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

We still have in mind many good memories of this nice Women's Euro 2017, that we lived with the group "FRANCE ANG'ELLES", even though it was a tough one for the French team and for the "Lyonnaises" in general. Only the newcomers LUCY and – especially – SHANICE were more successful. The teams that were thought to be favorite – Germany, Sweden, France – suffered, but the average level of the competing teams greatly increased. We discovered many players, and among them some are joining the French Championship, which is getting more and more international.



In the next editions of this e-journal, and depending on the teams encountered by Lyon in D1 or in the Champions League, you will be able to rediscover pictures of this Women's Euro to illustrate some articles.



Wellcome... Final arrival before the season

As expected, LUCY Bronze – first "big name" recruited by OL this season – and the young and promising EMELYNE Laurent were not the last player to join OL.

Shanice VAN de SANDEN had made a big impression with the Dutch National Team, winner of the Euro at home.



LUCY and SHANICE were probably not expecting to play in the same team a few weeks later.





At the Friendly International Tournament in Toulouse, in August, SHANICE only played a few minutes at the end of the game against Montpellier, and not at all against Lyon.. The explanation came a few hours after the end of the tournament, when she officially signed a contract with OL.



Then we received confirmation of the return of AMANDINE Henry to Lyon in January 2018, after playing the NWSL playoffs.

Since this return will not be followed by ALEX Morgan's, another American player could very well take the same path. The name of Morgan BRIAN has been evoked...



Résultats... Friendly games before the season

The 3 friendly games played by OL to prepare for the new season gave us the opportunity to see again some of the many players discovered during the Women's Euro.

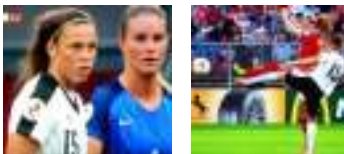
OL-Hoffenheim : 3-0 (ADA Hegerberg, EUGENIE Le Sommer, ANDREA Norheim)

After a vacation of 10 days, the players eliminated early during the Euro were able to start their preparation for the season during the 1st half. The 2nd offered some playing time for the youngsters SELMA Bacha, MELVINE Malard, ANDREA, and EVA Kouache.



On the opponent: Hoffenheim finished 7th in Bundesliga last season. Their beginning of this season goes as follows:

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| Wolfsburg | - | Hoffenheim | 6-0 |
| Hoffenheim | - | Frankfurt | 0-1 |
| Essen | - | Hoffenheim | 1-2 |



The Austrian player Nicole Billa.
(severely injured during the competition)

Two players of this team took part in the Euro.



The Scottish player Sophie Howard.

OL-Liverpool : 6-0 (ADA x/2, EUGENIE x/2, MELVINE, DZSENERIF Marozsan)

In their first game at the international tournament in Toulouse, OL easily defeated Liverpool, while again giving much playing time to the younger players.



Still there were in the Liverpool team 5 players who took part in the Women's Euro..



Chamberlain



Greenwood



Stoney



Weir



Van de Sanden



Three English players, one Scottish (Caroline Weir), and Shanice Van de Sanden (Dutch), who only played a few minutes and was probably already Lyonnaise in her mind at this time.

OL-Manchester City : 2-3 (CAMILLE Abily x/2)

Four months after the semi-final of the Champions League, won by OL, Lyon was this time defeated, despite having dominated the game (with for instance 5 shots on the posts). PAULINE Bremer scored the winning goal at the end of the game.

Note that Montpellier had beaten Manchester 4-2 earlier in the tournament.



Despite some departures – LUCY Bronze, Asllani –, City still can count on 8 players who took part in the Euro.



Bardsley



Houghton



Scott



Christiansen



Parris



Stokes



J. Ross



And the Danish player Nadia Nadim should rejoin the club after the NWSL playoffs, that she will play alongside AMANDINE Henry in Portland.



On the road... From Vendenheim and Toulouse to St Brieu

The fans from OL ANG'ELLES were already there for the first preparation game in **Vendenheim** (organized to celebrate the 90 years of existence of the club).





The international tournament held in **Toulouse** was then the opportunity of seeing the two French teams qualified for the Champions League this season, and also of saying "good bye" and "thank you" to PAULINE, whose unexpected departure was a surprise and a sad news for many supporters.



After that the group traveled to Bretagne for a championship game, for the 4th time in less than 9 months.

After the Mont St Michel, St Malo, the Cap Fréhel, Paimpol... we took some time to go to Port Dahouet, near **St Briec**.



During almost every trip to Bretagne we have the pleasure of meeting Hugues MACIET and some of his players. He is at the head of the girls' section of the FC BRUZ, where CAMILLE began playing soccer.



On our way back home we decided to accept his invitation to visit this club in the suburbs of Rennes. From 6 to 15 years old, CAMILLE played soccer there, in boys' teams where she was usually the captain.



A black and white picture shows CAMILLE in one of her first teams, another picture shows her with the jersey of the French National Team...



A girls' section was created 4 years ago in the club, and went then from 12 to 70 players (there is a total of 600 players in the club).

This nice visit happened at an important time of CAMILLE's illustrious career: she has just announced her retirement from the national team, and her 11th season at OL could be her last.



Many of us wish that CAMILLE would keep playing as long as possible, because no other player seems today really able to take her place.



Résultats... D1

Game 1 - **OL-Rodez : 7-0** (ADA x/4, EUGENIE x/2, KHEIRA Hamraoui)

This time again the Rodez team really suffered and was only able to stay in defense and try bravely to resist.



