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The word from... The Président of « OL ANG'ELLES »

This last month we reached the number of **300 members**. It was a lot of emotion for me, because it comes after much time, work, and passion towards women's football and more particularly the OL Women's Team.



When I created OL ANG'ELLES in 2011, I just wanted the fans and supporters to have an environment where they could regroup, live the games together, and be visible to cheer on the players.



Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine that we would develop this much in 6 years. I could be proud, but it is the members who make the association live.

If OL ANG'ELLES is today highly regarded by the players, and appreciated everywhere it goes, it is thanks to the members and their actions, and I would like to thank each and every one of them.

The World Cup will take place in France in 2 years, women's soccer is rapidly developing, and everything is set for us to evolve likewise. As a consequence we rely more and more on our members and I thank all those – more and more numerous – who help us.



Résultats... Champions League semi-final

Before the departure for Manchester to play the semi-final game, the fans were allowed to come at the end of a training session – the access to those sessions being always more difficult – to express their support to the players.



MANCHESTER CITY – OL : 1-3

MANCHESTER CITY

OL

1st half

2' Pénalty kick scored by Saki KUMAGAI



9' After a pass by Doggan behind the défense, ASLLANI manages to beat G.M'BOCK et S.BOUHADDI for the equalizer



15' Nice pass by Alex MORGAN to Camille ABILY, then to Dzenifer MAROZSAN who scores



2nd half

67' Goal by Eugénie LE SOMMER on a cross by Jessica HOUARA



Even if ASLLANI's speed and SCOTT's height were a danger (Asllani scored on Manchester's only opportunity in the first half, and Scott found the post on a header in the second half), we were not really worried during the game.

OL controlled and dominated almost the whole game, with a brilliant midfield KUMAGAI-ABILY-MAROZSAN and strong wing players like HOUARA D'HOMMEAUX and MAJRI. Le SOMMER's presence in the attack line brought quickness and complementary with HEGERBERG.

Manchester City could never fully put real pressure on Lyon, and particularly on Saki, Camille, and Maro.

OL – MANCHESTER CITY : 0-1

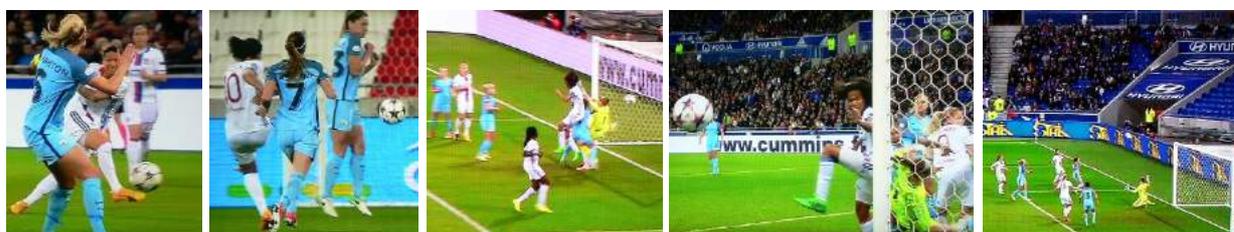


OL

MANCHESTER CITY

1st half

OL had command and control of the game. They got 3 big opportunities, and many situations badly exploited because of a lack of precision and of the good defense by Manchester. No real opportunity to score for the English team.



2nd half

56' Sarah BOUHADDI's pass ends up on Carli Lloyd, who scores with a powerful strike.



Having won the away game in Manchester, the Lyonnaises were probably feeling – consciously or not – the urge to be more cautious. Add a mistake by Sarah BOUHADDI (who still had a decisive role in the road to the final), a lack of luck, and defensive tactics by Manchester City despite the 3 goals they had to score... As a result this qualification was marked by a little bit of frustration.



The most important remains of course the qualification for a new final, despite this loss against a team who was much better than in the first game, and probably less strong than Wolfsburg.

The coaching staff had decided to compose a team really closed to the one of a Champions League game (Caroline SEGER and Saki KUMAGAI were resting but had nevertheless made the trip with the team). Considering the difference of level with the team from Hénin-Beaumont – even if their players played a valorous game – it was probably principally to bound the team again after the international break and before the big games to come.



Résultats... D1 Championship

Bordeaux-OL : 0-1 (Claire Lavogez)

This game happened three days after one in the Champions League. As a consequence the starting XI was considerably modified. With in addition a field in bad condition, a brave Bordeaux team fighting hard and playing good defense, it was a tough game. The win was however secured thanks to a goal on a set piece : a beautiful free-kick by Claire LAVOGEZ from 25 meters.



OL-Soyaux : 9-0

(own goal, Ada Hegerberg x/2, Alex Morgan x/2, S. Kumagai, Eugénie Le Sommer x/2, W. Renard)

It was the same score as in the first game of the season between the two teams, despite a good game from the goalkeeper of Soyaux, Romane Munich.

Sadly for Soyaux, OL wanted to reassure themselves, and played more quickly – especially in attack – with determination and constant pressure.



EUGENIE (19 goals) and ADA (18) both scored 2 goals and as a consequence remained first and second in the goalscorers ranking.



Two little anecdotes :

Saki KUMAGAI, who has just – to everyone's satisfaction – signed a new 3-year contract with OL (**til 2020**), probably cannot remember when was the last time she missed a penalty kick¹... Maybe when she was playing in the U19 team in Japan?

