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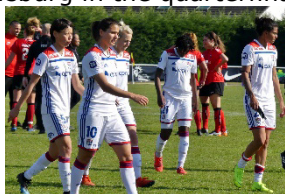


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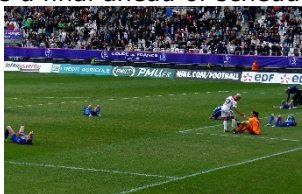
A Word From... The « OL ANG'ELLES » Team

This edition of O ELLES recaps the steps that kept Lyon **in the running for the treble** (from March through mid-April), including trouble against Fleury ahead of a decisive battle with PSG for the D1 title, a narrow Coupe de France semifinal win over GF38, and a Champions League showdown with Wolfsburg in the quarterfinals—perhaps a final ahead of schedule?



Fleury :

Disappointment, but enough done.



GF38 :

Ada overcomes a heroic defensive effort.



Wolfsburg :

Road to Budapest...

OL Féminin was well on its way to accomplishing all of the season's goals. It was hard for the players to manage a rough schedule with international « breaks » adding national team games to their calendar. Fatigue was a factor for certain players: Lyon alternated between periods of brilliance, like the first half hour against Wolfsburg at Parc OL, and halves or even whole games that were decidedly less impressive—albeit often with reshuffled squads or on poor quality fields not suited for D1.

It was a busy time for the fans too, especially with some OL ANG'ELLES making time to follow Lyon's younger players with the youth national team squads—the U16s in Montaigu and the U19s in Biarritz.



Fleury



Grenoble



Wolfsburg



Biarritz

The next and final edition of O ELLES for the 2018-19 season will report on the Treble, discussing matches played at the end of April and in the month of May.



Group Life... Thanking Corine and Elodie

OL ANG'ELLES wanted to honor Corine and Elodie with a trophy to thank them for all the joy they brought the fans over the years, just as the group did for the 3rd legendary player who retired at the end of the last season.

We also gave a bouquet to José, Elodie's mother, a member of OL ANG'ELLES who was in the region.



About 40 OL ANG'ELLES came out to honor the players with cameras from France 3 there to capture the moment.

They also took the opportunity to attend another game for Camille's U15 squad, keeping a close eye on Ines BENYAHIA, the only Lyon player who was set to join the U16 national team for a tournament in Montaigu the following week.



Academy

National Team... U16, U19

At the first Montaigu international tournament with U16 women's teams, we expected to see INES Benyahia, the only Lyon player initially selected by Cécile Locatelli, for the first game against North Korea.

Hip pain forced her to withdraw and NESRINE Bahlouli was selected to replace her, marking her first international call-up.

Coming into the game at halftime of the first match, NESRINE showed some promise, earning praise for some sharp moves and assisting on the first goal from Paris's Vicki Becho in the 2-1 French victory.

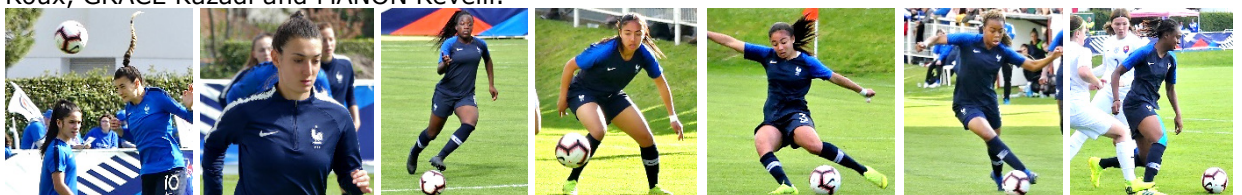


While in the first half, France confused speed for haste, sending too many quick forward passes that never found their target, Nesrine was able to serve as a more technical relay point in the second half, providing Vicki Becho with better support.

By beating China in the second match (1-0, Nesrine played the first half, 41 minutes, and another assist for Vicki Becho), France secured a tournament win, and wrapped up with a draw against Spain (1-1, Nesrine came on at 61').



In Basque Country, the French U19s won their group in the qualifying rounds for the Euros taking place in Scotland in July. That tournament will also serve as qualifiers for the U20 World Cup in 2020. 6 Lyon players were with the team: SELMA Bacha, MELVINE Malard, EVA Kouache, DANIELLE Jessy Roux, GRACE Kazadi and MANON Revelli.



Manon and Eva

Grace

Selma

Danielle Jessy

Melvine

6-0 wins against Portugal and Slovakia, and a draw (0-0) against Slovenia sent France through thanks to their superior goal average.



