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

Three-game weeks, long-distance travel (plus time for sightseeing), Equipe de France games during the international breaks...the first two months of the season have been intense not just for the players, but also for the fans!

It's been hard to find the time to take a step back and catch up on what's been happening on the field and off for the OL ANG'ELLES.

At last, here we are. This edition covers the first round of Champions League matches and our trip to Russia, as well as OL's second trophy of the season (and first official title) with a win in the new Trophée des Championnes (SuperCup) over perennial rivals PSG.



Trophée des Championnes, in Guingamp.



Ryazan

Even if the two teams weren't quite all the way to midseason form, we'll look back on that victory over PSG with fond memories, especially with the first league battle between the teams on the horizon.

There have also been some notable awards and individual recognition for our players, including 3 players who were recognized in FIFA's Best XI for the year: Wendie, Amandine, and Lucy...

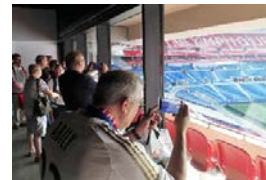


...and we'll wait to see the outcome of the Ballon d'Or voting in early December, with 6 Lyon players among the 20 nominees—Sarah, Ada, and Maro joining the three members of the FIFPro XI.



Group Life... General Meeting

About 50 or so of the 270 subscribed group members (up from 180 at the start of last season, and 215 at the end of the year) met in a room at Groupama Stadium before the game against Fleury for an OL ANG'ELLES general meeting.



We have nearly 90 new members, majority women (about 58%), and 80% in the Lyon region, with others from the Paris area, Paca, Brittany, the north, the east...and we've gotten younger, now with half of our members under the age of 40 in a group that covers all generations.



OL Ang'Elles now ranks 4th among OL's recognized supporters groups in terms of number of subscribed members.



A buffet was served with some delicious dishes on the menu: foie gras, fresh grapes, peas, smoked salmon, Charolais beef slides with red onions, seasonal fruits, etc...



The general meeting also was an opportunity to distribute season tickets to the 114 members who selected the new option offered by OL this season.



Tip of the Hat... The Pioneers

Ahead of the match against Reims, with the team returning to D1, the club celebrated its « Pioneers. » Three of them were present for a ceremonial kickoff : Renée Delahaye, Danielle Doyen, and Guylaine Brassard.



During the World Cup, Reims' multimedia library had a display looking back on the history of women's football in Reims.



After it was banned under the Vichy regime in 1941, women's football made a comeback at the end of the 1960s.

In 1967, among Ste Foy-les-Lyon, St Clair Caluire, St Maur, Joinville, in Alsace Gertsheim and Schwindratzheim, the Reims team stood apart and attracted a fair amount of media attention.

Their coach, Pierre Geoffroy, was a correspondent for AFP, which gave them great opportunities for press coverage.

Marlène Jobert was their sponsor and the Gainsbourg-Birkou couple gave the ceremonial kickoff for the semifinal of the first-ever league competition. In 1969 and 1970, the team traveled the world.





The French National Team didn't exist yet and UEFA and FIFA did not recognize women's football, but it was Reims representing France in international matches. In 1978, they won a Club World Cup in Taiwan (in a tie with a Finnish team from Helsinki). Between 1975 and 1982, Reims won 5 titles as Champions of France.



Scores... D1

J2 - Reims - OL : 3 - 8 (Feller x/2, og Ada (David) / Delphine, Ada x/3, Wendie, Amandine, Amel) (Attendance: 3,147)



Only 3 new players in the starting XI for Reims, promoted to D1 at the end of last season.



Darya Kravets
Ukrainian, age 25
43 caps (?)
BIK Kazygurt 2016-19 ->
(Played against OL with
BIK in the 2017 UWCL)



<- **Rachel Corboz**, age 23
previously with Fleury 91



Jessy Danielle Roux ->
age 19, on loan from OL



OL : 7 Fr/11, 8/14, 9/18 – **Reims** : 6 Fr/11, 7/14, 11/18

Two early opportunities and 2 goals for OL. DELPHINE was on fire right from kickoff.



