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A Word From... The OL ANG'ELLES Team

This edition marks the end of the first phase of league play, and the end of the year means it's time for numerous distinctions and recognitions, rankings from FIFA, IFFHS, and The Offside Rule, and a new trophy—the most prestigious—the women's **BALLON D'OR**, awarded for the first time based on votes from journalists in 45 countries.



The 5 leading vote-getters were presented at the Ballon d'Or ceremony before **ADA** was officially named the winner.

Classement		
1 ^{er}	Ada Hegerberg (Norvège, Lyon)	136 pts
2 ^e	Pernille Harder (Danemark, VfL Wolfsburg)	130 pts
3 ^e	Dzsenifer Marozsán (Allemagne, Lyon)	86 pts
4 ^e	Marta (Brésil, Orlando Pride), Eugénie Le Sommer	77 pts
5 ^e	Sam Kerr (Australie, Chicago Red Stars, puis Perth Glory)	61 pts
6 ^e	Lucy Bronze (Angleterre, Lyon)	51 pts
7 ^e	Amandine Henry (France, Lyon)	34 pts
7 ^e	Wendie Renard (France, Lyon)	34 pts
9 ^e	Megan Rapinoe (États-Unis, Seattle Reign)	30 pts
10 ^e	Lindsey Horan (États-Unis, Portland Thorns)	28 pts
11 ^e	Lieke Martens (Pays-Bas, FC Barcelone)	26 pts
12 ^e	Saki Kumagai (Japon, Lyon)	25 pts
13 ^e	Amel Majri (France, Lyon)	9 pts
14 ^e	Fran Kirby (Angleterre, Chelsea)	5 pts
15 ^e	Christine Sinclair (Canada, Portland Thorns)	4 pts

The list of 15 nominees was created by France FOOTBALL.

[Sophie drx](#) @sophiedrx

C'est bon. J'ai corrigé la grossière faute d'orthographe sur la liste du [#ballondor](#).

[In English : It's all good. I corrected the terrible spelling error in the #ballondor list]

😄 Can't say it any better than that. With all due respect for the great player Marta was years ago, none of her recent performances and awards justifies such a high finish in the rankings. Even recognizing that it's best to have all the continents represented for the first Ballon d'Or, the absence of EUGENIE from the list is mystifying.

Other players, especially from OL, would have been deserving winners as well, but ADA is an exceptional choice, thanks to her talent, generosity, tenacity, simplicity...and all the qualities her six fellow nominees from Lyon described during the ceremony.



Amandine : *Determination*
 Maro : *Cerebral*
 Amel : *Aggressive*
 Wendie : *Hard-working*
 Lucy : *Perserverance*
 Saki : *Goal-scorer*



ADA : « (In French) *It's fantastic...I'm speechless...It's incredible...It's a great moment for me* ».



« I want to start by thanking my teammates. This would never have been possible without you. Thank you. Thank you to the staff, my team, Olympique Lyonnais.



« Thank you to one man in particular, our President Jean-Michel Aulas : Thank you for everything you do for women's football. You are an example for everyone. (In English) Now I'd like to say thank you to my fiancé who is my biggest support. I would like to say a big thank you to my family, who is here with us tonight—a huge applause to them—my mom, my dad, my sister Andie, my brother Silas. I love you so much, and I would thank you so much for the support you've given me. And then I would like to say a big, huge thank you to France Football for letting us have this opportunity to have this award. It's a huge step for women's football and the work you put down is such an important thing for women's football, and together we'll make a difference.

I would like to end this speech with some words to young girls all over the world: Please, believe in yourself! ».

Reynald PEDROS on stage at the Grand Palais : « What has happened here tonight is fantastic: a first women's Ballon d'Or in France and a Lyon player who wins the trophy. It's true that people are discovering women's football more and more and realizing that it's fantastic football, beautiful and entertaining, and we can't forget that football is first and foremost entertainment Teams have to work hard, and it's true that Olympique Lyonnais, which is well-represented tonight, works very hard. I'm proud to be the coach of these players. They are real competitors, brilliant footballers, and you couldn't ask for better. Check out women's football if you aren't already watching. You'll be astonished. It's a fantastic sport. »



Could there be anyone better than ADA as a symbol for women's football at this important moment ? Thanks to all her incredible qualities, ADA was able to shine as she won the Ballon d'Or finding the perfect, moving words for the moment.