Scores... Coupe de France

Semifinal - GF38 - OL: 0 - 1 (Ada) (Attendance: 4920)



Lyon stayed on track to reach the final and regain the Coupe de France title, despite a challenging match with certain players practically stepping straight off a plane and onto the field.



For example, LUCY traveled 17,000 km in 11 days, from Lyon to Philadelphia for the first game of the SheBelievesCup (2-1 over Brazil), then to Nashville, Tennessee against the USA (2-2), then Tampa, Florida (3-0 over Japan) and back to Lyon...



It was an unusual squad for Lyon because of injuries and player management: of the 16 players in the group, 8 were forwards and just 6 were defenders or midfielders . . . which meant MELVINE played outside back for her first start.



EUGENIE, the captain, had several good chances even in just the first half hour.



But she had to withdraw early on after a big collision yielded a significant cut over her eye (and a substantial amount of blood), on a play that seemed to deserve a warning given how late defender Palmyre Fortin arrived.

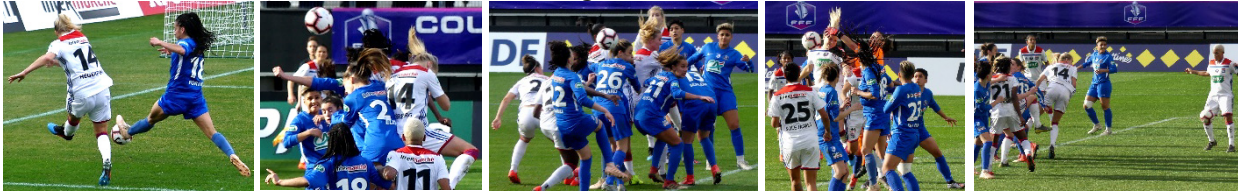


Even though Lyon had the bulk of possession throughout, the ball movement was slow and predictable and it didn't unsettle the Grenoble defense, which was able to clear plenty of hopeful crosses. In the first half, there just one shot from distance, taken by Lucy (42nd min), which CINDY Perrault deflected onto the crossbar.



It took until the final 15 minutes to see Lyon pick up the pace and string together dangerous shots, in particular from Maro (85th, 91st off the post).

ADA battled all match, often in the air, for a long time with no success...



... until the effort finally paid off on a cross from Maro in just the right spot.



Ada (94th)



The quality cross from MARO, the determination and perseverance from ADA, did just enough because a penalty shootout would have been stressful...

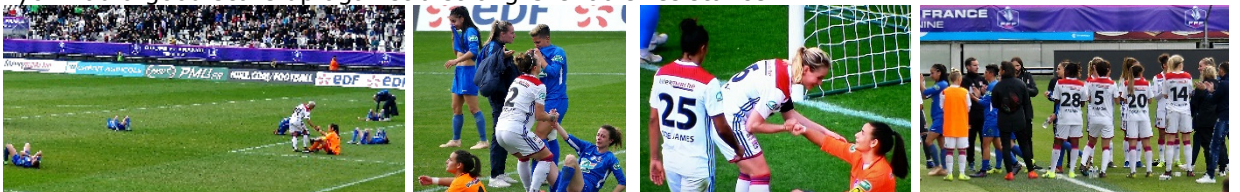


...especially with CINDY Perrault making huge save after huge save to keep the suspense all the way into stoppage time.



Someday, they will have to eliminate this unusual rule of not playing extra time because it incentivizes teams to play ultra-defensive, crowding the box and wasting time, hoping to hold on long enough for a potential penalty shootout. It was understandable to see Grenoble take that approach, but we've also often seen it from PSG in the past.

Lyon had a good scare up against a strong Grenoble resistance...



... a **GF38** team for which we have a fair amount of affection, given the number of former Lyon players in the team. **9 players in the squad have passed through OL**, 5 of whom saw playing time:

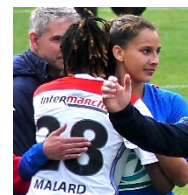
4 starters



Cindy Perrault
U19 OL 2011-16, D1-OL 1g



Palmyre Fortin
U19 OL 2011-12



Salomé Elisor
U19 OL 2014-16



Sandrine Brétiny
D1 FCL, OL 2000-2012



Julie, injured

Substituted on: **Océane Grange** U19 OL 2010-11

And: **Julie Piga** U19 OL 2013-17,
 D1-CdF OL : 4 games 2015-17
Lina Thivillon U16 OL 2014-15
Camelia Moussa U19 OL 2015-16
Loïs Ursella U19 OL 2016-17



Camelia

Maro was once again reunited with Sandrine Brétigny, « Brétigol », with whom she played in Frankfurt (2012-13).