Delphine 1st

ADA quickly banged home her **200th goal** for OL.



Ada 3rd

There were plenty of other chances too, including 2 crossbars in 2 minutes.



Janice 11th

Amel 13th

Later, following some superb buildup play and a shot from Eugénie, the American goalkeeper Tullis-Joyce made one of several good saves on the afternoon.



Eugénie 37th

WENDIE, AMANDINE, and AMEL added 3 goals in the 1st half.



Wendie 20th



Amandine 29th



Amel 44th

Nonetheless, the match was shocking because of a defensive collapse rarely (if ever!) seen from Lyon. After putting two goals on the board, the wheels started to come off...perhaps due to fatigue, the return from national team duty, new positions for certain players, lack of balance...

Full credit, though, to a Reims team that bounced back from a horrible start to keep playing and pushing Lyon's defense throughout the match.

They posed some real problems for Lyon's midfield and Naomi Feller, fresh off the summer's U19 European Championship run, recorded an impressive first-half brace.



Feller 8th

Feller 40th



Just on the other side of halftime, an own goal off the head of Ada from a corner (though credited to David) put Reims dangerously within striking distance of OL (3-5).

Ada og (David) 50th



But OL scored three more goals in the half, ensuring that the final score better matched the substantial gap in quality between the two teams.

AMEL converted a penalty after Nikita was tripped in the box.



Amel 81st

ADA rounded out her day with a hat trick, taking her to 202 goals for OL.



Ada 77th



Ada 88th

A **first professional appearance** for **Manon Revelli**, another member of the U19 Euros winning team with Naomi Feller and Chloé Philippe, who she also met on the field.



She came on for Lucy with 10 minutes remaining in the match. The OL Ang'Elles also took this game to celebrate **Lucy** for winning the title of **UEFA Player of the Year**.



We were impressed with the game plan from **Amandine Miquel**, the 35-year old Reims coach, who chose to have her team push offensively, aiming to score goals, even knowing defeat would be nearly unavoidable.



We were initially surprised by how well Amandine Miquel got along with Lucy, with the coach even seeming to want Lucy's jersey, but we later learned that Miquel lived and played in England and won a championship with Chelsea's U17 team.

The timing may not have been ideal to show our support for **SARAH** (on a day when OL conceded 3 goals, something not done since 2009), but a difficult day doesn't take anything away from the excellent year she has had, including a strong 2018-19 season and very good World Cup that proved she's among the world's best goalkeepers...even though she was snubbed in FIFA's 3 nominations.



J3 - **OL – Fleury 91 : 6 – 0** (Maro x/2, Eugénie x/2, Griedge, Izzy) (Attendance: 1,152).

The OL ANG'ELLES honored the memory of **Sahar Khodayari**, known as « **Blue Girl** » because of her favorite team Easteghlal's colors, who had died a week earlier.



In Iran, women are banned from stadiums for men's games. Sahar Khodayari, a 30-year-old translator, loved football and disguised herself as a man to attend her favorite team's games, but she was arrested. Fearing a sentence of 6 months in prison, she set herself on fire in front of the Islamic Revolutionary Court of Tehran and died from her injuries.

In the wake of the tragedy, FIFA pushed for improved stadium access, and for the first time in 40 years, 3,500 women attended a game on October 10.



It's always a pleasure to see **President Carric** at the games against Fleury.

His team took on a Danish flavor this season, with **6 new players** in the starting XI, including 2 Danish internationals, and another—Stine Larsen, the most capped—remaining on the bench.



Cecilie Sandvej
age 29
34 caps, 1 goal / Denmark
<- Frankfurt



Rikke Sevecke
age 23
12 caps, 1g/DEN
<- Brondby



Stine Larsen
age 23
41 caps, 9 goals
<- Brondby





Laetitia Philippe (<- Rodez)



Marina Makenza (<- PFC)



Hanna Diaz (<- Lille)



Meffometou **Tcheno**, of Cameroon, was the only Fleury player to have competed in the World Cup last summer. (OL : 9 WWC/11, 11/13, 12/18... + Ada)



Claudine Meffometou Tcheno
age 29
<- EA Guingamp



OL : 6 Fr/11, 7/14, 8/18 – **Fleury 91** : 7 Fr/11, 9/13, 10/15.

