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

We headed to **Denmark** to support OL in the team's **100th European match**, and no surprise, Lyon advanced after eliminating Fortuna Hjørring in the Champions League Round of 16. It was an easy stroll to the quarterfinals, where OL will face off against Bayern Munich in the spring.



Better late than never, as O ELLES looks back at Weeks 5 through 7 of the D1 season, during which OL took on Dijon and Bordeaux—the two clubs with the most former Lyon players on the roster.



That makes this edition a great time to take a closer look at D1 and D2 players who have previously been with OL—and particularly the OL developmental system—and compare them to players developed by other clubs.



Scores... D1

J5 - **OL – PFC: 4 – 0** (Wendie, Ada x/2, Eugénie) (Attendance: 1,306)

PFC took a big hit over the summer, with a number of key players leaving the team: Charlotte Bilbault, Inès Jaurena, Estelle Cascarino, Karima Benameur, Elisa de Almeida, Rebecca Quinn, Marina Makanza, Michaela Abam.

The Parisian starting XI still had just one new player: **Marith Müller-Priessen** (<- Frankfurt, age 28).



Another new player entered as a sub, a Swiss native who joins two of her countrywomen, Eseosa Aigbogun, and a new goalkeeper Natasha Honeger (age 22).
<- **Coumba Sow** (<- FC Zurich, age 25)

Other additions to the roster : Claire Savin (age 26, SC Sand)
2 players from St Maur who stayed on the bench:
Cindy Ferreira (age 25), Celya Barclais (age 18).



OL: 7 Fr/11, 8/14, 8/18 - PFC: 8 Fr/11, 10/14, 13/18.



Center referee Elodie Coppola made her return to Lyon after last year's disastrous officiating in a late season Coupe de France match.



OL struggled to create chances, with plenty of PFC fouls interrupting the flow of the game and a fierce wind adding to the challenge. Despite plenty of corners, for much of the first half, Lyon was held off the scoreboard.

1 st Half			2 nd Half		
<u>OL</u>	<u>PFC</u>	<u>OL</u>	<u>PFC</u>	<u>OL</u>	<u>PFC</u>
5	Shots	8	1	8	1
1	On Target	8	0	1	1
1	Goals	3	0	0	0
9	Corners	4	0	1	1

But WENDIE, who earlier in the match was just off target with her shot from a corner, made the difference just before half time and opened the scoring.



Wendie 45th

ADA doubled the lead just after the game resumed, yet again on a corner, and with that, the match was just about settled from the start of the second half.



Ada 47th

Following a free kick from Maro to the head of Wendie, and a save on a shot from Griedge, EUGENIE emerged from the scramble in the box to put the ball in the back of the net.



Eugénie 61st

ADA finished with a brace, scoring her second after bringing the ball down nicely with her chest from a precise cross from Selma and blasting her shot out of the reach of goalkeeper Camille Pecharman.



Ada 88th

Elodie Coppola issued a yellow card to Wendie in the second half (72nd).



And why not? You can make a decent argument that she stopped a potentially dangerous counterattack, but there was no consistency in the calls. Camille Catala finished the match without earning a card, despite similarly stopping a counter from Delphine (29th) and racking up a series of late fouls (twice against Lucy, 5th and 31st, and on Nikita from behind, 73rd)...



Aigbogun / Delphine

As early as the 4th minute, Mattéo stopped an attack with a foul from behind... then Aigbogun pulled Delphine's shirt just outside the box and brought her down from behind... Thiney did similarly too... And still it took until the 60th minute for Vaysse and the 85th for Benoit before PFC saw yellow cards issued



Thiney / Delphine



It was **Delphine's 100th** match for OL.



J6 - Dijon – OL: 0 – 0



Stade Gaston Gérard
(Attendance: 5,064)

It was a new-look **Dijon roster** following a significant number of departures over the summer: Kenza Dali, Lalia Dali-Storti, Lindsay Thomas, Allison Blais, Fatoumata Baldé, Agathe Maetz.



3 new players earned the start.



Lena Goetsch
->Vendenheim,
age 20



Océane Daniel
->Anderlecht
age 22

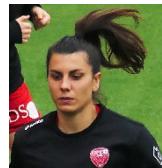


Solène Barbance
->Bordeaux
age 28

2 more recruits from Bordeaux were available on the bench, though only Carol Rodrigues subbed on.