Scores... D1

J18 - **Bordeaux – OL: 1 – 7** (Shanice x/2, Maro, Ada x/2, Eugénie, Kadeisha) (Attendance: 1660)

With just a few days until the Wolfsburg showdown, the fans and the players needed some reassurance coming off of lackluster performances against Lille, PFC, and GF38.



They needed an energy boost after national team duty all across the globe.

And in the end, they pulled it off well.



Bordeaux : 7 Fr/11, 10 Fr/14 - **OL** : 5 Fr/11, 7 Fr/14

In the second half of the season, it became more common to see a minority of Lyon's French players participating in the matches, but that was largely due to the need to let the French internationals recover from their frequent call ups to the national team.

AMEL had to withdraw at the last minute for a muscle issue, Griedge and Delphine were rested following the interational break and ahead of Champions League action.



OL created a number of chances in the first half, but Erin made some nice saves—twice on Ada and another on Eugénie (50th), on top of the three goals scored:



Shanice 14th



Shanice opened the scoring and nabbed a brace in the second half.



Shanice 73rd

Maro 21st

ADA's brace drew her even with Katoto on the goal-scoring leaderboard for D1, with 18 goals.



Ada 27th



Ada 84th



EUGÉNIE, playing after her blow to the head against GF38, played balls with her head without hesitation. She got on the end of a cutback cross from Ada after Amandine's shot hit the the post and rolled along the goal line and scored her 11th goal in D1.



Eugénie 48th

KADEISHA took the opportunity to score her first goal with OL, off a free kick from Maro.



Kadeisha 63rd

It was a big relief for Lyon, but disappointment for the Bordeaux players who should be credited for their willingness to compete. They launched a few dangerous counter-attacks, and Sarah was forced to stop two or three dangerous shots. Bordeaux also scored a nice goal on one attack, with Peckel sending a very good cross into Asseyi at the back post.



As was also true the previous week against GF38, there were plenty of **former Lyon players** in the Bordeaux squad: among the **6**, 2 were starters, Erin and Claire, with Mylaine, Maëlle and Ghoutia Karchouni (developed at OL, with the U19s from 2010 to 2013) entering as subs and Romane remaining on the bench.



Erin

Claire

Ghoutia

Maëlle



Mylaine made her return after a long period of absence due to injury, showing she hadn't lost any of her quality when she tucked a nifty nutmeg through Lucy's legs. Unfortunately, her season ended 45 minutes after she came onto the pitch, just ahead of the final whistle, when her ankle flared up again.



J19 - **Fleury 91 - OL: 1 - 1** (D.Corboz / Sole) (Attendance: 775)

Always a pleasure to visit Fleury, where President Carric is always so welcoming.



The only problem is that Fleury 91 is not able to play in a stadium and on a field really suitable for D1, like many other clubs. It's not easy to adapt from the lush grass fields of OL or Wolfsburg to the bumpy terrain at Fleury.

Fleury 91 had just changed coaches for the second time.



In March, Habib Boumezoued, also in charge of the men's senior B team, replaced Eric Michel, former technical director and coach of the senior team for Antony Sports club of Hauts-de-Seine (who didn't have the required license), who himself replaced Jean-Claude Daix, who had took over at Fleury in June 2018.

One new player arrived since the first leg match: Madeline **Bauer**, an American central defender, age 24, who came over from Djurgården in the Swedish league.



Fleury 91 : 7 Fr/11, 9 Fr/13 – **OL** : 4 Fr/11, 6 Fr/14

Multiple lineup changes after the victorious return from Wolfsburg just 4 days earlier, and just before the internationals left for another round of national team duty.



Better ball movement across the field and cross-field switches might have helped keep the team from quite as many small spaces where the poor state of the field contributed to a lot of lost balls... Thanks to SOLE's determination, OL managed the hardest part in opening the score.



Sole 39th

OL may have been a bit too content with this narrow lead against a team they were dominating, but that has good, experienced players who are more than capable of countering.

Fortunately, good physical battles helped hold the counters at bay...until Daphné Corboz, alone in front of Lisa, beat her off a cross after a good counter attack. The defense was too complacent, with Caro and Kadeisha letting Lamontagne cross uncontested while Lisa was too passive up against Corboz.



Daphné Corboz 73rd

AMEL sent a shot off the post, nearly restoring the lead.



A late substitute appearance from Eugénie put Fleury on the ropes in the final minutes, but Maryse Gignoux, effective in the air, did enough to salvage the draw with good saves on a shot from Delphine, a rebound opportunity for Ada alone in front, and a shot from Shanice alone at the back post...