Forever the first!



Scores... D1

J10 - **PSG - OL : 1 - 1** (Wang / Wendie) (Attendance: 7465)

If you believe certain commentators, namely Aline Riera on C+, this match pitted a team « that recruits the world's 3 best players each year » (OL) against a « young, home-grown team » (PSG). But the reality is not quite that simple.



OL : 7 Fr/11, 8 Fr/14, 8 Fr/16 - PSG : 5 Fr/11, 6 Fr/13, 7 Fr/16

While all 11 OL starters played for Lyon last season, only 8 from PSG previously played for Paris (a 9th, Perle Morrone, was loaned for one season): there were 3 new PSG players in the starting XI, along with one of PSG's 2 substitutes.

			
Wang Shuang (age 23) <-Wuhan, 80sel/19 goals	Daiane (age 21) <-Avaldsnes,11m,2g 2018	Perle Morrone (age 21) <-Barca,4m Liga,1m WCL	Hanna Glas (age 25) <-Eskilstuna, Sweden, 16m

PSG has also brought back from loan and recruited young players who didn't play in this match.

			
Anissa Lahmari (age 21) <-PFC,21m,2g 2017-18	Signe Brunn (age 20) <-Fortuna Hjorring,Denmark	Annahita Zamanian(20) <-Göteborg, 5m,2goals	Davinia Vanmechelen (19) <-Genk, Belgium

Of course, certain established players have only come to Lyon in recent years (Saki, Maro, Lucy, Jess...) but despite what the commentators claim, the bulk of the squad consists of players developed by OL or players who came to OL at a young age to reach the next level.

Players developed by the club (sometimes in conjunction with Clairefontaine).

	PSG			OL	
Starters	Substitutes	Squad (24)	Starters	Substitutes	Squad (25)
3 Geyoro, Morrone, Katoto	1 Baltimore	5 + Lahmari	4 Wendie, Amel, Delphine, Selma	0	10 + Melvine, Lorena, Eva, Danielle, Audrey, Grace

Players who came to the club at a young age.

	PSG			OL	
Starters	Substitutes	Squad (24)	Starters	Substitutes	Squad (25)
4 Périsset, Lawrence, Diani, Daiane	0	11 +Diallo, Voll, Dudek, Brunn, Zamanian, Pekel, Van Mechelen	4 Sarah, Amandine, Ada, Griedge	1 Eugénie	7 + Kadeisha, Emelyne

Experienced recruits.

	PSG			OL	
Starters	Substitutes	Squad (24)	Starters	Substitutes	Squad (25)
4 Kiedrzynek,Parédès, Formiga, Wang	1 Glas	8 + Berglund, Endler, Hegerberg	3 Saki, Lucy, Maro	2 Jess, Shanice	8 + Lisa, Caro, Izzy

Both clubs rely on players formed or recruited to the club at a young age (16 for PSG, 17 for OL), with more academy products from OL (10 for OL, 5 for PSG), and the same number of experienced recruits in the squad (8) and appearing in the match (5).

The **average age** of the two teams is also similar, though Formiga (age 41) skews the PSG average.

	PSG			OL	
Starters	w/ Substitutes	Squad (24)	Starters	w/ Substitutes	Squad (25)
24.5	24	23.3	25.6	26	24

With this season leading up to the World Cup and to mark the occasion of the first women's match to air live on C+ in prime time, it was Ettie, the World Cup mascot, who gave the ceremonial kickoff under the watchful eye of referee Maika Vanderstichel.



Unfortunately, with plenty of eyes on women's football, Sarah's error leading to Wang's goal prompted a new round of unfair criticism of female goalkeepers. Sarah, of course, remains one of the world's best goalkeepers, as evidenced by the fact that she was named the World's Best Goalkeeper by IFFHS for the 3rd straight year.



The goal was not a gimme for PSG in any event. Wang Shuang needed plenty of nerve and technical skill to convert the error into a goal.



Wang 17th

OL didn't hesitate to react and Wendie took charge, using her head to finish Maro's excellent service on a free kick following Eve's foul on Amel.



Wendie 19th

No better way to celebrate Wendie's 326th match in Lyon colors, equaling Camille's record, with the OL ANG'ELLES and her West Indian friends on hand to celebrate.