Carol Rodrigues
->Bordeaux
age 25



Rose Lavaud
->Bordeaux
age 27

Another recruit,
injured:
Pauline Dechilly
->Metz
age 21



Dijon's coach left on the bench some experienced players, including Léa Declercq, Rose Lavaud, Carol, showing confidence in her younger players and hoping their energy and determination would make the difference.

19 year old **Amanda Chaney** made her first start

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Following Kenza's departure, the Dijon squad now counts **8 former Lyon players** among its ranks.

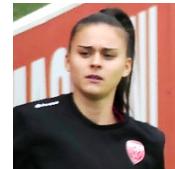
3 of 5 players from Lyon's youth teams participated in the match.



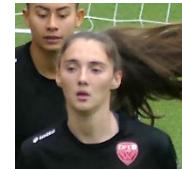
Noémie Carage
age 23
OL U17-U19
2011-2015



Coline Stephen
age 19
OL U16-U19
2015-2018



Elise Bonet
age 21
OL U16-U19
2013-2016



Alicia Soleilhet
age 16
OL U19
2017-2018



Charlyne Corne
age 23
OL U19
2013-2015

<- Played

In the squad->

Three others who played for OL were starters.



Emeline Mainguy
age 31
OL 2007-2008
(8mD1,1CdF,6UWCL)



Elise Bussaglia
age 34
OL 2009-2012
(47mD1,11CdF,
11UWCL,11 goals)



Tatiana Solanet
age 27
OL B 2012-2013



Dijon: 11 Fr/11, 12/14, 16/18 – **OL:** 6 Fr/11, 7/14, 7/18

It was mirror image games for OL's top-flight men's and women's teams this weekend, as both were similarly stymied by Dijon's excellent goalkeeping.



Emelyne Mainguy, who has split time in Dijon's goal with Mylène Chavas this season, was dominant in the air, intercepting plenty of hopeful crosses and corners that were either swung in blindly (Alex 22',



47', 65', Delphine 24', 48', Wendie 68', Eugénie 75', Janice 93', Selma 94'), or missed (Alex 6', 21', Delphine 42', 60', Eugénie 43', 79', Ada 50', Janice 54', 82', 88').

And even when Mainguy found herself beaten on a few occasions, her defense bailed her out. She also had several decisive saves from her line.

With Amel and Lucy rested, OL lacked some speed in its ball movement, some depth of movement, and some shots that could have tested the solid Dijon block, which spent much of the match sitting back in a 6-3-1.

Every player struggled with their technical precision:

Imprecise passes	(Alex 21', Amandine 13', 52', Saki 18', 60', Wendie 28', Janice 36', 82', Griedge 40', Maro 62', Selma 88'...)
Imprecise return passes	(Maro 44', Ada 60')
Imprecise opening balls	(Amandine 13')
Missed controls	(Maro 13', Delphine 20')
Turnovers	(Ada 24', Delphine 47', 55', Eugénie 54', 74', 76', Alex 11', 57', Amandine 64', 66', Griedge 75', Nikita on as a sub 65', 73', 80', 95')

1 st Half			2 nd Half		
Dijon	Shots	OL	Dijon	Shots	OL
0	On Target	10	0	0	13
0	Goals	0	0	4	0
0	Corners	3	0	11	11

Few chances on goal.



Plenty of blocked shots and overwhelming determination earned Dijon a tie that they celebrated as if it were a victory.



The frustration of the first dropped points of the season meant EUGENIE could not celebrate her 300th match with OL as she would have wanted.



The tie left Lyon without much wiggle room early in the season—troubling to drop points to a weak team, especially with the international players already fatigued and big matches against Bordeaux, Montpellier, and PSG on the horizon.



But we never doubted that the team would bounce back strong and get back in the league's driver's seat over the next few matches.



J7 - **OL – Bordeaux: 4 - 0** (Amandine, Ada, Nikita, Shanice) (Attendance: 1,369)



The loyalty of Lyon supporters, especially the OL Ang'Elles—the only group present at every match everywhere—was highlighted by the C+ Sport commentators:

« The supporters' group is always present, and loud, no matter where they go...even when Lyon plays in the Champions League, in Kazakhstan, you'll see thirty or so Lyon supporters ». (We appreciate the credit, even if in Kazakhstan, Russia, and Denmark, we were there but in slightly smaller numbers!)

Bordeaux has shown some ambition in building a competitive team, with **5 new** players appearing in the match.

3 players all came to Bordeaux from Paris FC.



