



THE HEART OF WOMEN'S SOCCER



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



At the dawn of this new year, let us hope that it will be as entertaining and filled with trophies as 2016 was. And why not conquer for the 2nd year in a row the triple? (French Championship, French Cup and Champions League). This 2017 challenge is ambitious and will become more and more difficult to achieve...



The arrivals of the American Alex MORGAN and the Canadian Kadeisha BUCHANAN led us to consider a simplified version of our e-Journal translated into english.

We feel for certain that these renowned international players of the highest level are preparing the field for the talented young players of the formation of Lyon, as it has been realized for the men's team.



National teams... The "lyonnaises" in their national team

By the end of November the Lyon's players were decisive with their respective national team.

Germany-Norway (1-1) : Ada HEGERBERG was facing Dzsenerifer MAROZSAN and Pauline BREMER. Ada opened the score in the 13th minute.

Josephine HENNING (new Lyon player) equalized with a header from a free kick by MAROZSAN, a few minutes before MARO got injured, less seriously as feared.



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French victory over Spain (1-0)

Eugénie LE SOMMER scored (58th goal in 130 selections) on a header after a cross by Camille ABILY.



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Training news... Gérard PRÊCHEUR and OL's style of play

Gerard PRECHEUR was in the **list of the 10 coaches** competing for the award of **the Best Coach in 2016** (awarded by FIFA). No surprise given the attractive style of play of his team, which allowed to conquer a fantastic triple.



Gerard PRECHEUR is supporter of a style of play in which his team seeks to **keep control of the ball**, but never in a sterile manner.



A **fast circulation of the ball** using all the width of the field has the main purpose of moving the defense, opening spaces and then allows to **seek solutions forward**.

The investigation... The "Antillaises" of OL

Currently **4 players** have Martinican or Guadeloupean origins.

Elodie THOMIS, of Martinican descent, was born in Colombes (Paris area), when Delphine CASCARINO, originally from Guadeloupe, was born in St Priest (Lyon area).



As for Wendie RENARD and Mylaine TARRIEU, they were born on the islands and came very young in metropolitan France from Martinique.

How far they have gone **from the grounds of Martinique to the lawn of the stadium Parc OL !**



WILLY, a member of our supporters club, has followed the road taken by **WENDIE**, from her first exploits at the Stadium Albert Joyau, in the small town of Prêcheur between 1997 and 2005.



She has tried handball and athletics, and was as a teenager called "the new Marie-José Pérec of Martinique", before choosing football and playing in mixed teams. Arrived at OL when she was 16, she played from the age of 17 in Division 1, which allowed her to be the only one to win all 10 titles of French Champion in her 10 years in Lyon.

For **MYLAINE** (21 years old), the plants of the terrace still remember her first contacts with a ball. From the town of Lamentin (Martinique), she played from 2004 to 2010 at UJ Monnerot and RC Rivière-Pilote and joined metropolitan France at the age of 15.



Her first three years in France were a succession of injuries. But her perseverance led her to the **3rd place of the U20 World Cup** with the French team in 2014 in Canada.



She was trained as a striker, but she embraced the idea that her interest was to accept to play back and on the wing to progress and earn some playing time, because competition is tough.



National teams... **DELPHINE** and the U20 Team in World Cup Final



Quarter-final

France-Germany: 1-0
Goal: DELPHINE CASCARINO

DELPHINE was captain



Semi-final

France-Japan: 2-1
(OT)
Goals: Clara Matéo,
Julianne Gathrat

DELPHINE was
captain



Final

**France-North Korea:
1 - 3**

DELPHINE was named
3rd best player
(Hina Sugita (Jap) was 1st ar
So Hyang Kim (Kor) 2nd)



Spotlight on... Elodie THOMIS

Injured since the Olympics, she made her **return** by playing 15 minutes **against PSG**. It is her 10th season in Lyon, and this was her **250th game** with the jersey of OL.



Elodie THOMIS already has **an impressive record** :

107 goals with OL, 9 Champion titles, 8 French Cups, 3 Champions leagues, 134 selections and 32 goals with Team France, and U19 European Champion in 2003.

Having only started football at age 15 in Epinay, she had had – like many players at OL – Gérard PRECHEUR as trainer in Clairefontaine (a national training center for promising young players). Here is what he had said to her :

"Speed is your strength. You have one year to work on your technique and if you do not, you will not stay."

