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A word from... The « OL ANG'ELLES » Team

This month of February was highlighted by the announcement concerning the coach Gérard PRECHEUR: the club does not wish to renew his contract and he will leave OL at the end of the season.

To be honest most of us like his team's style of play, the quality of his trainings, and his ability to help the players to improve.

Moreover he has developed a close relationship with the fans, for which we are grateful.



It is of course the role of Jean-Michel AULAS, the president of OL, considering all the investments he made and the achievements he had with his women's team, to try to initiate a new phase in the progression of the OL Women's Team.

Indeed no one is irreplaceable, and it makes no doubt that OL will still have a good coach and a great team in the years to come.

After the game in Montpellier, JM AULAS evoked some more or less serious possibilities concerning OL's next coach:

he successively praised Wolfsburg's coach Ralf KELLERMANN, greeted Pia SUNDHAGE – who was at the game supervising the Swedish players –, spoke about the good female coaches in the French Division 1 – i.e. Sara M'BAREK, the only woman currently coaching in Division 1 –, and about coaches from the USA...



Results... Division 1 Championship

OL-OM : 4-0 (Saki KUMAGAÏ (p.k.), Camille ABILY, Eugénie LE SOMMER, Ada HEGERBERG)

Some goals we are used to seeing: SAKI scoring on a penalty kick, and CAMILLE on a beautifully placed free kick.



OL-Juvisy : 5-2 (Amel MAJRI, Ada HEGERBERG x/2, Saki KUMAGAÏ, Eugénie LE SOMMER)
4913 spectators in the 'Parc OL' stadium.

EUGENIE is first in the "Best goalscorers in D1" ranking this season with 15 goals, ahead of ADA and M.L. DELIE (PSG), both with 13 goals.



Juvisy's young defense suffered against OL's offensive firepower. OL could have scored more goals: many opportunities, Alex MORGAN shots hitting the posts twice...

Although OL was clearly superior in this game, they sometimes let Juvisy develop their offensive game in order to be able to launch some counter-attacks on the wings.

As always during this month of February, Amel MAJRI and Pauline BREMER were decisive on their respective wing : beautifully-stroke cross-passes, assists, goals...

Dzsenifer MAROZSAN – as she often does – delighted the crowd with her wonderful technique and was at the origin of the first goal by AMEL.



This game was the **first ever women's D1 championship game in the "Parc OL" stadium.**

The **IFFHS Trophies** were awarded to the "Lyonnaises" at the end of the match: Best Women's Team in the World in 2016, Best Goalkeeper for Sarah BOUHADDI, Best Playmaker for "MARO"...



Juvisy-OL : 0-1 (Camille ABILY)

CAMILLE, who was starring in her 279th game with OL – surpassing the record-holder Louisa NECIB-CADAMURO –, scored the only goal on a header following a cross-pass by Jessica HOUARA-D'HOMMEAUX.

Juvisy chose to play an extremely defensive style of play in this game. As a consequence OL had mainly the ball inside Juvisy's half, and created lots of opportunities, corner kicks... The goalkeeper Karima BENAMEUR of Juvisy played an excellent game.



Montpellier-OL : 0-3 (Wendie RENARD x/2, Pauline BREMER)

Playing with what looks like currently the best possible line-up, it was maybe the best and most accomplished game in months for OL, particularly in the first half.



MAROZSAN had her 9th and 10th assists of the season in Division 1 (to go along with 4 goals, in 14 games). Since the game at Guingamp, WENDIE and "MARO" or CAMILLE seem to have found again a great efficiency on free kicks and corner kicks.



Results... French Cup

Guingamp-OL : 0 – 5 (Pauline BREMER x/3, Claire LAVOGEZ, Saki KUMAGAÏ) (1158 spectators)

OL has not lost in the French Cup since April 3rd 2011, i.e. now 33 games. Claire LAVOGEZ is this season the best OL goalscorer in this competition with 5 goals (Cristiane from PSG has 9).



This game was the opportunity for Méline GERARD, Josephine HENNING, Corine PETIT, Aurélie KACI, Kenza DALI, Élodie THOMIS, and Claire LAVOGEZ to get some playing time. Most of them played a good game, accompanied by the usual and important presence of SAKI in the middle, but Guingamp was able to show its qualities in the first half due to a well-understandable lack of automatism on the Lyon side.

Then EUGÉNIE and PAULINE added much quickness and impact in the second half : PAULINE was certainly the Woman of the Match, scoring a hat-trick and assisting CLAIRE on her goal.



This game was not definitely decided until the last 10 minutes, when MÉLINE was decisive twice and prevented an equalizer from Guingamp.



The quality of the team from Guingamp is to be noted: it is extremely rare that a team can get 3 or 4 really big opportunities in a game against OL.



On the road... to Juvisy, Guingamp and Montpellier

After being postponed twice, the first game of the season planned against Juvisy finally arose in the middle of a week. Despite this programming, 12 members of OL ANG'ELLES were still able to attend this match. They were joined at the game by several fans from the region of Paris (where is located Juvisy), the Loiret, the Oise, and even the North of France.