The coaches and players claimed they weren't feeling any pressure...but it seemed like certain players did not feel as comfortable in their play as usual. (For example, Amel, so brilliant since the start of the season, lost nearly a dozen balls, 3', 5', 6', 25', 31', 41', 52', 56', 68', 74'). Up against PSG's solid defense, often able to thwart Lyon's game down the wings, OL's offensive effectiveness was limited. But it was still OL who had the better chances on goal. PSG occasionally approached Sarah's net, but never really threatened, with 3 shots from 20 meters out never posing any danger.

PSG	1 st half	OL	PSG	2 nd half	OL
2	Shots	10	2	Shots	6
1	On Target	4	2	On Target	3
1	Corners	1	0	Corners	4

Even if she wasn't able to finish, it was ADA who had most of the chances (7 of 12). Active in the game, especially in the first half, she may have been missing Eugénie, with whom she usually connects well. Eugénie, returning from injury, only came on at the end of the match.



Ada 26th

34th

37th

44th



Ada 74th



88th



The commentators, seemingly pro-PSG and eager to salute the Parisians great match—a match in which they never had any real chances on goal outside of the Lyon error—somehow found no problem with the ref's stunning failure to blow the whistle for a penalty on ADA's las chance...once again in stoppage time, just as was the case in Strasbourg when Ada's goal was refused.

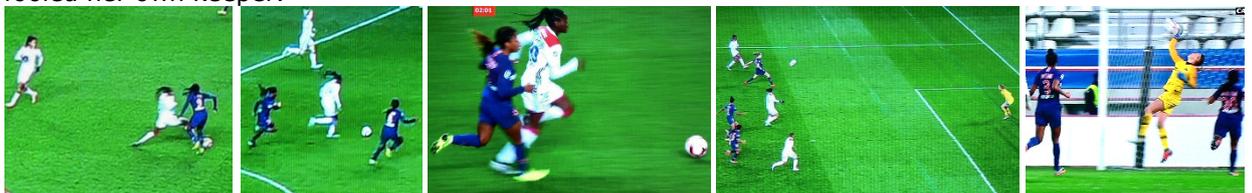


Ada 90th / Parédès pulls Ada down by her jersey in the box.

No comment. You can pick the explanation you like, except that there's no argument that Mme Vanderstichel didn't see the foul. She was just a few meters away with nothing blocking her view. Jean-Michel Aulas, to OL TV : « Without a huge error by the ref at the end ()... We have to ask, that's now twice in a row against PSG that these mistakes have been so serious that it's hard to imagine it's just a mistake. () This penalty sticks in my throat...I'm wondering how anyone could fail to blow this whistle. »

We couldn't say it any better.

In any event, GRIEDGE was one of the best Lyon players, imperial defensively, smothering Katoto and beating her for speed several times. She also tried to swing the match for Lyon, with a long run forward leading to a cross that could have ended up in the back of the net after Parédès's block nearly fooled her own keeper.



We can also lament the adoring commentary regarding the Parisian ULTRAS in attendance. Even the Vice-President of the French Football Federation complimented the atmosphere.



Henriques Compte certifié @BrigitHenriques 18 nov.

Grd Plaisir de voir un stade Jean Bouin si animé #D1 feminine#PSGLYON# 🌞🌞
[In English: A great pleasure to see Jean Bouin stadium so animated]



Bea M @Beamontgomery69

Responding to @BrigitHenriques @Mesli_Dounia
C'est le "Pietinez les" ou les chants insultants que vous avez

préférés? 🤔 10:40 - 20 nov. 2018

[In English: Was it « trample them » or the offensive chants that you preferred?]

In response to this legitimate question, the account was blocked.

After making it through a cloud of gas around the stadium from where the Ultras blocked OL's bus from its intended entrance, across from the presidential seats, we could see:

- A tifo with the words: « *Trample them* », while our country flags, on the other hand, had been rigorously scrutinized.
- Chants filled with swear words directed at Lyon players.
- Tons of smoke bombs, even though the FFF President has previously banned them from Ligue 1 matches.



Is all this necessary to have a great atmosphere for women's football? Including allowing people banned from Ligue 1 stadiums to attend, surrounded by supporters' groups? Is this really progress we want to celebrate?

It's a shame, because the Ultras also created some very nice tifos. The OL ANG'ELLES, though fewer in number, tried to respond by creating a nice atmosphere in the stands. And we enjoyed the Ultras homage to the victims of the 2015 attack in Paris.



« 13/11/2015 : For 3 years, 130 stars have lit up the capital ».