Estelle Cascarino
-< PFC
age 22



Charlotte Bilbault
-< PFC
age 29



Ines Jaurena
-< PFC
age 28



Khadija Shaw
-< Univ. of Tennessee
age 22



Ouleymata Sarr
-< Lille
age 24



Emelyne Laurent
-< OL / On loan
age 21

Emelyne was loaned to Bordeaux by OL after extending her contract until 2022. She did not play in the match, pursuant to an agreement between the two clubs.

A **new coach** has taken the reins at Bordeaux in place of Jérôme Dauba, who had earned two straight « "Best D1 Coach » honors.



Pedro Martinez Losa
-< Arsenal Women 2014-17
(FA Women's Cup 2016
FA WSL Cup 2015)



Of the **8 former Lyon** players on the Bordeaux roster, 5 appeared in the match, and 3 started.



Erin Nayler
age 27
OL 2016-2017
0 matches



Claire Lavogez
age 25
OL 2015-2018
(26mD1, 7mCdF,
9mUWCL)



Estelle Cascarino
age 22
OL U17-U19
2012-2016
(2mD1, 1CdF)

Of the 3 players on the bench, only Romane did not play.



Ghoutia Karchouni
age 24
OL U17-U19
2010-2013
(0m)



Maëlle Garbino
age 23
OL U19
2011-2016
(5mD1, 4mCdF,
1UWCL, 4 goals)



Romane Bruneau
OL 2017-2018
(0m)

Emelyne did not play, in accordance with the conditions of the loan, and Mylaine still has not returned from a long injury spell.



5 Bordeaux players competed at the **World Cup** (OL: 10 WWC/11, 12/14, 14/18 + Ada...):

Only Kathleen Sousa, who has fallen out of favor under the new Spanish coach since the start of the season, did not start and remained on the bench for the match.

Sousa's path crossed with that of her new teammate, Khadija Shaw, during Brazil-Jamaica (3-0).



OL: 6 Fr/11, 7/14, 7/18 - **Bordeaux:** 8 Fr/11, 11/14, 13/18

AMANDINE was once again a difference maker, opening the score early with a header on a corner from Maro.



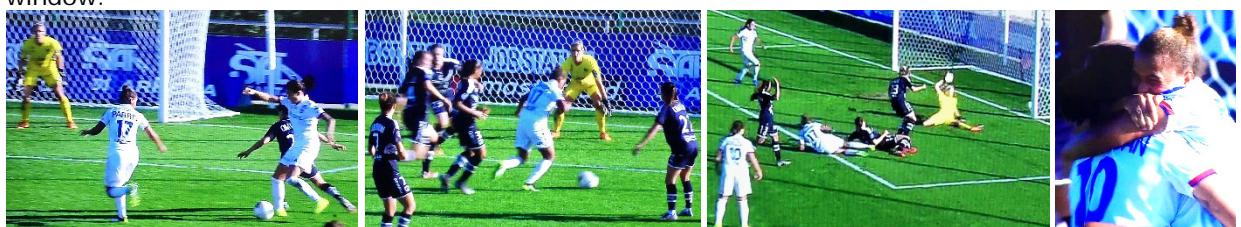
Amandine 19th

ADA was in the right spot at the right time when the ball came off the crossbar after Eugénie nearly converted a header off Vanessa Gilles' poor clearance of a cross from Alex.



Ada 44th

NIKITA scored her second D1 goal after breaking into the box and slotting the ball through a narrow window.



Nikita 45th



Shanice 79th



1 st Half		2 nd Half			
<u>OL</u>		<u>Bordeaux</u>	<u>OL</u>		<u>Bordeaux</u>
17	<u>Shots</u>	3	11	<u>Shots</u>	3
8	<u>On Target</u>	1	5	<u>On Target</u>	1
3	<u>Goals</u>	0	1	<u>Goals</u>	0
3	<u>Corners</u>	1	3	<u>Corners</u>	0

Beyond the 4 goals scored, OL was able to rack up additional scoring chances after struggling offensively against Dijon...



...and more dangerous shots from distance, most notably from **Maro**, who launched a stunner from the center circle (69') during her **100th match** for OL.



Amandine got the better of her battle in midfield with Claire, while WENDIE and GRIEDGE silenced Shaw...



...who had only one meaningful look on goal.
SARAH won the one-on-one with a nice foot save.