The French Cup game at Guingamp was the second opportunity in less than a month to go to Saint Brieuc and then continue to discover Bretagne, from the Mont Saint-Michel to Bréhat or Paimpol.



As always present to the game, OL ANG'ELLES was one more time reinforced by some local supporters of Eugénie LE SOMMER, Camille ABILY, and Griedge M'BOCK (all of them being originally from the region)... and also by some fans coming from Normandie and again the North of France. The commentators of the game on Eurosport highlighted during the broadcast the presence and the support from OL ANG'ELLES.



After the game the players and the staffs from both teams spent some time with the fans with good mood and enthusiasm.

Finally OL ANG'ELLES was of course at Montpellier, this time with even more members, for what was a decisive game in Division 1.



Alex Morgan [Compte certifié](#) @alexmorgan13 25 févr.
 @OLAngElles thank you for the huge support in Montpellier today!



Spotlight on the staff... Yoann Vivier and the goalkeepers

Sarah BOUHADDI thus received the IFFHS Trophy for Best Goalkeeper in 2016, a year in which she was decisive in the Champions League final against Wolfsburg (she stopped two penalties during the penalty shootout).



That is precisely why she is considered both by Yoann VIVIER, the coach of the goalkeepers at OL, and by the coaches of the French National Team to be the best french goalkeeper.

She is very good with the ball in her feet, which helps when she needs to clear the ball or pass it to one of her defenders, even if she surprisingly sometimes lacks calm and confidence in these aspects when she plays for the national team.

She has extended her contract with Lyon and has still a lot of ambition with the club.



Bouhaddi sarah @BouhaddiSarah 10 févr.
 Objectifs #TeamOL @OL @JM_Aulas #work #work #work #force

While contributing to SARAH's rise to the highest level, YOANN also helped Méline GÉRARD to get to the level required to play for the French National Team.



Yoann has been training the goalkeepers at OL since 2013, and has also been the assisting coach of Gérard PRECHEUR for 2 years. He often takes part in some little matches during training, or in some technical exercises.



He is moreover in charge of the work the team does on set pieces. This naturally lead him to be the one who designated the players for the penalty shootout during the last Champions League final against Wolfsburg.



Spotlight on... Even more Trophies

LIONS du SPORT

These trophies are awarded each year by the city of Lyon to some of its more successful athletes or teams.

In 2015 Amandine HENRY was awarded the Golden Lion, as had received Camille ABILY in 2011.



This year, following the fantastic Triple (French Championship, French Cup, Champions League) of 2016, the OL Women's Team received a Silver Lion.

Mélina ROBERT-MICHON (silver medalist in the Rio Olympic Games in the discus throw competition) was awarded the Golden Lion, and Franck SOLFOROSI (bronze medalist in Rio too, in rowing) received the Bronze Lion.

2016 WORLD XI FIFPRO

The FIFPRO association, which represents 65000 male and female soccer players, elects each year eleven players to form the "World best XI".

In total, more than 3000 female players from 47 countries had to vote for 1 goalkeeper, 4 defenders, 3 midfielders, and 3 forwards. They could choose among 55 nominated players (5 goalkeepers, 20 defenders, 15 midfielders, 15 forwards).

The logic of this vote can differ a little bit from the previous rankings already presented, but what remains is that OL is clearly the most represented club in the nominated players.



OL (12)

Kadeisha Buchanan (Def)
Amel Majri (Def)
Griedge M'Bock (Def)
Wendie Renard (Def)
Camille Abily (Mid)
Saki Kumagai (Mid)

Dzsenifer Marozsan (Mid)
Caroline Seger (Mid)
Ada Hegerberg (Fwd)
Eugénie Le Sommer (Fwd)
Alex Morgan (Fwd)
and Louisa Necib Cadamuro

After OL come the PSG (7 players), Wolfsburg (6), Barcelona (5), Bayern München (4), Portland (3), Manchester City (3)...

PSG (7)

Katarzyna Kiedrzynek (GK)
 Laura Georges (Def)
 Irene Parédès (Def)
 Veronica Boquete (Mid)
 Amandine Henry (Mid)
 Cristiane (Fwd)
 Shirley Cruz (Fwd)

Wolfsburg (6)

Nilla Fischer (Def)
 Sara Björk Gunnarsdottir (Mid)
 Pernille Harder (Mid)
 Caroline Graham Hansen (Fwd)
 Anja Mittag (Fwd)
 Alexandra Popp (Fwd)

Barcelone (5)

Line Roddik Hansen (Def)
 Marta Torrejon (Def)
 Jenni Hermoso (Mid)
 Andressa Alves (Fwd)
 Alexia Putellas (Fwd)

In this list of 55 nominated players, **the French Division 1 is the most represented championship** (18 players), followed by the German Frauen Bundesliga (11), the American NWSL (7), the Spanish Superliga (6), and the English FA Women's Super League (5).

By **countries**: the US got 9 players nominated, followed by France (8), and Germany (6).