J11 - **OL – Fleury 91 : 4 - 1** (Eugénie, Maro, Ada, Izzy / MC Léger) (attendance: 881)

Fleury maintained its spot in D1 after a catastrophic beginning to last season, and has had plenty of turnover since then: 6 new players started the match against OL.

Alexandria Lamontagne (age 22) -< Calgary, 2 selections for Canada	Melissa Roy (age 25) -< University of Laval-Québec	Rachel Corboz (age 22) Georgetown University-Washington
Marie-Charlotte Léger (age 22) -< MHSC, 13m, 5 goals 2017/18	Nadjma Ali Nadjim (age 24) -< Bordeaux, 22m, 5 goals	Kelly Gadéa (age 26) -< OM, 21m, 1 goal 2017/18

et Blandine Joly (age 18, <- MHSC, 0m, 4 times on the bench in 2017/18).



A few days before Arianna visited from Washington, another American OL fan, Rabeeta, made the trip (The pair both write for the English-language blog Lyon Offside).



OL : 6 Fr/11, 8 Fr/13, 10 Fr/16 - Fleury 91 : 9 Fr/11, 11 Fr/14, 13 Fr/16

(Note that Daphne et Rachel Corboz have dual nationality).

With only a thin squad available, especially on defense (Wendie, Kadeisha, Lucy, Caro, Jess, and Amel all absent), Amandine shifted back into central defense, and Saki stayed in midfield, focusing on recovering balls and directing play.



<- EVA Kouache handled the right side of the defense,

GRACE Kazadi made her first official appearance on the bench ->



It was the first start for EVA after 2 substitute appearances since the start of the season.



EVA kept it simple and solid in the game, with some good, dangerous crosses and good defensive interventions. She was at the start of the action that led to EUGENIE's goal. EUGENIE marked her return to full action with a goal on a cross from Shanice.



Eugénie 5th

With Eugénie's technical ability, speed, and spontaneity driving the offense, it was easy to see what a difference she could have made against PSG had she been healthy enough to start.



Eva bore some responsibility for Marie-Charlotte Léger's goal. She took off a bit quickly to jump into the attack down the right side, and was caught upfield following a missed pass by Saki.



M.C. Léger 32nd

SARAH won't be happy to have lost the clean sheet for a second straight match, beaten by Léger's shot from long range moments after coming on. The shot was lightly deflected by Izzy.



She shut down several counterattacks by Fleury with smart interventions a full 30 meters out from goal thanks to her anticipation and high placement. (Of course, this strategy is not without danger, as there's an occasional risk that she'll be beaten by a lob, as was the case with Marine Haupais's goal from 40 meters out in last season's away match at Fleury).



Just before halftime, MARO earned back the advantage for OL, scoring with a near post header off a corner from Selma.

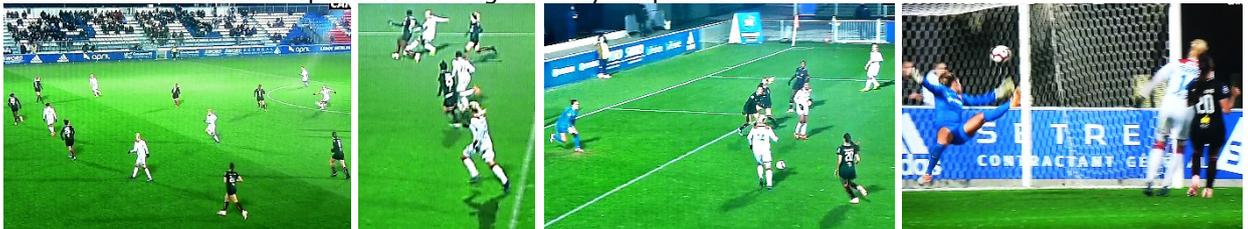


Maro 42nd

Fleury 91 is a solid team that tries to play and take its chances, but they weakened considerably at the one hour mark. Maryne Gignoux-Soulier was excellent in goal, frustration Lyon with good aerial interventions and nice work with the ball at her feet.



But she couldn't keep the score close, with ADA finishing a cross from Shanice and IZZY lobbing a brilliant ball over the keeper after strong work by Delphine.



Ada 66th

After struggling in the first half in the midfield with Saki and Maro, IZZY finished a much improved second half with a lovely lob.