After the defensive disaster against Reims, it was important to not concede any goals. In the end, it was a one-side affair. Maro and Eugénie each recorded a brace.



Maro 10th



Maro 39th



Eugénie 32nd



Eugénie 51st





Griedge 56th

Izzy also scored on her return from a long absence due to injury.



Izzy 75th

In her **200th game** for OL (21 titles / 9 D1, 5 UWCL, 7 CdF), **AMEL** played on the right side, combining well with Lucy and dazzling as usual with tricky moves and tidy dribbles to create space and dangerous chances.



The first league home game also gave us a chance to officially present the VICAT-OL ANG'ELLES trophy to Eugénie, though of course she had been told of the recognition before the World Cup as a sign of our confidence in her ahead of the major international tournament.



J4 - **EAG - OL : 1 - 5** (Fleury / Eugénie, Maro x/2, Delphine, Ada) (Attendance: 3,166)

Between 35 and 40 OL fans in attendance, including OL Ang'Elles and some Brittany-based friends.



4 new players among the starters for **EAG**, of which Cameroon's Jeanette Yango was the lone member of the squad to compete at the World Cup. (OL : 10 WWC/11, 12/14, 12/18... +Ada)



Jeanette Yango
age 26
-> St Malo, D2





Luna Gewitz made her return to France after 6 season in her home country, Denmark. She previously played with Solène Durand and Faustine Robert for Montpellier in 2013, and picked up the U19 league title.



Luna Gewitz (<- Fortuna Hjorring, age 25, 10 caps for Denmark)



Carlín Hudson, age 23
<- Washington Spirit
4 NWSL games in 2019

Héloïse Mansuy
age 22, <- Lille



OL: 4 Fr/11, 6/14, 7/18 – **EAG**: 9 Fr/11, 12/14, 15/18

In the first half, OL was clearly superior technically and physically, and the team's domination was rewarded with 3 goals, including 2 on lovely shots from EUGENIE (scoring her 300th goal and 200th in D1 not far from her original club, St Brieuc) and DELPHINE.



Eugénie 14th



Delphine 34th

Another goal came on a penalty converted by MARO following a foul on Saki.



Maro 19th

Solène Durand was busy and had a number of good saves.





In the second half, the team tried to keep up with Jean-Luc Vasseur's tactical instructions, but struggled to impose its will and was not nearly as crisp technically. Interestingly, before the game, the OL staff commented on the team's tendency to drop off between the 60th and 75th minutes. Against EAG, the drop off lasted even longer, until about the 85th minute, and OL conceded a goal in the 73rd minute on a shot from Louise Fleury.



MARO capitalized calmly on a defensive error from Guingamp to extend OL's lead.



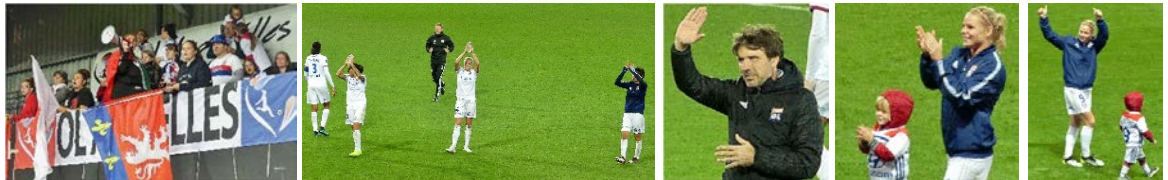
Maro 72nd

As the match wrapped up, Solène Durand was tested once again, and a goal from ADA padded the score to better reflect the one-sided stats.