Delphine 58th

The warning signs had been there against Grenoble and Lille...and one could point to additional challenging circumstances, like the recent returns from national team duty. But overall, this disappointing performance and the two lost points did not change much with respect to the title race. A draw with PSG would remain sufficient, but there could be no slip ups against Dijon or Metz.

Starting with this game, certain OL ANG'ELLES began regularly showing AMEL how much they hoped she would stay with the club. The chants prompted laughs and smiles from Amel, Griedge, and Kheira, who were preparing to meet up with the French national team at Clairefontaine.



Barometer... Open Practices

March 8.

A decent sized crowd, with at least 70 spectators, including a group of youngsters from Quebec.



It was just after national team duty, with some short debriefings, and the latest returnees limited to a short cool down session.



The others went through toros, light physical work, some slaloms and a brief scrimmage.



March 14.

A practice on the eve of the first-leg match against Wolfsburg.



The practice wasn't a real training, with 45 minutes of toros and kick around, with good humor and a relaxed attitude. It was a good opportunity for the fans to show their support and offer encouragements ahead of the big match.



April 18.

The open practice, 3 days ahead of the match against Chelsea, drew over 200 fans, with a relaxed ambiance all the same. Fans and players alike took the chance to celebrate Maro's birthday.



It was a more interesting practice than other recent open trainings, with warm ups, toros, and a scrimmage between the first team and the subs.

May 15.

We worried that we might not have another chance to visit the Training Center as the end of the season approached, given how many big matches approached. So we were especially appreciative of this open practice just three days before the Champions League final in Budapest.



Physical work, a scrimmage with tactical work, and for Eugénie, Ada, and Melvine, some spectacular work in front of the goal to build up confidence.



Worth noting the presence of Gérard Houiller throughout the session, just as he was present for all the matches to end the season.

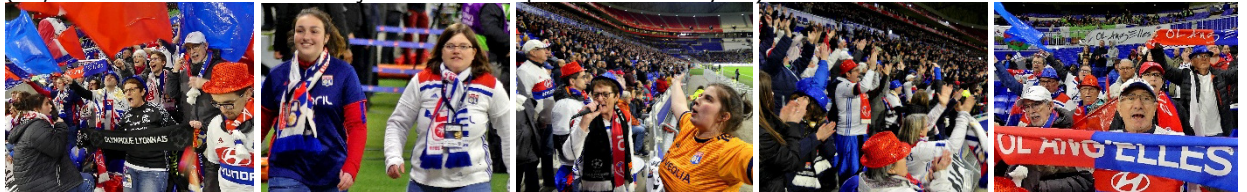
In total, despite the meeting requested at the end of the 2017-18 season and held in the middle of this season, including the very light practices, like the one on March 14, there was about one open practice held per month. There was a bit of a bright spell thanks to the opening of few practices—compared to nearly a total lack of open sessions since the move to Décines—**4 open practices over the final 3 months of the season**, (even in light of the tight schedule and numerous important matches and the absence of players during international breaks) is a bit disappointing, especially given how often the announcements come late, just one or two days before the session.



Scores... Champions League Quarterfinals

Quarterfinal **First Leg** – **OL – Wolfsburg: 2 – 1** (Eugénie, Wendie / Fischer)

The best ever attendance for a Champions League quarterfinal in Lyon: 17,840 spectators. (15,104 in attendance when Barça came in the quarterfinals last year)



Still, the attendance was a bit disappointing given that this was a battle between the two supposed best teams in Europe.

Everyone sent their best wishes to IZZY, who would miss all the decisive matches through the end of the season.



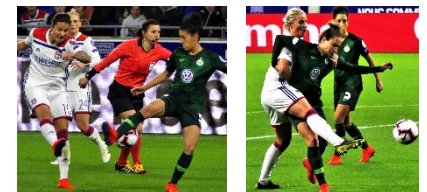
Probably in order to keep Jess (one of the best for Lyon) and Maro together on the field, the team adopted a 4-4-2 diamond formation, the same one used against PSG in the Coupe de France match.



OL : 6 Fr/11, 7 Fr/13, 8 Fr/18 – **Wolfsburg** : 5 Nat/11, 5 Nat/13, 8 Nat/18

Few changes to the Wolfsburg team since last year's final in Kiev.

In the starting XI, only Babet Peter and Claudia Neto were added in place of Maritz and the injured Lara Dickenman, but these players had been with the club last year. (Neto, who joined Wolfsburg in the winter window from Linkopings was not eligible for the 2017-18 Champions League).



Claudia Neto

Babet Peter

On the bench, 3 departues and 2 new arrivals.