Izzy 84th

Despite their domination, OL's chances came almost exclusively from set pieces rather than from open play, just as was the case against PSG.

Fleury 91, a team we always enjoy facing and interacting with.



All the OL ANG'ELLES who went to Fleury last season remember the great welcome we received from President Daniel Carric. We appreciated that he came to say hello to us before and after the match...and we look forward to the second leg.



Barometer... Trainings Open to the Public

After just two open practices in **November**, we would not have expected a real improvement.

Nov. 6



The announcement that practice was open came late. Because it was during the international break, we didn't expect most of the international players. It rained. And at the announced time, a dozen supporters were waiting at a closed gate.



We were told we had to wait for the players to come out, but they started practice on the covered field. 2 first-time attendees lost patience after a half-hour wait, and it was a full 40 minutes before the gate was opened. Knowing what time practices usually end, we expected to only have a short time to watch, which was frustrating.

In the end, it was an hour-long practice and one of the more interesting ones we've seen since the new coaching staff arrived. There was concentration, rhythm, and nearly a dozen players there, including some of the younger players, Ada, Jess, and the German internationals who had not yet left to join the national team.

Nov. 21

Demonstrating their attentiveness to and respect for the fans, Reynald and his staff again made sure that the toros and drills during the training took place on the part of the field closest to the twenty or so fans in attendance.



At the **beginning of December**, before the winter break, an open practice was held two straight weeks. Is this the start of a new policy in favor of regular open practices?

Dec. 7

At an open practice a year ago, we met **Arianna**, an American fan of OL, who came from Washington to meet the players from her favorite team. We've kept in contact over social media, as with others we've met at practices.



This open practice was particularly welcome since it was during the week that ADA won the Ballon d'Or.



Opening practices helps to create a great atmosphere around the team and helps to grow support throughout France and around the world. Arianna has recently taken over English translations of this newsletter, following the good work of Maxime and Bernard.

Dec. 13

Despite the frigid cold, about 20 supporters watched practice along the sideline.



Could this improvement be a sign of better things to come in 2019?



U15 Team... With CAMILLE and Her Players

Having CAMILLE involved in player development, in charge of the U15 women's team and education for boys and girls, has drawn more attention towards the Academy.

Corbas - U15f : 0-8



Plenty of OL ANG'ELLES were eager to see the player who's been scoring goals and generating plenty of discussion, Nesrine BAHLOULI, but also to follow the other promising players Camille has been developing.



U15f - AS Rhodanienne : 4-0. 3 more goals for Nesrine.





The OL ANG'ELLES also wanted to thank CAMILLE for so many incredible moments she gave us as a player and to show her how much we miss her.



Snapshots... Awards and Rankings



The FIFA awards named Reynald Pedros as the best coach (ahead of Sarina Wiegman [Netherlands] and Asaka Takakura [Japan]) and crowned Marta best player for the 6th time, ahead of Maro and Ada.

A group of experts from the 6 confederations voted based on athletic performance and off-field conduct between August 7, 2017 and May 24, 2018. 6 Lyon players finished in the top 10.

1. Marta (Brazil - Orlando Pride): 14.73% of votes
2. **Dzenifer Marozan** (Germany - Lyon): 12.86%
3. **Ada Hegerberg** (Norway - Lyon): 12.60%
4. Megan Rapinoe (USA - Seattle Reign FC): 11.64%
5. Pernille Harder (Denmark - Wolfsburg): 10.08%
6. **Lucy Bronze** (England - Lyon): 8.65%
7. **Amandine Henry** (France - Lyon): 8.11%
8. **Wendie Renard** (France - Lyon): 7.89%
9. Sam Kerr (Australia - Chicago Red Stars): 6.78%
10. **Saki Kumagai** (Japan - Lyon): 6.66%

Now at the end of the year, other annual rankings have been released, including those from IFFHS and The Offside Rule (Women Soccer United seems to have disappeared).

IFFHS

The 90 members of the IFFHS voted on their awards.

As in 2016, SARAH (best goalkeeper) and MARO (best player) were the two honorees:

3rd straight year for Sarah,
and 2nd victory for Maro, after previously winning in 2016.



This season, 8 Lyon players were named to the Best XI (up from 5 last year) and 3 in the substitutes (5 last year). Reynald Pedros was named best coach (55% of votes).