Sarah 23rd ->

WENDIE was punished with another yellow card... in the 92nd minute...



As expected, the team stepped it up in the wake of the Dijon draw.





Case Study... Former Lyon Players

During the month of October, OL played back to back games against the clubs with the **most former Lyon players on their 2019-20 rosters**, either those who've come up through OL's youth ranks or those who had a prior spell at the club, with **8 former players on the Dijon and Bordeaux rosters**.

OL		Players from the OL Youth System		OL		Players from the OL Youth System	
D1	Club	Count	Players	D2	Club	Count	Players
Bordeaux		4	Estelle Cascarino (U17-U19,2m D1) Maëlle Garbino (U19,2011-16, 5m D1) Mylaine Tarrieu (U19,2010-18,23m D1) Goutia Karchouni (U17-U19,2010-13)		GF38	7	Julie Piga (U16-U19,2013-2017) Palmyre Fortin (U19,2011-2013) Lina Thivillon (U16,2014-2015) Julie Perrodin (U16,2007-2009) Camelia Moussa (U16-U19,2014-17) Loïs Ursella (U19,2016-2017)
Dijon		5	Noémie Carage (U17-U19,2011-15, 1mD1) Elise Bonet (U17-U19,2013-16) Coline Stephen (U16-U19,2015-18) Charlyne Corne (U19,2013-15) Alicia Soleihet (U19,2017-19)		Thonon Evian	5	Lina Khelif (U19,2013-2014) Ines Boutaleb (U16-U19,2013-2016) Anaïs Bichon (U19,2014-2018) Aliya Saïd (U16-U19,2014-2016) Sarah Verdan (OL C, 2007-2008)
OM		2	Maud Antoine (U19,2014-16) Nadjma Ali Nadjim (U19,2009,2013)		Toulouse	3	Maeva Manuel (U16-U19,2011-15) Marie Chirat (U16-U19,2012-2016) Alexia Burtin (U16-U19,2014-2017)
Fleury 91		2	Melvine Malard (U16-U20,2015-19, loan) Lorena Azzaro (U19,2015-20)		Yzeure	3	Anaïs Ribeyra (U16-U17,2006-2009) Laurie Lucidi (U16-U19,2015-2017) Candice Pognat (U19,2006-2008)
PSG		2	Eve Périsset (U16-U20,2008-16,28m OL) Aminatta Diallo (U19,2010-11)		Lille	2	E. St Georges (U16-U19,2015-18) Salomé Élisor (U16-U19,2012-2016)
Reims		2	Danielle Jessy Roux (U16-U19,2015-19) Audrey Dupupet (U19,2016-19)		Orléans	2	Marine Cochelin (U16-U19,2014-17) Pauline Porte (U16-U19,2011-2014)
Soyaux		2	Viviane Boudaud (U17-U19,2007-12) Lucie Pingeon (U16-U19,2011-16)		ASSE	1	Julie Marichaud (U16-U19,2012-17)
MHSC		1	Cindy Perrault (U16-U19,2011-16)		Nice	1	Laetitia Riboud (U19,2007-2011)
PFC, EAG, Metz		0			Brest	1	Océane Grange (U19,2010-2011)
OL		7	Wendie (U19-U20, since 2006) Amel (since 2007) Delphine (U16-U19, since 2011) Selma (U16-U20, since 2015) Eva (U16-U19, since 2015) Manon (U16-U20) Grace (U17-U19)		Issy	1	Sarah Boudaoud(U16-U19,2011-14)
Subtotal		27			Sous-Total	26	
			Players passing through OL				
Bordeaux		4	Emelyne Laurent (loan) Claire Lavogez (2015-18,26m D1) Erin Nayler (2016-17,0 m) Romane Bruneau (2017-18, Om)				
Dijon		3	Elise Bussaglia (age 34, 2012-15) Tatiana Solanet (age 27, 2012-13) Emmeline Mainguy(age 31, 2007-08)				
Subtotal		7					
Total		34					

Note 1: This analysis cannot be exhaustive because it can be difficult to track the developmental path of young players who remained relatively anonymous. It relies extensively on information from the site [footofeminin](#).

Note 2: These numbers are significant, but keep in mind that a player may have spent their entire youth career developing with a single club...or may have spent just a single year there and passed through several youth systems.

In looking at the rosters of the D1 and D2 clubs, it's interesting to see from which youth systems players have emerged.



