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### A word from... The "OL ANG'ELLES" Team

The Olympique Lyonnais Women's Team has been named **the best team in the world** for the second year in a row, and the third time in the last five years. We cannot wait for it to be one day demonstrated on the pitch in a yet to come women's Club World Cup.

The winter transfer window has nevertheless seen Jean-Michel AULAS reinforce the team even more with the recruitment of three international players : Alex MORGAN, Josephine HENNING, and Kadeisha BUCHANAN.



It is the beginning of a new cycle, and the OL Women's Team is breaking new ground concerning its reputation in the world of women's soccer, particularly in North America with the arrivals of Alex MORGAN and Kadeisha BUCHANAN.

Jean-Michel AULAS had already developed the visibility of the OL Women's Team in Asia thanks to Saki KUMAGAI, temporarily joined by the Chinese player Fei WANG, but also in Oceania with the goalkeeper from New-Zealand Erin NAYLER, and in Europe with the incredible results from the team on a continental level and the presence of several German and Scandinavian players.



### In the rear-view mirror... The American players at OL

During the presentation of Alex MORGAN to the press, Jean-Michel AULAS evoked the will to revive what he had engaged in when the FC Lyon women team became part of the Olympique Lyonnais.

At that time, five players from the United States National Team had been recruited by OL during the 2004-2005 season.



Hope SOLO  
Goalkeeper  
(2005)  
11 games



Aly WAGNER  
Midfielder  
(2005)  
5 games/4 goals



Christie WELCH  
Forward  
(2005)  
11 games/7 goals



Lorraine Ming FAIR  
Midfielder  
(2004-2006)  
12 games



Danielle SLATON  
Defender  
(2004-2006)  
12 games/1 goal

They were joined or replaced by:



Tara FLINT  
Forward  
(2004-2005)  
7 games / 1 goal



Jullian NICKS  
Midfielder  
(2004-2006)  
1 game



Megan RAPINOE  
Midfielder  
(2013-2014)  
29 games / 8 goals

And today...



Alex MORGAN  
Forward

(Another American player, Luisa MIRARCHI, at OL during the 2008-2009 season, has not played in a D1 game)



## Highlight...The awards

Like every year, January was the time for awards and rankings.

This year has been extremely successful for the OL Women's Team and its players, who piled up the international awards.

### IFFHS Trophies 2016

The **IFFHS** (International Federation of Football History & Statistics, created in 1984) has been awarding prizes for women's soccer since 2012, relying on the opinion of staffs and experts from 56 countries.

The **OL Women's Team** was named the **Best Women's Club in the World** for the third time in five years, with the highest score ever (241 points, Wolfsburg – winner in 2013 and 2014 – being second with 101 points, and the Bayern München third with 34 points).



**SARAH BOUHADDI** was named **Best Goalkeeper 2016** respectively 29 and 34 points ahead of Almuth SCHULT and Hope SOLO.

SARAH (30 years old): 115 appearances with the French National Team

7 titles in French Division 1, 5 French Cups, 3 Champions' Leagues.

The IFFHS also named **Dzenifer MAROZSAN**, at OL since last summer, **Best Woman Playmaker in the World 2016**, ahead of MARTA and Camille ABILY.

### UEFA



**ADA HEGERBERG**, best goalscorer in Europe last season with 54 goals in 34 games, has been named **Best Player** by the **UEFA**.

She has also been awarded the Norwegian "Guldbollen" (Golden Ball).



**Lotta SCHELIN**,  
was part of the wonderful  
triple from OL last season...



... but it is with the Swedish National Team (silver medalist at the Olympic Games), named **Best Sports Team in Sweden**, that she has been rewarded, along with Caroline SEGER and Lisa DAHLQVIST, for instance.

**CONCACAF** (Confederation Of North, Central American and Carribean Association Football)

**Alex MORGAN** best player in 2016, **Kadeisha BUCHANAN** defender in the Best XI.



KADEISHA, who was Best Young Player at the 2015 World Cup in Canada, won this year the Mac Hermann Trophy, rewarding the best college soccer player in North America. She played for the West Virginia University, and was runner-up in the 2016 NCAA tournament.

**The OFFSIDE RULE**

Created by three English female sport broadcasters, this podcast assembled an international – but mostly British – jury composed of journalists, players, coaches, and former players.

Each one had to anonymously pick 50 players in a preselection of 150, in order to establish a **Top 100 of the best soccer players in the world** for 2016.

As any such ranking, it is by essence subjective, and can only reflect a partial view of the different championships, or styles of soccer played. But it is good that it exists.

In the resulting Top 100: 16 American, 14 English, 12 French, and 10 German players.

28 of the players play / played in the USA, 27 in the French D1, 21 en Germany, 20 en England...

**OL** is the most represented club with 16 players (and 11 in the first 40), ahead of **Wolfsburg**, Manchester City (8), Chelsea (7), PSG, Bayern Munchen (6), Arsenal, **Portland**, Houston (5).