- Lucy, Maro: 82% of votes
- Wendie : 80%
- Amandine, Ada: 74%
- Pernille Harder: 68%
- Sarah: 57%
- Marta: 51%
- Amel: 40%
- Alex Morgan: 37%
- Saki: 34%

Subs:
Griedge: 17%, Eugénie: 14%, Kadeisha: 10%

For the 4th straight year, OL was named Best Club in the World (5th win in 7 years).

Clubs	IFFHS 2018 Ranking	IFFHS 2017 Ranking
	1 – OL : 302 pts 2 – Wolfsburg : 138 3 – North Carolina Courage : 37 4 – Manchester City : 24 5 – Sao José (Brazil) : 15 6 – PSG : 14 7 – Melbourne City : 13 8 – Bayern : 11 9 – Portland Thorns : 10 10 – Barcelona : 9	1 – OL : 303 pts 2 – PSG : 79 3 – Wolfsburg : 78 4 – Manchester City : 46 5 – Chelsea : 38 6 – Bayern : 32 7 – Barcelona : 25 8 – Portland : 12 9 – North Carolina Courage : 9 10 – Orlando Pride : 9

The Offside Rule

For its part, The Offside Rule polled 72 judges from around the world (up from 59 last year) to determine its Top 100 Players:

15 players, including Kelly Smith and Annika Krahn...

28 coaches, including Olivier Echouafni and Farid Benstiti, and coaches of Portland, Seattle Reign, Wolfsburg, Bayern, Arsenal, Birmingham, Atletico Madrid, Rosengard, Ajax, Norway, Switzerland...

29 journalists and writers, including Romain Balland (Eurosport) and Syanie Dalmat (Equipe)...

Each judge selected 40 players, awarding them between 1 and 40 points according to their ranking.

Top 100 Podium.

The Offside Rule 2018	The Offside Rule 2017	The Offside Rule 2016
1 – Pernille HARDER	1 – Lieke MARTENS	1 – ADA HEGERBERG
2 – Sam KERR	2 – Pernille HARDER	2 – MARTA
3 – ADA HEGERBERG	3 – Sam KERR	3 – Mélanie BEHRINGER

OL remains the best represented club in the 2018 Top 100, with 14 players (up from 13 in 2017, but down from 16 in 2016), with 10 players in the top 30 in each of the past 3 years.

The Offside rule 2018	Points	Classements précédents	Classement Clubs 2018	Points	No. in Top 100
OL		2017, 2016	OL	14739	14
3 - Ada HEGERBERG	2101	10 th , 1 st	Wolfsburg	5981	10
4 - Lucy BRONZE	2094	5 th , 10 th	Chelsea	3860	6
5 - Eugénie LE SOMMER	1893	11 th , 14 th	Portland Thorns	3472	4
6 - Amandine HENRY	1873	12 th , 11 th	Arsenal	3407	5
8 - Wendie RENARD	1828	8 th , 9 th	Orlando Pride	3332	4
11 - Dzszenifer MAROZSAN	1611	6 th , 5 th	Chicago Red Stars	3152	4
18 - Saki KUMAGAI	856	23 rd , 30 th	Seattle Reign	3079	5
22 - Amel MAJRI	694	116 th , 20 th	Perth Glory	2462	1
28 - Jess FISHLOCK	607	22 nd , 22 nd	Barcelona	2366	4
30 - Shanice VAN de SANDEN	556	21 st , 121 st	North Carolina	2287	8
57 - Sarah BOUHADDI	231	51 st , 79 th	Manchester City	1391	5
74 - Griedge M'BOCK BATHY	155	88 th , 71 st	PSG	1227	6
81 - Selma BACHA	125	(-), (-)	Melbourne City	1214	3
83 - Kadeisha BUCHANAN	115	40 th , 38 th	Potsdam	689	3
Total OL :	14739		Utah Royals	668	2
			Rosengard	605	3
			Bayern	569	3
			Essen	518	2
			Frankfurt	409	1
			Houston Dash	325	1
			...Montpellier	217	2

This season, **French players** were better represented (**9**), tying for third most worldwide (only 6 French players made the 2017 Top 100, good enough for just 6th best).

