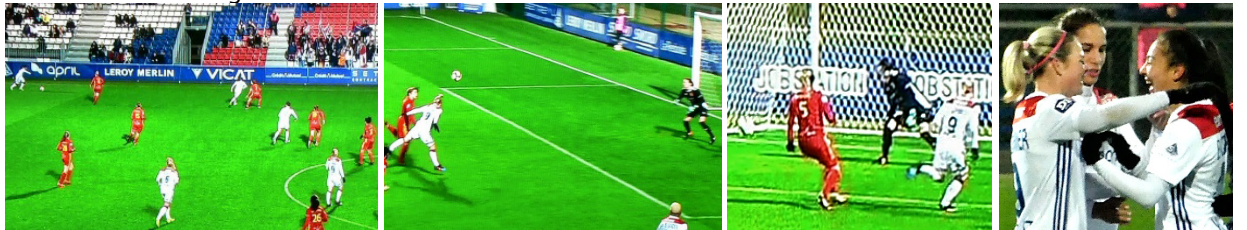
Eugénie, Maro, Amandine, Selma and Amel did not hesitate to put shots on net.



Still not called up to the French national team despite putting together performances better than the competition for the spot (and with Amel really better as an attacker), SELMA bared her teeth in another strong performance.



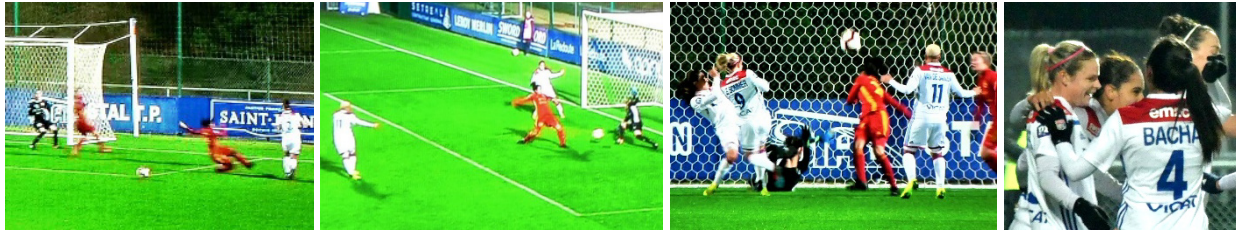
She got involved offensively, always with the same high quality crosses from her left foot, one of which delivered the first goal from EUGENIE.



Eugénie 16<sup>th</sup>



After back to back saves from Laetitia Philippe off a shot from Shanice at the top of the box, then Lucy's attempt on a cut back cross, Eugénie found herself in the right spot to launch the ball into the back of the net.



Eugénie 32<sup>nd</sup>

In addition to her second brace in a row against Rodez, Eugénie, playing striker in Ada's absence, also strung together some nifty moves.

Another sublime goal from MARO, practically a carbon copy of the one she scored away at Montpellier...



...a sudden, precise shot launched after two quick touches.



Maro 34<sup>th</sup>

Her partnership with WENDIE led to another successful header off a corner kick.



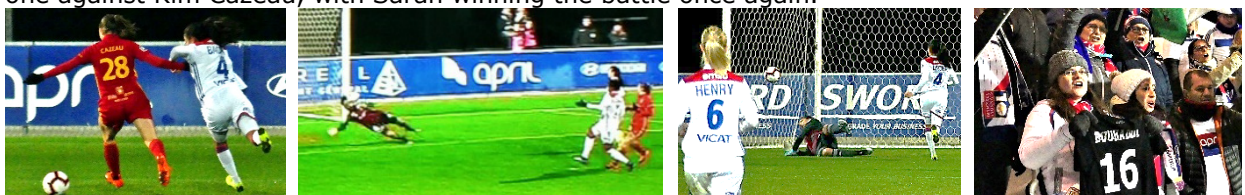
Wendie 22<sup>nd</sup>



Laetitia Philippe's good game, a loss in rhythm, and three substitutions without much effect meant that OL did not run up the score, and Rodez was able to keep a clean sheet in the second half – likely their goal after a very difficult first half.



Just as was the case in the away match, SARAH had just one tricky situation to deal with – a one-on-one against Kim Cazeau, with Sarah winning the battle once again.





## News... Winter Transfer Window

A champion with Dalian Quanjian (coached by Farid Benstiti) in the 2018 Chinese Super League, **SOLE Jaimes** arrived at OL for the second half of the season to play on the same fields where she will compete in the World Cup for Argentina.