Ada 90th

| 1 st Half | | | 2 nd Half | | |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------------|-----------|
| <u>EAG</u> | | <u>OL</u> | <u>EAG</u> | | <u>OL</u> |
| 1 | Shots | 10 | 1 | Shots | 11 |
| 0 | On Target | 7 | 1 | On Target | 8 |
| 0 | Goals | 3 | 1 | Goals | 2 |
| 0 | Corners | 3 | 2 | Corners | 5 |



On the Road... to Guingamp

Between the league match and the Trophée des Championnes, we made 2 trips in one week up to Guingamp.

On our many previous visits to Brittany, we've had the chance to visit a number of local sites, near Guingamp and St Brieuc, and on the coasts of Paimpol and Cap Fréhel.

This time, the OL Ang'Elles venturing back to Lyon decided to stop in **Rennes**, where a few lingering traces of the summer's World Cup remain.



The stop also meant we could support the LOU (rugby) women's team playing an Elite League match.



The team appreciated our support, but ultimately suffered a narrow defeat (15-13).



Scores... Trophée des Championnes (SuperCup)

OL – PSG : 1 – 1 (4-3 on PKs) (Amel / Nadim) (Attendance: 12,558)



OL : 6 Fr/11, 7/12, 8/18 – **PSG** : 4 Fr/11, 4/13, 6/18

Players appearing in the World Cup:

OL: 10 WWC/11, 11/12, 13/18...+Ada – **PSG**: 7 WWC/11, 9/13, 10/18

With the first official title of the year on the line, SAKI was brought into midfield to add balance to the team and improve the fluidity of play.



AMEL, playing on the right side, was named player of the game with the highlight being her splendid goal into the top corner.



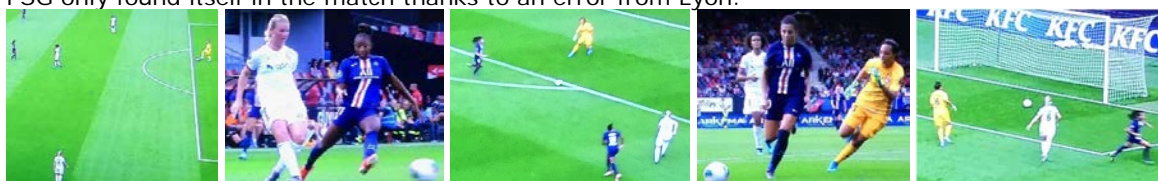
The ball made its way up the full length of the field in three passes, Sarah-Amandine-Ada, before Amel brought the magic with her excellent finish.





Amel 31st

PSG only found itself in the match thanks to an error from Lyon.



Nadim 43rd

Nadia Nadim scored even though she really shouldn't have even been on the field. Her first offense (27th) was a late foul on Wendie that could have done real damage to her ankle and probably merited a red card.



Just for good measure, she had nearly an identical foul on Wendie in the second half...



...and got no more than a stern talking-to.

How she managed to stay on the field until Echouafni wisely pulled her in the 60th minute is one of the game's great mysteries.

As usual, PSG was limited to occasional dangerous counters and opted to foul OL just about every time a Lyon player blew by them in midfield. Per usual, the officials were untroubled.

| 1 st half | OL | PSG |
|---|---|---|
| Dangerous Opportunities, Clear Chances | 4', Griedge header from a corner, near the post 31', Amel shot into top corner, GOAL 45'+2, Ada shot in the box, saved by Endler | 23', Shot from Nadim blocked 43', Nadim intercepts a pass, GOAL |
| Shots | 7 | 3 |
| On Target | 4 | 2 |
| Corners | 2 | 2 |

| 2 nd half | OL | PSG |
|---|---|--|
| Dangerous Opportunities, Clear Chances | 49', Amel free kick toward corner, Endler saves 50', Maro's cross, Endler grabs in front of Griedge 62', Eugénie hard shot from 20m passes by post 63', Maro hard shot from 20m passes by post 77', Eugénie cross/shot, deflected by Endler | 60', Cross from Glas, Sarah punches away 87', Lawrence shoots wide |
| Shots | 5 | 3 |
| On Target | 3 | 0 |
| Corners | 1 | 1 |



Sarah did not have many saves to make during the match, while Endler on the other hand was tested more often.