¹Translator's note : it was written before the French Cup final

This time again, even the destabilisation technique by Amel Majri did not disturb her...



With a squad so loaded and talented, **managing the team can be tough**, and Jessica HOUARA D'HOMMEAUX had to share her playing time with Kadeisha BUCHANAN on the right side of the defense... Always difficult to announce such a decision...



Two games before the end of the Championship, Lyon assured an **11th consecutive title**.



Just like last year, the title was won against Soyaux, but this time it happened at home, which allowed to celebrate with the fans.



On the road... to HENIN-BEAUMONT, MANCHESTER and BORDEAUX

The trip to **Hénin-Beaumont** for the French Cup game was the opportunity to have one of the most interesting trip of the season: discovery of Arras, emotional visit of the Canada National Memorial in Vimy (dedicated to the Canadian soldiers who died in France during World War I), and a little detour to the Stade Bollaert in Lens.



There were many members of OL ANG'ELLES in the North of France for this French Cup game.



After arriving in the middle of the night in downtown **Manchester**, it was an immediate immersion in the English architecture: huge contrast between what is traditional and what is new, between the old factories built with red bricks and the buildings in metal and glass of the modern Manchester, big financial place and very lively university city.



After a short trip to Old Trafford – famous stadium of Manchester United – the thirty OL ANG'ELLES fans from Lyon headed to the Academy Stadium of Manchester City, beside the Etihad Stadium (stadium of the Men's team).



After Manchester there was another very nice city to visit with a trip to **Bordeaux**, which also associates history with modern architecture.

And of course, there was no leaving the Gironde without first visiting a wine growing estate...



The aim of this trip was nevertheless a nice moment during the game in Libourne: a full stadium (more than 2500 in attendance) and a really fine atmosphere.



All in all there was a very nice welcome from the club of Bordeaux and their volunteers.

Spotlight... on Eugénie LE SOMMER

During the game at Manchester, EUGENIE scored her **200th goal with OL**:

130 in D1, 38 in French Cup, and 32 in Champions League.

If one adds :

- the 38 goals for the Stade Briochin – her first club – ,
- the 60 goals – in 135 appearances – with France,
- and the 2 goals scored more recently against Soyaux, she reached the number of **300 goals in her career**.



She is only the second player to score at least 200 goals for the OL Women's Team: Lotta SCHELIN has scored 225, and EUGENIE could surpass this total as soon as next season. She was the best goalscorer in the French D1 twice (2009-2010 and 2011-2012) and in the Champions League once (2011-2012).

She is Bretonne (meaning that she is born in Bretagne) and her parents were both soccer players. She started her soccer career in Saint-Brieuc, where she played three years and received the trophy of Best Player in D1 in 2009-2010. She won this trophy a second time in 2014-2015 with OL.



With OL she already won 7 French Championships, 5 French Cups², and 3 Champions League. She probably wishes that she can add one more of those really soon...

Spotlight on what comes next... Three games versus PSG

At the beginning of this season, 4 players came from PSG to OL – following Aurélie KACI, who had taken the same road one year earlier – **to win trophies** : Jessica HOUARA D'HOMMEAUX, Caroline SEGER, Kheira HAMRAOUI, and Kenza DALI (who had already played for Lyon before).

JESSICA Houara D'Hommeaux. According to her first coach in D1, her main characteristic is her mental strength. This former forward now playing wing defender has played 58 times with the French National Team (3 goals), and won the Cyprus Cup in 2014.



During her 7 years with PSG she won the French Cup in 2010. Among all the "Parisiennes" arrived in Lyon last year, she is maybe the one who best found her place in Lyon.

²Translator's note: 6 since May 19th, the day just after her 28th birthday

CAROLINE Seger. At age 32, she is the one who has won the most among the 4 "Parisiennes" : 3 times Sweden Champion with Linköpings, Tyresö, and Malmö ; 3 Swedish Cups with Linköpings ; 1 WPS Championship with the New York Western Flash in 2011). She has also appeared 161 times with the Swedish National Team and won the Silver Medal in the last Olympic Games.



She plays at the same position as Saki Kumagai, which makes it tough to play many minutes, but she has nevertheless often been captain of OL when Wendie Renard did not play. She is always nice with the supporters, as is Jessica.

KHEIRA Hamraoui. She has played 34 times with the French National Team (3 goals), and also won the Cyprus Cup. She has often crossed roads with JESSICA in Saint-Etienne and Paris.



She finds herself in – tough – competition with Saki and Caroline for a place in the starting XI. As a consequence she had trouble finding her place despite her strong physical abilities, good strikes, and fine long passes.

KENZA Dali. She has sadly suffered a severe injury in a game with France whereas she was having a good start of the season and Gérard Prêcheur seemed to be counting on her.



She has played 19 times with the French National Team (2 goals), and has begun her career with OL in 2009-2010. During this season she won the D1 Championship (even if she only played 2 games). She then went to Rodez, before leaving to Paris.

For these 4 new recruits a first goal has already been reached: they are now **French Champions with OL³**. And we are willing to bet that they will not want to see the most prestigious trophy – the Champions League one – go to Paris now they play for Lyon...



³Translator's note: and they have also – more recently – won the French Cup