Youth Club	Alums appearing in D1	Alums appearing in D2	Total	Appearing with same club
OL	27	26	53	7
Montpellier HSC	23	24	47	14
PSG	15	28	43	5
PFC (/ Juvisy)	15	24	39	8
Soyaux	14	14	28	8
OM	13	9	22	11
EA Guingamp	12	16	28	9
Metz	12	9	21	8
Reims	10	4	14	8
ASSE	7	25	32	17
Hénin-Beaumont	7	20	27	
Vendenheim	6	21	27	16
Bordeaux	3	8	11	3

From this, we can see that OL's youth system has produced the most players, particularly in D1, demonstrating that OL has been the best club at graduating its youth players to the highest levels of competition.



Quick Hits... Meetings with Former Lyon Friends

The OL ANG'ELLES don't forget the coaches and players who helped Lyon earn titles and brought us so much joy with their work on the field and alongside it. We continue to follow their careers.

Willy and the External Comms team have recently been in contact with Patrice LAIR and Gérard PRECHEUR.



In the space of a few weeks, they were kind enough to join us for a visit and a candid discussion of their experiences after OL, their thoughts on the national team, Gérard's life in China, all over a nice meal.



Certain OL ANG'ELLES traveled to Frankfurt for the home team's game against Wolfsburg in order to say hello to LARA Dickenmann. Unfortunately, Lara was dealing with appendicitis and missed the match.

Françoise and Raph, however, had better luck when they went to Sand for the match against Wolfsburg. They reminded Lara that she remains close to our hearts.



Other OL ANG'ELLES have traveled a long way to support current Lyon players as they compete with their national teams: Béatrice, Ann, Elodie, and Bernard were all at Wembley for the friendly between England and Germany, in which Lucy, Alex, Nikita, and Maro all featured.





On the Road... to Hjørring

12 OL ANG'ELLES traveled to Denmark for Lyon's 100th match in European competition. Lyon St Exupéry - Roissy Charles de Gaulle - Amsterdam - **Aalborg**: no shortage of flights or layovers to make it to the north of Denmark.



In Denmark's 4th largest city, near Nytorv square, Jens Bang's house, the theater, and Lutheran church, we checked out Virgin Anne's Street, well known in Denmark—and even Norway, Sweden, and German—for a great atmosphere of restaurants, pubs, and night clubs.



On matchday, we took the train to the tiny neighboring town of **Hjørring**, which was a bit deserted under a light rain, with most of the activity concentrated around a commercial center.



Once Lyon took care of business, nearly securing qualification for the next round, we hit the road for a 300 km trip to Copenhagen, which sits on an island...



...reachable by the Great Belt Fixed Link, a 6.79 km bridge, with a main span of 1,624 meters between 2 pylons, the 3rd longest in the world.

Copenhagen, on the Oresund strait, between the North Sea and the Baltic.



For two days, the OL Ang'Elles got into the swing of the « hygge » lifestyle, the nordic easy going attitude, exploring the alleys of the Latin Quarter, checking out the Lego store, and walking along the banks of the Nyhavn port with its colorful building façades.



The architecture blends nicely with the royal palace, from the guardhouse at the royal family's winter palace, Amalienborg, 4 18th century rococo palaces on a magnificent square, to the opera house on the water...





...in a city where you can travel by canal to the outskirts of town, towards the biggest attraction of the trip: the Little Mermaid statute, where we took the opportunity to send birthday wishes to Saki and Sarah.



Scores... Champions League

Round of 16, Leg 1 – Fortuna Hjorring – OL: 0 - 4 Ada (x/2), Eugénie (x/2) (Attendance 1,953)

It was the **100th match in European competition for OL** and 12 OL Ang'Elles were present in the north of Denmark for the occasion.



The first ever European match was in the qualifying round on August 9, 2007 (12-0). Wendie and Amandine were already on the field, and each marked one of Lyon's 12 goals.



The first ever European goal for OL was scored in Macedonia by Camille (7') in what was the first leg of a preliminary round.

13 years later, in Denmark, it was **Wendie's 85th European match**.

Fortuna Hjorring, (league runner-up and cup winner in 2018-19, 2017-18 champions, and ten-time title winners in Denmark) struggled over their two legs against OL.

Adding to the challenge, **10 players** from the team that qualified for European competition departed, with 7 of the 10 significant members of the squad. 2 signed with teams in France's D1.