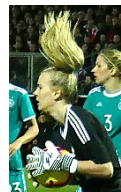
Departures



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->Manchester City

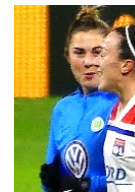


Isabel Kerschovski
->Bayer Leverkusen

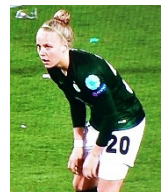


Merle Frohms
->Freiburg

Arrivals



Mary Earps
<-Reading



Pia-S. Wolter
<-Werder Brême

The first half hour was good from Lyon, with constant pressing and technical precision. OL was helped out by the Wolfsburg defense, with Neto and Schult not at their best, the latter of whom was just returning from an illness that had her sidelined for several weeks. EUGENIE and WENDIE made them pay early on.



Eugénie 11th



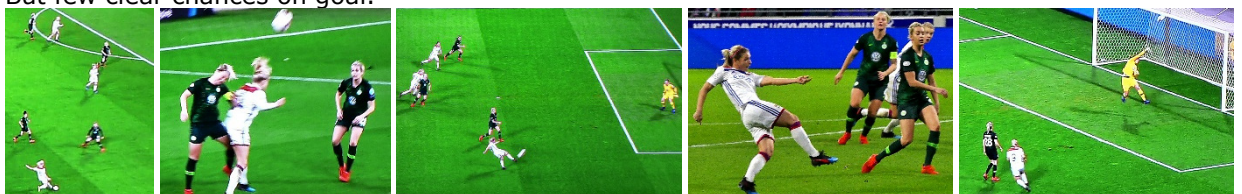
Wendie 18th

1 st Half	OL	Wolfsburg
Dangerous situations and clear chances	6, of which 4 were clear 3', Cross Ada, Schult saves, Amandine missed wide 11', Neto backpass, Eugénie anticipated, GOAL 18', Corner Amel, Wendie header, GOAL 26', FK Maro, Ada header, into Schult 39', Superb movement from Maro, Amandine cross ->Ada beaten to the near post by Fischer 43', Amandine cross, Ada header, ->Eugénie rebound off crossbar	3, 0 clear 9', Shot from Popp 20m out, deflected 35', Dangerous cross Popp, Harder header 37', Long dangerous pass for Hansen
	Shots	7, 4 dangerous
On Target	3	0

As early as the 3rd minute, Amandine was surprised to see a ball crossed by Ada deflected centrally by Schult.



But few clear chances on goal.



Eugénie 43rd

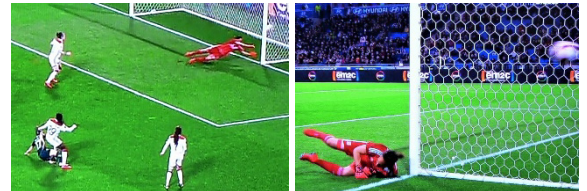
A superb move with Ada heading the ball for Eugénie to volley off the crossbar at the end of the first half, and in the second half, Jess nearly found the net with touching home a cross from Amandine at the back post.



Jess 55th

2 nd Half	OL	Wolfsburg
Dangerous situations and clear chances	3, 1 clear 55', Amandine cross, Jess at the back post 67', Griedge pass toward Ada, Schult beat her 85', Ada gets between Schult and Fischer ->Fischer saves ahead of Eugénie	3, 2 clear 50', Pajor turning shot, save Sarah 59', Harder cross, ->Wendie blocks Pajor from 7m 64', FK Hansen, Popp header punched out, ->Fischer rebound header, GOAL
	Shots	2, 2 dangerous
On Target	1	4

In sum, fewer clear chances for Wolfsburg, but for one significant chance on which Sarah was vigilant Pajor, who was the most dangerous in Kiev, was held in check by Griedge, and Hansen was more of an offensive threat.



Pajor 50th

Nonetheless, the goal scored by Fischer kept Wolfsburg in the tie ahead of the second leg match.



Fischer 64th

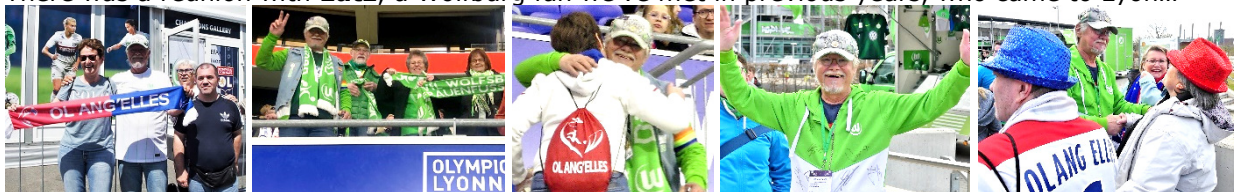


The Lyon players chased the ball for much of the second half, struggling to string together passes and tending to launch hopeful balls forward.