Griedge 4th

Ada 45th+2

Amel 49th

Griedge 50th

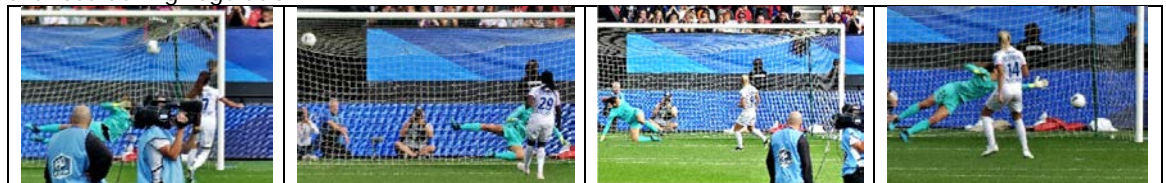


Eugénie 62nd

Maro 63rd

Eugénie 77th

The **shootout victory** for OL was well-deserved in light of Lyon's domination and greater number of chances during regulation.

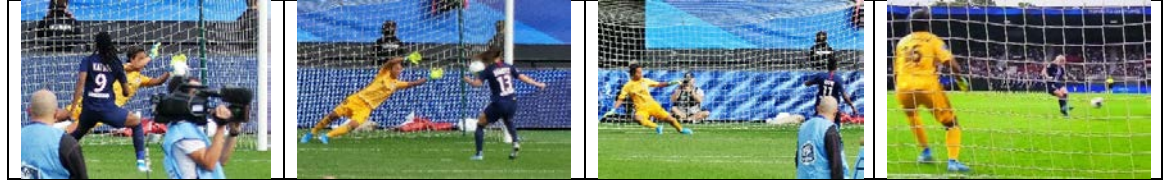


Amel
1 - 0
M.A.Katoto / Sarah save

Griedge
2 - 1
Sara Dabritz

Eugénie off the post
2 - 2
K.Diani

Ada
3 - 3
Paulina Dudek



Wendie **4 - 3**

G.Geyoro / Sarah save



All the pressure was on Lyon, especially given how the match unfolded, but OL's players had the technical quality, the character, and mental strength to bring home a victory in the first ever SuperCup.





Jean-Michel AULAS (OL TV): « *It's an incredible story...the 1st Trophée des Championnes...Paris put up a good fight. Our women had the poise, especially in the shootout...It's the 3rd win on penalties. It was an evenly matched game, but we were never really tested, except on the goal, but it was a goal we gave them.* »



The day after OL's win in this first ever Trophée des Championnes, one newspaper (let's call it l'Equipe!) felt that PSG could have had the title, saying PSG has closed the gap with OL. Really?...PSG looked much more dangerous in both of Lyon's prior shootout wins over them, whether the Coupe de France final in Vannes or the Champions League final in Cardiff.



The next showdown between the teams, in D1, might shed more light on whether PSG really has made progress or if OL remains as supreme as ever.



On the Road... to Ryazan



Lyon St Exupéry – layover at de Gaulle, where the tail of the plane bore the image of Freddie Mercury, the late Queen frontman pointed the way to Russia where we would meet up with our OL champions.



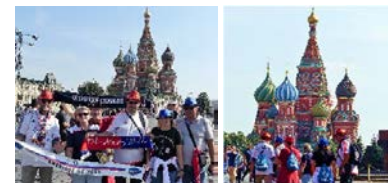
We landed in Moscow around 1:30, then spent 4-5 hours on a minibus to get to Ryazan around 7 am, the town where Solzhenitsyn taught. At 9:30 we picked up our game tickets at the hotel, where the staff was very welcoming. We then visited the Ryazan citadel, one of the rare tourist attractions in town, where we also ran into the team on their pre-match walk, before heading to the stadium.



Just 200 km away is **Moscow**, another world entirely from Ryazan (which itself has more than 500,000 residents including university, military, and industrial personnel). In the center of Moscow, you feel all the luxury of the city, with plenty of nice cars and western style. The atmosphere was very peaceful.