Hannah Seabert (age 24, goalkeeper, 23 matches 2018 -> Valerenga / Norway)
 Cassia Tamirès (age 32, 24 matches -> Corinthians / Brazil)
 Luna Gewitz (age 25, 21 matches -> EA Guingamp)
 Janelle Cordia (US, age 32, 22 matches -> Florence)
 Frédérikka Thøgersen (age 24, 23 matches -> Florence)
 Florentina Olar-Spănu (age 34, 24 matches -> Farum / Denmark)
 Signe Brünn (age 21, 2 matches before the summer transfer window -> PSG)
 And Maria Christensen (age 24, 0 m -> Farum / Denmark), Tanja Lofthus (age 21), L.Jensen (age 28, 0m)



The only new player in the starting XI was American goalkeeper **Kelsey Daugherty** (age 22) who made a number of noteworthy saves over the two Round of 16 games.



It was thus a very young team that took on Lyon: 6 players age 20 or younger in the starting lineup, with 7 players on the substitutes' bench under 19 years old—4 of whom subbed on.



Caroline Moller Hansen
age 20



Sara Holmgaard
age 20



Agnete Nielsen
age 20



Emma Snerle
age 18



Signe Carstens
age 17

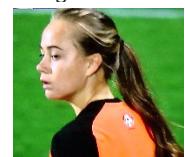


Sofie Lundgaard
age 17

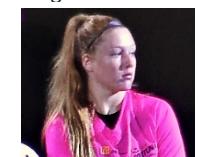
And...



**Rebekka Frost
Frederiksen** age 17



Lise Dissing
age 17



**Sandra Bjorn
Christensen** age 19



**Cecilie
Christensen** age 18

And Mathilde Carstens (age 17), Frida Vang Sorensen (age 18), Olivia Luna Bergmann Dyrh (age 18).



Fortuna Hjorring : 8 Danish/11, 11/14, 14/17 - **OL** : 6 Fr/11, 7/14, 7/18

OL dominated the young team from start to finish, without Sarah being remotely troubled. ADA recorded a brace, converting a penalty earned by Maro after a poor clearance from the Danish defense, then finishing off an inch-perfect free kick from Maro in the second half.



Ada 23rd



Ada 54th



The brace put **ADA** even with Anja Mittag as the highest all-time goal scorer in European competition with **51 goals** (47 with OL).



EUGENIE also reached an important landmark with a brace of her own (and the goal of the year to the top corner) passing Camille on the all-time goals list with her **45th goal** in the Champions League.



Eugénie 29th





Eugénie 41st

1 st Half			2 nd Half		
Fortuna	OL	Fortuna	OL	Shots	OL
0	21	1	20	Shots	20
0	8	1	7	On Target	7
0	3	0	1	Goals	1
0	8	0	7	Corners	7

The score could have been even more one-sided, with Ada having every chance to surpass Mittag's record (2 shots off the crossbar) and another good chance for Izzy. Lyon had plenty of chances, but the American goalkeeper Daugherty kept les Fenottes more or less at bay with some good saves.



To celebrate the big win in this 100th match, the 12 OL Ang'Elles shook the stadium with a rousing chorus of Lyon's supporters' song (original French below!).

*Pour ce blason frappé du lion
A tes côtés toujours nous chanterons
Pour les canuts jamais vaincus
Ce chant résonnera dans nos rues.*

*Allez, allez, écoutez le peuple lyonnais
Allez, allez, écoutez le peuple lyonnais*

*C'est notre histoire, notre mémoire,
Avec elles nos gones vont s'élever
De père en fils, de mère en fille,
De vies en vies, allez l'OL allez.*

*Allez, allez, allez OL, allez
Rouge et Bleu sont nos couleurs
Lyonnais est notre cœur
Rouge et Bleu sont nos couleurs
Lyonnais est notre cœur.*





Round of 16, Leg 2 – OL – Fortuna Hjorring: 7 – 0 (Attendance: 1,037)
 (Ada x/2, Eugénie, Griedge, Jessica, Kadeisha, Nikita)