Finally, the results of the vote give the following **XI FIFPro**, with **5 "Lyonnaises"** :
 Solo – Maïer, Fischer, **Renard**, Krieger – **Marozsan**, Lloyd, Marta – **Morgan, Hegerberg, Le Sommer**.



Spotlight on... An international team

The OL Women's Team regroups players from 7 different countries.

It is true that the English language is not one of Gérard PRECHEUR's strong suits – his use of this language goes generally from "good job" to "very good job".

But it is also probably the role of the players to learn as fast as they can to understand a common language: French. And as one often says: football is in itself a universal language.



Let us underline that the team does not lack of players who can act as intermediaries between the coach and the players who do not yet speak French. All in all the players in the team seem to go along well.



Despite the high level, the intensity, and the toughness of the training sessions, there are always smiles and enthusiasm throughout the season.

National teams... International friendly tournaments

The national teams have plenty of opportunities to test themselves in the beginning of this month of March.

19 "Lyonnaises" are involved in an international tournament with their national team: **14** play in the **SheBelieves Cup** (in the USA), **4** in the **Algarve Cup** (in Portugal), and **1** in the **La Manga Tournament** (an U19 tournament in Spain).

(Mylaine TARRIEU could not go with the "France B" team to the Istria Cup because of a slight injury)

ALGARVE CUP

Group A



Denmark – Canada : 0-1
Kadeisha (T, played 90')

Russia – Canada : 1-2
Kadeisha

Canada – Portugal : 0-0

Group B



Norway – Iceland : 1-1
Goal Ada, (T, played 90')

Japan – Spain : 1-2
Saki, captain (T,90')

Spain – Norway : 3-0
Ada

Japan – Iceland : 2-0
Saki

Norway – Japan : 0-2

Group C



Australia – Sweden : 0-1
Caroline (T,90'), Goal Lotta

China – Sweden : 0-0
Caroline

Sweden – Netherlands : 0-1

Placement matches are then played on March 8th.

SHE BELIEVES CUP

March 1 st	France – England	2-1	Goal Wendie. Sarah (90'), Jessica (90'), Griedge (83'), Wendie (24'), Camille (29'), Claire (61'), Eugénie (18'), Elodie (13')
	USA – Germany	1-0	Alex (79') / Josy (90'), Pauline (21'), Maro (90')
March 4 th	France – Germany	0-0	Sarah (90'), Wendie (90'), Camille (74'), Eugénie 85'), Amel (90') / Maro (90'), Pauline (90')
	USA – England	0-1	Alex
March 7 th	England – Germany	0-1	Maro (90'), Josy (90'), Pauline
	USA – France	0-3	Goals : Camille (x/2), Eugénie - Alex /Méline (90'), Wendie (90'), Eugénie (65'), Camille, Amel, Elodie, Claire

LA MANGA TOURNAMENT

Andrea NORHEIM was the only OL player at this tournament, with Norway U19 team:

3.3 : Norway – USA : 2-8
7.3 : Norway – Denmark : 0-1

Spotlight on... Wolfsburg

The incoming games against Wolfsburg in the quarter-finals of the Champions League bring back the nice memories of the beautiful day in Reggio di Emilia last year, which ended with OL winning its third Champions League.



Nevertheless this former match will amount for very little when these next ones come, and Wolfsburg remains of course one of the best teams in the world:

- 16 players played either in the She Believes Cup or in the Algarve Cup
- 6 players were in the FIFPro pre-selection (containing 55 players)

Comparing to the team which played the Champions League final last year:

- 5 players still start almost all matches



- 7 remain important and often start games: GUNNARSDOTTIR (9 games in the starting XI), KERCHOVSKI (8), JAKABFI (7, but she may be injured), BUSSAGLIA (7), BLÄSSE (7), WÜLLAERT (7), MARITZ (6)
- Lena GOEBLING, who has recently extended her contract, is currently injured and will probably not be available.

The Swiss player BERNAUER almost never plays any more.

Ramona BACHMANN, who seldom played with Wolfsburg, left for Chelsea this winter.

The Danish player HARDER (3 games in the starting XI), who arrived this winter, seems to start almost every match.

MITTAG, who played with PSG last season, often comes off the bench (1 goal in Bundesliga).

The Australian player Van EGMOND seldom plays.

The Norwegian player HANSEN is coming back from an injury suffered last November. She was an important player of Wolfsburg before that.

Wolfsburg appears to be in good form of late, with for instance a win 8-1 against Bayer Leverkusen (which is second to last in Bundesliga).

Despite this last high-scoring game, Wolfsburg does not score that many goals:

- 27 goals in 13 games
- FISCHER and POPP are the best goal scorers this season with only 5 goals.

On the other hand, this team is really solid defensively with only 7 goals conceded in 13 games.



They lost once this season at home against Potsdam, and drew twice in 13 games in Bundesliga.

Wolfsburg is currently leading this championship but is only one point ahead of Potsdam (which has played only 12 games) and Bayern München.