1st visit to Red Square, the GUM department store, Saint Basil's Cathedral, Lenin's mausoleum, the Kremlin wall...

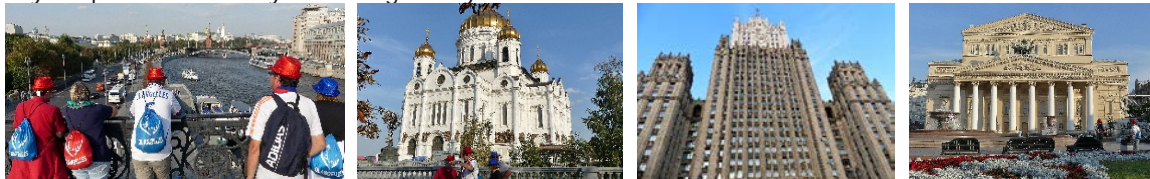




...behind which we explored the monumental and secret fortified city that was once home to the Russian tsars, Cathedral Square, the Palace, Armoury Chamber, the Patriarch's Palace, the Palace of Facets, the Senate, the Grand Kremlin Palace...the Ivan the Great Bell Tower, and other towers.



We spent hours walking, from the Cathedral of Christ the Savior to one of the 7 Stalin-era skyscrapers...all the way to the legendary Bolshoi Theatre.



It's impossible to really get to know a city (let alone a country) in just two days, but the city made a striking impression on us, and a late night river cruise on the Moskva River gave us one last look at the beautiful and impressive city.



Scores... Champions League

Rnd of 32 1st Leg – Ryazan – OL : 0 - 9 (Maro, Ada x/3, Wendie x/3, Amandine, Amel)
(Attendance: 2,570)



On top of showing support for the team, organizing a trip like this, with all its complications (acquiring visas on short notice, reaching a town 200 km south of Moscow), is worthwhile not because of the game, because we expect that to be one-sided given the different resources of the two teams, but rather because we get to explore a new country and build strong relationships with the players, staff, and other members of the OL delegation.



We're happy to report that the players, all of Jean-Luc Vasseur's staff, and the directors, including Olivier Blanc, were very generous with their time and attention.

Among the best examples, Olivier Blanc and trainer Romain Ségui came over to bring us bottles of water before and after the match, which was appreciated given the hot temperatures and lack of provisions available in the stadium.



Joining the OL ANG'ELLES for the afternoon were a few Cameroonian students living in Ryazan, some of whom we had previously met in Barcelona.



<- Ryazan



Barcelona ->
March 2018
UWCL QFs

Previous matches against Russian opposition:

Oct 31, 2012: Zorkiy – OL : 0-9 with Amandine, Eugénie, Sarah and Amel as a substitute.
Nov 7, 2012: OL – Zorkiy : 2-0 with Amel, Eugénie, and Amandine, Sarah subs. (Attendance 6,420)

March 2011 : Zvezda – OL : 0-0 / OL – Zvezda : 1-0 (Attendance 9,000)
October 2010 : Rossiyanka – OL : 1-6 / OL – Rossiyanka : 5-0 (Attendance 2,013)

The Ryazan team, which has struggled in league play, had only a few Russian internationals.



N. Perepechina
Only current national
team player



L. Kipyatova
1 cap
Euro 2017



A. Sinyutina
Called up 1 time
Bench only, 0 caps



O. Ereemeeva
Called up 4 times
2011, 2013, 0 caps



M. Shirokova
U19
2013



K. Mashkova
U19
2011



2 Serbian internationals
Only Marija Vukovic played the first leg
of Euro qualifications against France in
Bordeaux (came on at the half)



<- **Marija Vukovic** (Int. A)
(Youth Int.) **A. Lazarevic** ->



Ryazan : 8 Rus/11, 11/14, 14/18 – **OL** : 5 Fr/11, 6/14, 8/18

The game stats demonstrate just how one-sided the match was, with the Russian side failing to record even a single shot or corner.