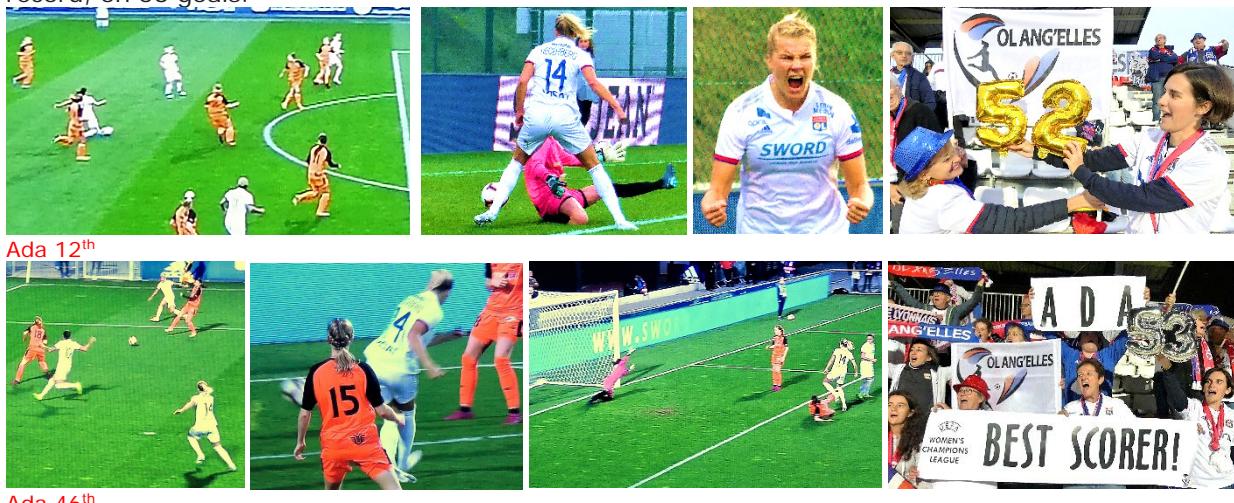


OL : 5 Fr/11, 6/14, 8/18 – **Fortuna** : 8 Danish/11, 11/14, 15/18

You can't take any game lightly, but all the same, the second leg was merely a formality ahead of Lyon's qualification. Vasseur took the opportunity to turnover the lineup and rest some key players: Wendie, Amandine, Alex, Delphine, and Nikita were all on the bench.

1 st Half		2 nd Half	
OL	Fortuna	OL	Fortuna
21	Shots	21	3
12	On Target	11	0
2	Goals	5	0
5	Corners	6	0

With yet another brace, ADA took over sole possession of the Champions League all-time goal scoring record, on 53 goals.



Meanwhile, EUGENIE, recorded her 46th goal and earned an assist with a header finished off by Griedge.



Three players also took advantage of rare minutes to record goals late in the match.



Once again, Lyon had plenty of scoring chances. Daugherty, the American goalkeeper, made a number of great saves, but could not keep the scoreline in check and unfortunately was injured late on.



The Danish team was not entirely without offensive threat, though. Sarah was called upon on a chance from Sanni Franssi, a 24-year-old Finnish international, who OL previously encountered in November 2016 when she was with FC Zurich.



Champions League All-Time Leading Goalscorers



ADA now holds sole possession of the record
for goals in European competition
53 goals

EUGENIE now sits even with Marta in the rankings.

	Goals	Matches	Ratio	Clubs
1 – ADA Hegerberg	53	50 m	1.06	Stabaek : 2g/3m – Potsdam : 2g/5m - OL : 49g/43m
2 – Anja Mittag	51	74 m	0.69	Potsdam : 36g/39m - Rosengard : 11g/23m
3 – Conny Pohlers	48	45 m	1.06	PSG : 3g/7m – Wolfsburg : 0g/5m
4 – Marta	46	56 m	0.82	Potsdam : 26g/21m – Frankfurt : 8g/9m
5 – EUGENIE Le Sommer	46	72 m	0.64	Wolfsburg : 14g/15m
6 – CAMILLE Abily	43	81 m	0.53	Umea : 30g/30m – Tyresö : 7g/8m – Rosengard : 9g/18m
7 – LOTTA Schelin	42	56 m	0.75	OL : 46g/72m
				Montpellier : 0g/14m – OL : 10g/14m + 33g/53m
				OL : 41g/53m – Rosengard : 1g/3m



With Ada securing this new record, OL now has quite the collection of **Champions League Records**:

6 titles	(2 nd : Frankfurt, 4)	379 goals	(2 nd : Potsdam, 236)
4 consecutive titles		Team goals, single season: OL, 45, in 2013/14	
8 finals	(2 nd : Frankfurt, 6)	Player goals, single season: Ada, 15, in 2017/18	
10 semifinals	(2 nd : Frankfurt, 8)	Player finals won: 6, Sarah, Wendie, Eugénie	
101 matches	(2 nd : Arsenal, 81)	Player finals played: 8, Sarah, Wendie	
78 victories	(2 nd : Frankfurt, 54)	Player games won: Camille, 64	



National Team... France A

The last match of the year for the French National Team (ranked 4th by FIFA) was against Serbia (ranked 41st). It was the second match of the qualifiers for the 2021 Euros, following on the heels of a largely unimpressive 3-0 win over Kazakhstan (ranked 76th).