In the second half, Stephan Lerch reacted smartly by subbing Maritz in for Blasse, but also repositioning Pernille Harder to put pressure on Saki who seemed to be on every ball.

In the end, OL held the lead ahead of the second leg match. The tie remained open, but the goal of scoring in Wolfsburg seemed manageable and should have enabled qualification without too much stress.

There was a reunion with **Lutz**, a Wolfsburg fan we've met in previous years, who came to Lyon...



Kiev 2018

Lyon 2019

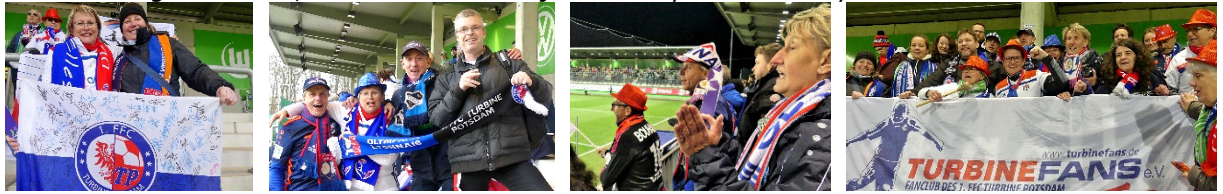
Wolfsburg 2019



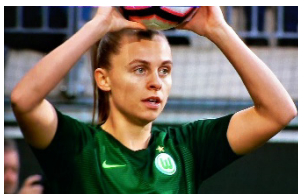
...and the 25 OL ANG'ELLES who traveled to Wolfsburg with other fans, including **Adina**, who we first met at the 2017 Euros in the Netherlands



Turbine Potsdam supporters, fans of Ada since her time at their club, who have been friends since the match in Prague in 2016, were on the scene just as they had been 2 years earlier...



Quarterfinal **Second Leg** - **Wolfsburg – OL: 2 – 4** (Harder x/2 / Maro, Wendie, Eugénie x/2)
(Attendance: 4,445)



<- For Wolfsburg, the only changes from the first match, **Maritz** the Swiss player who had a strong second half appearance replaced Blässe.
For OL -> **Selma** started, allowing Amel to play further forward Saki was relegated to the bench.



Wolfsburg : 4 Nat/11, 6/14, 8/18 – **OL** : 7 Fr/11, 8/14, 8/18

It took less than 25 minutes to make the difference in the first half with two early goals. MARO on a free kick (the ball crossed the goal line before Lucy slammed it into the back of the net).



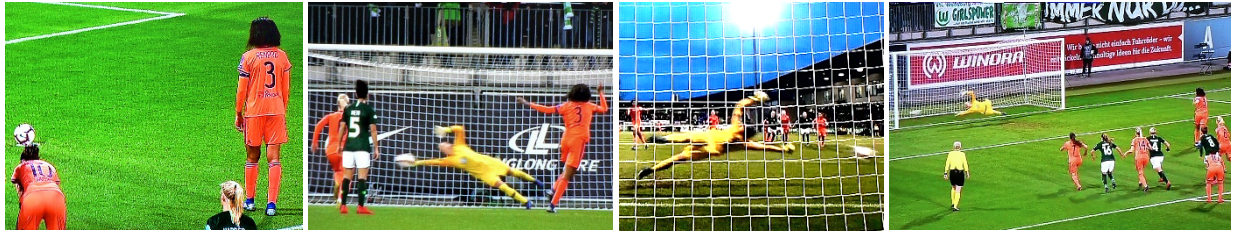
Maro 8th

MARO was everywhere in the first half, with her usual technical finesse and smooth moves, but also hard work tracking back and contributing defensively. She was a bit less apparent in the second half.

After a takeaway and quick pass from Jess in behind, a foul by Schult on Ada...



...WENDIE converted the penalty for a second goal that seemed to have OL well in control.



Wendie 25th

EUGENIE was in good form nearly surprised Schult with a delightful shot on the half volley from out wide and on target following a long ball from Maro.



Eugénie 29th

1 st Half	OL	Wolfsburg
Dangerous situations and clear chances	4, 3 clear	
	8', FK Maro, GOAL 25', Schult foul on Ada, Penalty Wendie, GOAL 29', Improbable shot from Eugénie out wide 37', Amandine powerful shot at Schult	
Shots	5, 3 dangerous	4, 0 dangerous
On Target	5	2

But the team found itself faced with a renewed Wolfsburg threat after conceding 2 goals to Pernille Harder at the start of the second half.