100. Lena GOESSLING	75. Claudia NETO	50. DEBINHA	25. Tobin HEATH
99. Alanna KENNEDY	74. Griedge MBOCK	49. Jenni HERMOSO	24. Jordan NOBBS
98. Emily VAN EGMOND	73. Alyssa NAEHER	48. Svenja HUTH	23. Kim LITTLE
97. Wang SHUANG	72. Lea SCHULLER	47. Almuth SCHULT	22. Amel MAJRI
96. Yuki NAGASATO	71. Tabitha CHAWINGA	46. Lynn WILLIAMS	21. Crystal DUNN
95. Kosovare ASLLANI	70. FORMIGA	45. Rachel DALY	20. Caroline GRAHAM HANSEN
94. Tessa WULLAERT	69. Jill SCOTT	44. Linda DALLMANN	19. Alexandra POPP
93. Melanie BEHRINGER	68. Patri GUJJARRO	43. Lina MAGULL	18. Saki KUMAGAI
92. Abby DAHLKEMPER	67. McCall ZERBONI	42. Nikita PARRIS	17. Ramona BACHMANN
91. Millie BRIGHT	66. Ellen WHITE	41. Ji SO-YUN	16. Christine SINCLAIR
90. Stina BLACKSTENIUS	65. Adrianna FRANCH	40. Anja MITTAG	15. Vivianne MIEDEMA
89. Nahomi KAWASUMI	64. Marie-Antoinette KATOTO	39. Maren MJELDE	14. MARTA
88. Deyna CASTELLANOS	63. Irene PAREDES	38. Sara DABRITZ	13. Fran KIRBY
87. Sherida SPITSE	62. Mana IWABUCHI	37. Steph HOUGHTON	12. Lindsey HORAN
86. Asisat OSHOALA	61. Sam MEWIS	36. Jodie TAYLOR	11. Dzsenifer MAROZSAN
85. Alexia PUTELLAS	60. Abby ERCEG	35. Becky SAUERBRUNN	10. Megan RAPINOE
84. Fridolina ROLFO	59. Lydia WILLIAMS	34. Nadia NADIM	9. Lieke MARTENS
83. Kadeisha BUCHANAN	58. Jess MCDONALD	33. Jackie GROENEN	8. Wendie RENARD
82. Valerie GAUVIN	57. Sarah BOUHADDI	32. Julie ERTZ	7. Alex MORGAN
81. Selma BACHA	56. Mal PUGH	31. Sara Bjork GUNNARSDOTTIR	6. Amandine HENRY
80. Caroline SEGER	55. Toni DUGGAN	30. Shanice VAN DE SANDEN	5. Eugenie LE SOMMER
79. Lara DICKENMANN	54. Lia WALTJ	29. Danielle VAN DE DONK	4. Lucy BRONZE
78. Guro REITEN	53. Christiane ENDLER	28. Jess FISHLOCK	3. Ada HEGERBERG
77. Sanne TROELSGAARD	52. CRISTIANE	27. Ewa PAJOR	2. Sam KERR
76. Elise KELLOND-KNIGHT	51. Christen PRESS	26. Nilla FISCHER	1. Pernille HARDER

Nationality	Points	No. in Top 100
USA	9196	16
France	7117	9
England	6302	11
Netherlands	4739	6
Germany	3619	9
Norway	3403	4
Denmark	3200	3
Australia	3023	5
Brazil	2022	4
Canada	1296	2
Switzerland	1276	3
Japan	1268	4
Sweden	1086	5
Spain	773	4

...and the countries with just one player in the Top 100:

Scotland (661 pts), Poland (614), Wales (607), Iceland (467), South Korea (343), Chili (268), New Zealand (219), Malawi (181), Portugal (149), Nigeria (107), Venezuela (104), Belgium (97), China (94).

This year, we again notice that American and English players are over-represented. This may be the result of a jury primarily composed of voters from anglo-saxon countries: 27 judges from anglo-saxon countries, including 9 British, 10 from the U.S. and Canada, 8 from Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. 25 judges came from other European countries, including 4 French, 6 Germans, and 6 from Nordic countries. 21 come from culturally Latino countries, but the 11 from Latin America perhaps pay more attention to the American league.

League	Points	No. in Top 100
US - NWSL	16551	29
France D1	16183	22
England	8848	17
Germany	8166	19
Australia	3955	7
Spain	2641	5
Sweden	977	5
China	652	4
Norway	237	2
Japan	211	1

Given these facts, the French league clearly remains the best in Europe, with the English and German leagues still neck-and-neck, just as in 2017.

All these rankings are interesting, but nothing matches actual titles, earned collectively by the team on the field.



OL is looking for another treble...

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