Argentina finished 3rd in South American qualifying group stages (behind Brazil and Chile, and ahead of Colombia), and Sole scored 5 goals in 7 qualifying matches. In November, she did not participate in the intercontinental playoff against Panama (4-0 and 1-1) that earned Argentina a spot in France for the country's 3rd participation in the World Cup (after 2003 in the U.S. and 2007 in China). Argentina will be in a group with England, Japan, and Scotland.



30 years old. 1.82m / 5'11"

She began her career in Argentina at Buenos Aires' two rival clubs, Boca Juniors, then River Plate, before heading to Brazil. There, she played for Foz Cataratas, São Paulo, and Santos, where she won the title in 2017 (19 games, 18 goals).

**EMELYNE's** last match of the season for OL was the game against Rodez. She played 10 games for Lyon this year, including 2 starts.



To give her a better chance of working her way into the French national team for the World Cup, she was loaned to Guingamp for 6 months, with no purchase option, as she is under contract with OL through 2020.

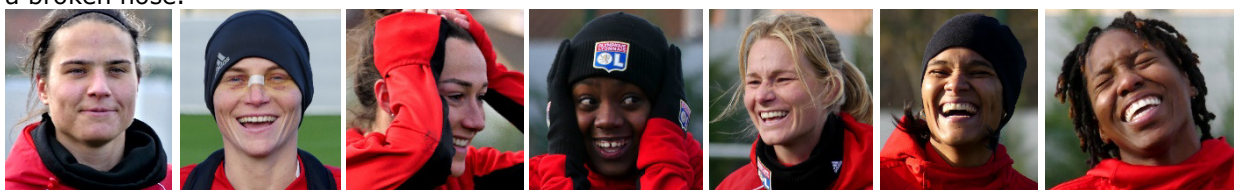
## Barometer... Open Practices

### January 10.

The brutal weather conditions did not cool spirits for the group.



Plenty of smiles and laughs, even for Jess, still sporting signs of her battle with Rodez that resulted in a broken nose.







It was an opportunity to watch SOLE's first efforts on the Décines fields.



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A few players still tied up or returning from national team duty were not present, namely Kadeisha and Jess. Other, including Izzy and Selman, did not participate in the training which took place on the covered synthetic field while snow was falling outside.

Caro, Amel, and Ada had a special session working with trainer Guillaume Tora.



Despite less than ideal conditions—namely, the cold and snow—the supporters didn't miss these open trainings.



There was a long-awaited and very constructive **meeting** with OL leaders, including Olivier Blanc and Xavier Pierrot, Hugues, Reynald Pedros and some of his staff, Charles Devineau and Christophe Gardié... It was an opportunity to discuss a few issues specific to OL Féminin.

As far as open practices are concerned, we learned that the improvement in access since December and January will likely continue, with at least one open practice per week, excepting perhaps the weeks of particularly big games. Even for these, we may revisit possible meetings between supporters and players like the one we had ahead of the semifinal against Manchester City.



**Scores... French Cup**

**Round of 32 - Rodez - OL : 0 - 6**

(Izzy, Eugénie x/2, Wendie, Amandine, Amel)  
(Attendance: 696)

Ada, Lucy, and Griedge did not make the trip. Sarah, Amandine, Maro, Shanice, and Emelyne were on the bench.



**OL : 6 Fr/11, 7 Fr/14 - Rodez : 10 Fr/11, 13 Fr/14**



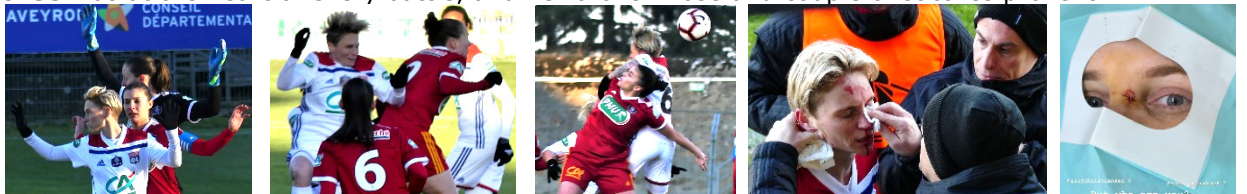
For EVA, a 2nd start and 4th professional match, after 3 appearances in D1.