2 nd Half	OL	Wolfsburg
Dangerous situations and clear chances	3, 2 clear	4, 4 clear
	60', Amandine cross, Eugé back post header, GOAL 66', Tight angle shot from Maro 80', Delphine cutback cross, Eugénie shot, GOAL	53', Pajor cross, Harder shot, GOAL 56', Hansen cross, Harder shot, GOAL 65', Pajor shot, Sarah foot save 85', Corner, Harder header passes
Shots	5, 3 dangerous	4, 4 dangerous
On Target	3	3

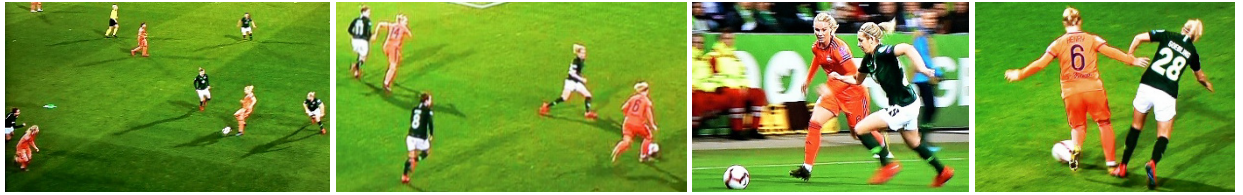


Harder 53rd



Harder 56th (following a quickly taken free kick with the Lyon defense not back in position)

Plenty of other teams—maybe all except OL?—would have panicked faced with such a comeback. But OL was better, with veteran players who were able to get the game back under control. Amandine and Delphine provided service for Eugénie, who scored two nice goals to remind everyone just how good she is. They were her 40th and 41st goals in European competition, putting her level with Ada.



As is often the case in important games (like the Kiev final), AMANDINE was critical piece, key in the decisive moments. Just as the match could have been falling apart, her determination and power made the difference against Goessling, with EUGENIE winning the header at the back post on the cross.



Eugénie 60th



DELPHINE, who came into the game just a dozen minutes earlier, was again decisive, just as she was in national team appearances and with OL at the end of the season.



Eugénie 80th



Qualification was secured: it would have taken 3 goals from Wolfsburg to eliminate OL, but SARAH was there to snuff out any final push that would have given the Wolves hope.



Sarah 65th (against Pajor)

A 10th qualification for the semifinals in 12 attempts.



Jean-Michel AULAS, speaking to OLTV:

« Constantly challenging yourself to get better when you've already won everything is a virtue you don't see very often ».

Not yet recovered from her serious injury, LARA Dickenman missed the tie, in which Wolfsburg felt short against OL for a 4th consecutive year.



Another super trip with the team, with additional joy at learning that the next round would be in London against Chelsea.



Group Life... Lyon Fairgrounds, Exposition

In the midst of a packed schedule at the end of the season, the OL ANG'ELLES reserved some time to promote women's football and OL and to recruit new fans.

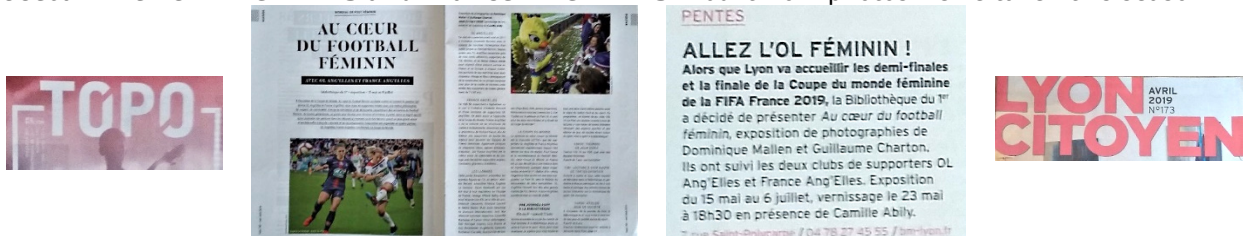
OL ANG'ELLES returned this year to a stand at the **Lyon Fairgrounds**, offering goodies and soliciting new members.

The stand received some great visitors: ETTIE, the World Cup mascot we run into often, IZZY still sidelined by her broken ankle from the SheBelievesCup.



DELPHINE came with her father, Laurent Cascarino, to share the comic book he authored, « Team d'attaque », available from the end of May, and which can be ordered at the website www.LJTEAMDATTAQUE.com.