Well, she's still there. And for sure she is going to be of great service again, as a starter or a wild card, because her state of mind is exemplary: "I know I have a role to play and I play for the team, not for me." (Le Libéro Lyon, 2015)

10 reasons why... WENDIE should stay in Lyon

WENDIE's contract expires in June 2017. While she is wondering about her future, we have listed out some of the many reasons that should lead her to continue her story with OL :

- Because she does not want to "leave for the sake of leaving".
- Because she would no longer have MAROZSAN to set up headers on set pieces.
- Because we must not dissociate the guard she forms with Griedge M'BOCK.
- Because destiny gave her "PRECHEUR" as coach and he shares the same name as her hometown. We must perpetuate this sign of fate.
- Because she can't go to PSG.
- Because she was a good ambassador for Lyon in the UEFA Euro 2016.
- Because she will thus have the peace of mind to set out to conquer a new triple.
- Because if the 11th Champion title was in sight... she could then aim the dozen...
- Because currently at 264 games played with OL, she can consider beating the record from Louisa Nécib-Cadamuro (278 games), already threatened by Camille Abily (274 games), and pass the 300 mark... Today with 72 goals for OL, she can consider joining the 100 club, which regroups 7 players, including fellow players Ada Hegerberg (101), Elodie Thomis (107), Camille Abily (184) and Eugénie Le Sommer (190).
- Because she is loved in Lyon.



Despite all these good reasons, will WENDIE's aspirations and OL's possibilities find a meeting point ?

Results...

OL - Montpellier (2-1)

Goals: Camille ABILY and Eugénie LE SOMMER (Dekker for Montpellier).
The 8th goal for Camille this season in Division 1, the 11th for Eugénie.



Due to the often uncommon control of OL during its games, Sarah BOUHADDI is rarely offered the opportunity to be extremely decisive.



But this time she had to make 2 decisive stops during the first half, in front of Sofia Jakobson and Lindsay Thomas.

PSG - OL (1-0)

Goal: Marie-Laure Delie

At home, playing either in 3-5-2 or – more often – in 5-3-2, PSG got 1 opportunity in the first half by Diallo facing BOUHADDI (33') and in the second half the only shot from Delie that got them the win...



A certain pragmatism prevailed this time on a more offensive style of play.

The Lyonnaises got some good **opportunities** essentially during the first 20 – very good – minutes and at the end of the game, once they were trailing by one goal.



Fifteen opportunities, and we still wonder how half of them were not converted into goals: bad luck, imprecision, determination of Irene PAREDES in defense, talent of the goalkeeper Katarzyna KIEDRZYNEK ?...

Thus it was kind of a far-fetched win from Patrice LAIR's team, somewhat similar to the one realized a few years ago when PSG was coached by Farid BENSTITI and beat OL – OL's previous defeat in Division 1, 61 games and 1064 days ago – in January 2014 in Gerland (the former stadium in which OL played). We cannot wait for **the return game** in the parc OL.

In the rear-view mirror... Shirley CRUZ

Shirley CRUZ is an essential asset in the project of Patrice LAIR for a new start for PSG.

She first arrived in Lyon in January 2006 from Costa Rica and was welcomed by Farid Benstiti (then coach of OL). She considers him as a second father: *"He was the first person introduced to me and I was with him during the entire first week without knowing that he was the coach!"*

In 5 seasons and a half **in Lyon** she played in 171 games, scored 37 goals, and won 6 titles of French Division 1, 2 French Cups and 2 Champions Leagues.



In 2012 she joined PSG at the same time as Farid BENSTITI.

She has since won an individual title of **Best Player of the Championship** in the 2012-13 season. Shirley Cruz (31) has also played in **63 games** and scored **21 goals with Costa Rica** (as of 31.3.16).

To play the World Cup in France in 2019 with Costa Rica represents for her *an ultimate goal*.



On the road... To Paris

There were 40 to 50 OL ANG'ELLES fans displaying their presence at the Camp des Loges (stadium where the last PSG-OL took place), as in absolutely every stadium where the OL Women's Team plays.



Member of OL ANG'ELLES, Josée, Elodie THOMIS's mother, bringing good humor and kindness, was among the group also joined by the family of Ada HEGERBERG.



Let us hope that this **conviviality** around one of the best teams in the world, which allowed some to give thanks and encouragement to Amandine HENRY (who played in Lyon until last summer), can be preserved.

On the way back, the restaurants on the motorway rest areas no longer have secrets. That is where, in the middle of the night, the fans replay the game in endless talks...