For her 6th start, LISA once again was not given a chance to show her skills, with no real saves to make outside of warm ups.



JESS was at the heart of every battle, and her broken nose and couple of stitches prove it.



The first half showed some sleepiness after the winter break, with plenty of dominance on the ball, but less rhythm in the passing in front of a team sitting back on defense. As a result, few chances on goal, with plenty of crosses and corners not finding their target.



Alone at the edge of the box on a ball that came back to her, IZZY opened the scoring with a powerful shot that bounced off the crossbar and across the line.

Izzy 35<sup>th</sup>



In the second half, Rodez suffered physically and could resist nearly as well as they did in the league match. The substitutions bringing Shanice, Maro, and Amandine onto the field made the difference, as thanks to their technical quality, the chances multiplied and the lead increased.



Eugénie 56<sup>th</sup> (assist from Izzy)



Wendie 66<sup>th</sup> (Corner from Maro)





Amandine 75<sup>th</sup>

Eugénie 83<sup>rd</sup> (Cross from Selma)

Amel 89<sup>th</sup>



**Round of 16 - Soyaux - OL : 0 - 5** (Delphine, Griedge, Ada, Maro x/2) (Attendance: 636)

Prior to the match, a minute of applause in honor of Emiliano Sala, of whom there had been no news, with everyone hoping for the best.



**OL : 6 Fr/11, 6 Fr/14, 7 Fr/16 - Soyaux : 10 Fr/11, 13 Fr/14, 15 Fr/16**

With nasty wind, significant rain, and even some hail, warmups were an early sign that the match would be played in difficult conditions on a very slick field.



JESS was still recovering from the injuries suffered in the previous round, and wore a mask for protection, just as Maro did last season.



In the end, Lyon made it an easy match by scoring two early goals, with DELPHINE getting on the board before GRIEDGE doubled the lead with a shot from 20 meters out.





Delphine 17<sup>th</sup>



Griedge 20<sup>th</sup>

GRIEDGE was making her return to game action, just as ADA was. ADA celebrated with an acrobatic goal off a cross from Delphine that Maro twisted into ADA's path.



Ada 37<sup>th</sup>

SOLE earned her first minutes in a Lyon jersey, with 20 minutes played at the end of the match.



She showed plenty of competitiveness and called for the ball, with her teammates aiming to get her in good goal scoring situations. She came close but lifted a low shot off the interior of her right foot. She also delivered an assist on Maro's second goal of the day.



Maro 80<sup>th</sup>



Maro 55<sup>th</sup>



## Snapshots... OL Goals (Part 2)

It often seems like the key for Lyon is the opening goal. Once the team is on the board, Lyon tends to quickly deliver the death blow.

In the last edition, we wanted to know more about the types of goals scored by Lyon. This time, we're looking at whether the team really has that killer quality—when are the openers being scored? And by whom?

At the end of January, after 15 league games, 2 rounds of Champions League play (home and away), and 2 rounds of the French Cup—21 matches in all:

### Lyon's opening goal was scored by:

EUGENIE: 5 times



J3, Guingamp-OL



J6, OL-MHSC



J11, OL-Fleury 91



J14, MHSC-OL



J15, OL-Rodez

ADA:	4 times (J1, J2, J4, J8)
AMEL:	3 (J7, UWCL Rnd of 32, UWCL Rnd of 16)
AMANDINE:	2 (J9, UWCL Rnd of 32)
DELPHINE:	2 (Cup Rnd of 16, UWCL Rnd of 16)
and Saki, Wendie, Shanice, Izzy, once each.	

**The time** of the opening goal has been 9 times in the first 15 minutes, including 4 times in the first 5 minutes; 12 times in the first 20 minutes; and 19 times in the first half (the opener only came in the second half against Guingamp and Avaldsnes).

« Putting the nail in the coffin » like at Soyaux in the French Cup, the **follow-up to the first goal** by OL is often quick: 2 goals followed in less than 5 minutes after the opener 6 times (15 times in less than a quarter-hour interval). 2 goals were strung together in less than 3 minutes on 4 occasions to quickly run up the score.

This month, the two games against Rodez had nearly identical goals scored, with each match including a corner from Maro for a header by Wendie, and consecutive braces for Eugénie, both involving a long, precise cross from Selma for a headed goal.

In other words, January was noteworthy for the high-quality crosses from SELMA and her successful partnership with Eugénie, which somehow has still not led to a national team call up...



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