| 1 st Half | | | 2 nd Half | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <u>Ryazan</u> | | <u>OL</u> | <u>Ryazan</u> | | <u>OL</u> |
| 0 | Shots | 15 | 0 | Shots | 14 |
| 0 | On Target | 12 | 0 | On Target | 8 |
| 0 | Goals | 5 | 0 | Goals | 4 |
| 0 | Corners | 6 | 0 | Corners | 10 |



Maro 12th



Ada 27th



Wendie 32nd



Amandine 37th



Ada 39th



Ada 69th



Wendie 77th



Amel 79th



Wendie 90th



Hat tricks for ADA and WENDIE, who was named player of the match for OL, while the goalkeeper Shirokova was honored for Ryazan, having made a number of good saves, despite the heavy defeat.



It was **JESSICA**'s first appearance in a game for OL.



There were plenty of reasons we were glad to have made the long journey.



Among them, the special relationship we have with the players and staff, the joy of representing the team and the city of Lyon, meeting some of the local children and fans, taking photos, exchanging gifts, scarves, and flags...



Rnd of 32 Second Leg – OL – Ryazan : 7 - 0 (Eugénie, Nikita x/2, Delphine, Ada x/2, Wendie)
(Attendance: 701)





The Russian team made the trip with just 14 players, two of the them goalkeepers, perhaps signaling some problems within the club, and did not practice the day before the game (per C+ Sport). There were 2 changes to the side OL faced in Russia, with Lazareva appearing in place of Mollayeva and Zhamanakova replacing goalkeeper Shirokova.



Along with Eremeeva and the sub Osipova, Zhamanakova previously faced OL in the matches against Zorkiy in 2012.
 <- Zhamanakova



Eremeeva and Osipova ->



OL : 6 Fr/11, 8/14, 8/18 – **Ryazan** : 9 Rus/11, 11/13, 12/14

| 1 st Half | | | 2 nd Half | | |
|----------------------|-----------|--------|----------------------|-----------|--------|
| OL | | Ryazan | OL | | Ryazan |
| 10 | Shots | 0 | 14 | Shots | 0 |
| 5 | On Target | 0 | 7 | On Target | 0 |
| 3 | Goals | 0 | 4 | Goals | 0 |
| 7 | Corners | 0 | 3 | Corners | 0 |

Plenty of scoring chances, and in the end, there were six bars hit (3 crossbars, 3 posts) and 7 goals.



Eugénie 18th

Nikita 21st

Delphine 40th



Ada 55th

Nikita 88th

Ada 90th

Wendie 92nd (PK)

With qualification for the next round nearly certain, SELMA and IZZY made their return to the starting lineup after long injury absences.



Three young players were also able to get some Champions League experience:



Manon ->





Eva ->



And again
Jessica ->



Just after taking the field, EVA had a header off the crossbar on a corner for her first touch. She then deflected another incoming cross with her head, leading to Ada's second goal. JESSICA, for her part, also had a shot off the crossbar and earned a late penalty, converted by Wendie, to wrap things up.



Group Life... Expo at the Press Club

The « *At the Heart of Women's Football* » exposition that was organized by the 1st Arrondissement library during the World Cup earned an encore: 14 of our 50 or so photos and 8 new portraits of OL players by Dominique Simon were installed in the Lyon Press Club thanks to Jacqueline Maurette.



At a private viewing hosted by Club President Mathieu Ozanam, there was a discussion between journalists and others from OL on **women's football and OL's role in its development.**



Among the individuals present were Thérèse Rabatel, deputy mayor of Lyon, and Yves Pignard, the director of the Théâtre des Marronniers.



Christophe Marchadier and Olivier Blanc represented OL, and Delphine and Sandrine Dusang described their own experiences.



The private viewing gave Dominique Simon an opportunity to present to Delphine his portrait of her in blue ink and gave Laurent Cascarino an opportunity to share his comic book, « *Attack Team* » which is available through normal distribution channels.



The Press Club, which serves as a base for meetings and conferences for media and communications professionals and includes more than 500 journalists in its ranks, will host the exposition through mid-November.



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