Among the former players of Lyon, some are now in Rodez: Elise BONET and Sabrina VIGUIER, who is now the assistant coach of Grégory MELKO, the new Rodez coach.



Elise BONET

Sabrina VIGUIER

Sabrina VIGUIER retired last December, at age 36.

She played 93 times with the French National Team and won 2 Champions League, 4 D1 Championships, and 3 French Cups with OL, as well as 3 D1 Championships and 1 French Cup with Toulouse, and 2 French Cups with Montpellier.

She recently passed the diploma allowing her to coach a D1 team, and chose to start this new career in Rodez, which is located near the place from where she is.

This game marked the first official game of LUCY Bronze with OL, game during which she recorded an assist to Ada. Let us also note that ELODIE Thomis's mother, Josée, was present to cheer on her daughter's team.





Game 2 - Guingamp-OL : 0-5 (EUGENIE, WENDIE Renard, SAKI Kumagai sp, ADA, DZSENIFER)
 Guingamp has been a good D1 team for several years now, and can be capable of some "coups", like versus PSG and Juvisy last season...



The beginning of the game seemed almost uncertain, but then Lyon scored the first goal, and Guingamp became unrecognizable. After that it was a sheer domination by OL during the whole game.

SHANICE played her first game with Lyon, whereas LUCY already seemed to be completely acclimated to her new team.



SAKI : 20 / 20

In this game SAKI scored her 20th in-game penalty kick on the 20 that she has taken since her arrival at OL in 2013 :
 3 in Champions League, 15 in D1, 2 in French Cup
 (Her only miss occurred last season during a penalty shootout in the French Cup final)



Game 3 - OL-PFC : 9-2 (EUGENIE x/2, ADA x/2, CAMILLE x/2, own goal x/3)
 At the beginning of this season "OL ANG'ELLES" makes everything it can so that the colours of OL (red and blue) are more and more visible and the chants echo even more.



Paris FC suffered a severe defeat, and greatly helped OL by scoring 3 own goals, including one very early in the game which helped Lyon to get started.



During this game we got to see 3 Lyon players in the past : Céline DEVILLE, Ami OTAKI, and Estelle CASCARINO, DELPHINE's twin sister. DELPHINE Cascarino was just returning from her injury of last season and got to play against her sister, but not on the same wing.



National Teams... FRANCE A team

As France will organize the next World Cup (in 2019), the French National Team is automatically qualified for this competition. As a consequence they will only play in friendly games in the meantime, and it gives time to the new coach, Corinne DIACRE, to try some new things.

Maybe one of the most remarked of those things was the choice – at first – of Laura GEORGES as the new captain, in place of WENDIE Renard, yet still in the team...

EUGENIE was the most decisive player during these first 2 games: she took part in the 4 goals scored by the team, scoring 1, assisting on 2 others, and shooting the corner kick that brought the 4th one.



France – Chile : 1-0 (Viviane Asseyi)

France-Spain : 3-1 (EUGENIE, Laura Georges, Ouleye Saar)

Other Lyonnaises played (qualification games) with their national team recently:

England – Russia 6-0 (Goal by LUCY Bronze)

Germany – Slovenia 6-0 (Goal by DZSENER Marozsan)

Czech – **Germany** 0-1

DZSENER was furthermore named "Best player of the year" in Germany.

SHANICE Van de Sanden also played a friendly game with the Netherlands:

Belgique – **Pays-Bas** 1-2 (Goal by SHANICE)



Focus on... The female coaches

While playing against Guingamp, OL played against the only female coach in D1 at the moment : **Sarah M'BAREK**. "During several seasons I wasn't the only one. There is a problem of skills."

She is 39 years old, spent 6 seasons as coach of Montpellier, and is now in her 5th with Guingamp.



After coaching (and being the first woman to do so) the Men's team of Clermont, in Division 2, Corinne DIACRE has just been named coach of the French National Team before the 2019 World Cup in France. She played 121 games with this team before (scoring 14 goals), and played her whole career in Soyaux from 1988 to 2007.

From 2007 to 2013 she was at the same time coach of Soyaux and assistant coach of Bruno Bini at the head of the national team.

At the European level, Sarina WIEGMAN lead the Dutch team to a title at the 2017 Euro only 6 months after becoming their new coach.



During this European Championship, 6 of the 16 teams were coached by a woman: Netherlands, Sweden, Germany, Switzerland, Scotland, and Russia.



Pia Sundhage(SWE)

Steffi JONES (GER)

M. VOSS-T.(SWI)

Anna SIGNEUL (SCO)

Elena FOMINA (RUS)

Some changes took place after the end of the Euro:



Italia : Antonio CABRINI -> Milena BERTOLINI

but also,

France : Olivier ECHOUAFNI -> Corinne DIACRE

Sweden : Pia SUNDHAGE -> Peter GERGARDSON

Scotland : Anna SIGNEUL -> Shelley KERR

Denmark : Nils NIELSEN -> Soren RANDA-BOLT

England : Mark SAMPSON -> ?

There are now 7 women at the head of the 15 teams which have a coach at the moment.

More and more the question of having a male or female coach will become irrelevant.

Sarah M'BAREK: "The girls now don't care whether their coach is a man or a woman. What's important for them is to get better with someone who's competent enough to help them to." (2015)