From the end of the season and in celebration of the World Cup, the Library of Lyon's 1st Arrondissement held an **exposition** from May 15 through July 6, titled « **At the heart of women's football with OL ANG'ELLES and France ANG'ELLES** » built from photos we've taken this season.



www.bm-lyon.fr/IMG/pdf/topo_140_bd.pdf (p.32-33)

The exposition highlights the passion of OL ANG'ELLES and FRANCE ANG'ELLES, two supporters groups built on the same philosophy of respect, togetherness, a spirit of discovery, eagerness for meet-ups, bringing together football fans of all generations, men and women equally, with an attitude of sportsmanship that we hope to see continue in the stands even as women's football grows in popularity and finally ascends to the height of attention and recognition it deserves.

National Team... France A

For the last two preparation matches before the announcement of France's World Cup roster, 7 Lyon players were called up—8 if you count Emelyne, who was loaned to Guingamp for the end of the season.

France - Japan: 3-1 (Valérie Gauvin, Eugénie, Kadi Diani) (Attendance: 15,379)



5 Lyon starters: Griedge, Wendie, Amel, Amandine, Eugénie.



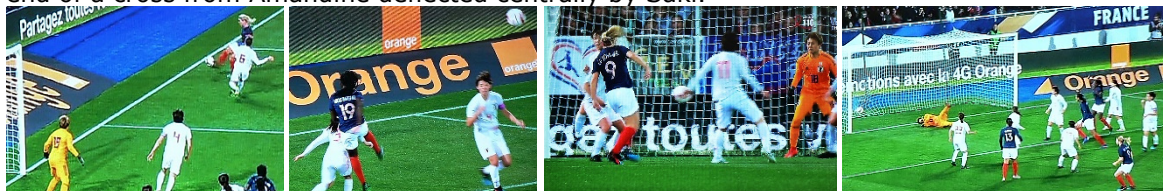
Delphine (62nd) and Sarah (23rd) were substituted in. Sarah came on suddenly after Pauline Peyraud-Magnin in her first cap, injured herself in clearing the ball. Fortunately, she was still ultimately available for the World Cup.



After coming on with no warm up, Sarah blocked the first shot she faced, but turned it onto the foot of Japanese player Kobayashi.



EUGENIE scored her 74th goal for the French national team (Marinette Pichon 81) getting on the end of a cross from Amandine deflected centrally by Saki.



DELPHINE was as impactful as in her other appearances: on the 3rd goal, her 40 meter run was finished off by a shot deflected back into Diani's feet by Yamashita, the goalkeeper.

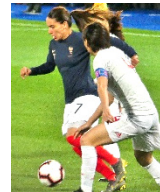
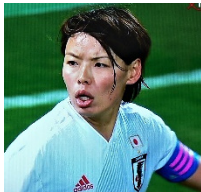




It was a shame KHEIRA had not been called into camp for more matches ahead of the final list, seeing just 7' of game time, without a real opportunity to show her value, despite her good form and starting role at Barcelona all season long (24 g Liga, 7 UWCL, 3 Copa)



SAKI, captain of the Japanese national team, contributed her experience and physical play in central defense. Her close relationship with her OL teammates was evidence at final whistle.



France - Denmark: 4-0 (Delphine x/2, Griedge, Valérie Gauvin)



A few days after qualifying against Wolfsburg, Pernille Harder again crossed paths with the 6 Lyon starters for France. Wendie was rested.

DELPHINE in excellent form at the end of the season was decisive in every match: with speed, power, talent, a better and better eye for goal, she notched her first brace for France.



Delphine 31st



Delphine 47th

Incredible that it took this long to see just how invaluable a player she can be. Let's recall that at the start of the season, she was relegated to France B after decent games and only found a place with France A thanks to injuries to Eugénie and later Diani.

GRIEDGE scored her 5th goal in 49 caps, following a corner that Amandine directed off the post. Griedge blasted the rebounding ball into the back of the net from the penalty spot.





The team's play seemed to have progressed, with better ball movement, more speed, and improved efficiency.

Across the two friendlies, the players expected to be good were as anticipated, while those who had seemed to struggle to this point did so again.

Not many uncertainties remained for Corinne Diacre's final list. But there seemed to be some « political » maneuvering to make the roster, with 8 of 12 D1 clubs represented, to the detriment of perhaps better quality players more suited for high level competition.



The die has been cast for a World Cup that we hope will be victorious, with France benefiting from the two best clubs in Europe with OL and PSG (as many as 15 top level players across the two clubs), and having one of the best players in the world at several positions.

Every Lyon fan will be behind the French national team, hoping to see them in July at the Parc OL!



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