**OL (16)**

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|----|-----------|------------------|
| 1  | Ada       | <b>HEGERBERG</b> |
| 5  | Dzsenifer | MAROZSAN         |
| 8  | Wendie    | RENARD           |
| 11 | Amandine  | HENRY            |
| 14 | Eugénie   | LE SOMMER        |
| 15 | Camille   | ABILY            |
| 16 | Lotta     | SCHELIN          |
| 17 | Alex      | MORGAN           |
| 29 | Caroline  | SEGER            |
| 30 | Saki      | KUMAGAÏ          |
| 38 | Kadeisha  | BUCHANAN         |
| 65 | Louisa    | CADAMURO         |
| 71 | Griedge   | MBOCK BATHY      |
| 72 | Elodie    | THOMIS           |
| 79 | Sarah     | BOUHADDI         |
| 80 | Amel      | MAJRI            |

**WOLFSBURG (8)**

- |    |           |               |
|----|-----------|---------------|
| 12 | Anja      | MITTAG        |
| 13 | Pernille  | HARDER        |
| 18 | Alexandra | POPP          |
| 20 | Ramona    | BACHMANN      |
| 37 | Nilla     | FISCHER       |
| 46 | Sara      | GUNNARSDOTTIR |
| 62 | Tessa     | WULLAERT      |
| 92 | Emily     | VAN EGMOND    |

**PORTLAND (5)**

- |    |           |          |
|----|-----------|----------|
| 6  | Christine | SINCLAIR |
| 9  | Tobin     | HEATH    |
| 11 | Amandine  | HENRY    |
| 59 | Allie     | LONG     |
| 94 | Nadia     | NADIM    |

The good representation of OL and many of its players in these various rankings illustrates the position of the club at the highest level in the world of women's soccer.



## National Teams... The "lyonnaises" in their National Team

It was time for the first international games of 2017.

Whereas the German Team had chosen to only have one day of tests, while Alex MORGAN had joined the US National Team and Saki KUMAGAI the Japanese Team for a training period, the French Team went to **La Réunion** to play an **exhibition game against South Africa**.

Result : **France A – Afrique du Sud : 2-0** (Griedge M'BOCK x/2)

While we were impatient to see Delphine CASCARINO playing with the French National Team (she had previously won the U19 European Championship and been runner-up in the U20 World Cup), she was seriously injured. Her season is already over.

A tournament in La Manga, Spain, allowed some Lyon players to play against one another.

Sweden-Norway :	1-2	
England-Norway :	0-1	Ada HEGERBERG scored on a header after a free-kick from her sister Andrine.
Sweden-England :	0-0	Caroline SEGER was Sweden's captain



Andrea NORHEIM played in two exhibition games in England with the U19 Norwegian Team. Results : one loss (0-2) and one win (2-1, with a goal from Andrea on a penalty kick).



## Results... Division 1 Championship

**Guingamp-OL : 0-3** (Eugénie x/2, Ada)

Eugénie LE SOMMER (13 goals) and Ada HEGERBERG (10) have nicely begun the new year in D1, and find themselves second and third in the goalscorers' ranking behind Sofia JAKOBSSON (14 goals), whose season is sadly over after a severe injury.

Small novelty on the jersey: a golden star symbolizing the 10 titles in Division 1. It was also a good and much awaited start for Alex MORGAN and Kadeisha BUCHANAN with their new team. KADEISHA is the 116<sup>th</sup> player to play for the OL Women's Team, ALEX is the 117<sup>th</sup>.



## Results... French Cup

**ETG Ambilly (D2) – OL : 0-8** (attendance: 1800)

(Delphine CASCARINO x/2, Corine PETIT, Pauline BREMER, Claire LAVOGEZ x/2, Kheira HAMRAOUI, Andrea NORHEIM)

It was Josephine HENNING's first game, as well as the returns of Kenza DALI and Aurélie KACI.



**OL – FCG 38 : 5-0**

(Eugénie LE SOMMER, Kheira HAMRAOUI, Claire LAVOGEZ x/2, Aurélie KACI)

It was the first appearance of Julie PIGA in the starting XI this season, as well as the first official game in Lyon for Alex MORGAN, Kadeisha BUCHANAN and "Josy" HENNING.

ALEX began to show her qualities of quickness and speed, not yet fully exploited. Being a great professional, she then took some time to take photos and selfies with some opponent players and with the fans, always with a smile.



## Life of the association... External relations

**OL ANG'ELLES** seizes every opportunity to **promote women's soccer and the OL Women's Team**.

The group takes part in many events in the Lyon area: recently in the wishes ceremony of the Lyon Mayor's Office, or the wishes of president AULAS to the associations of OL fans. It contributes to the positive image of the association in Lyon and inside the OL organization.



During his best wishes to the 13 associations of fans, Jean-Michel AULAS evoked the situation of the Men's and Women's Teams of the club, and particularly the **38 competitions won** since he is president of OL: 19 for the Men's and **19 for the Women's Team**.

He also took the time for an update on **the projects** under way in the Parc OL (hotel, medical center and recreation center, museum, offices), before ending on a scop... A new recruit... But only for an evening... Céline Dion in concert in the Parc OL.



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