At Matmut Stadium, in Bordeaux, Attendance 21,211.

France - Serbia: **6 - 0** (Amel x/3, Geyoro, M.A.Katoto, Asseyi)

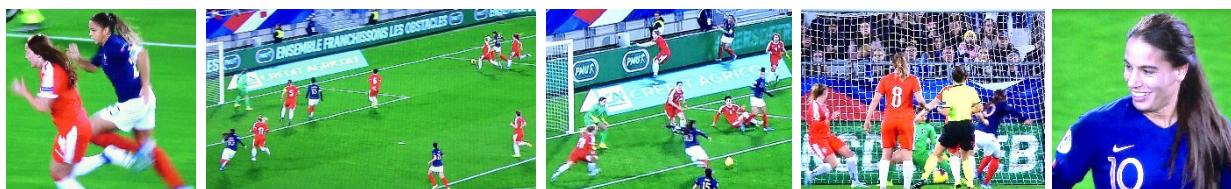
5 Lyon players made the starting XI
Sarah, Wendie, Griedge, Delphine, Amel
Eugénie and Amandine missed out
with injuries.



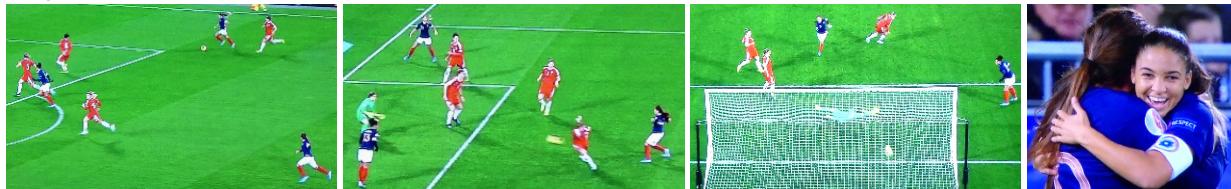
Once again, the Lyon players proved key to the victory, with involvement in 5 of the 6 goals on the night. Amel, in particular, put in an excellent performance.



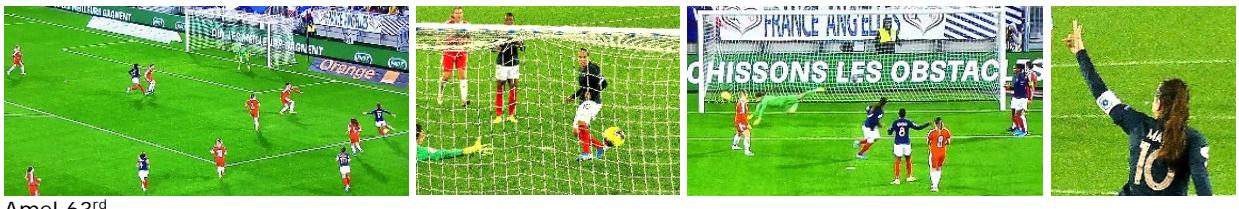
Having long demanded a more offensive role,
AMEL was given her chance, albeit a few months too late.
She proved that she deserved the opportunity,
recording a hat trick, with assists from Delphine on her
first two goals.



Amel 7th



Amel 12th



Amel 63rd

She added a free kick that led to a goal for Marie-Antoinette Katoto.



Another free kick, this one from GRIEDGE, was spilled by the Serbian goalkeeper, giving Asseyi a goal in front of her hometown fans.



Not that she ever gets enough credit, but once again SARAH made a difference, winning a one-on-one battle with Serbia's Cankovic, and securing the clean sheet.



Given the caliber of the opposition, France did the job well enough. But at the moment, OL is supplying the French National Team with 7 of the world's 72 best players (according to IFFHS rankings) and France is still looking for complementary pieces to round out the roster ahead of the more challenging matches that await at the Euros.

Even if it seems like certain tactical choices that should have been made two years ago are just now falling into place (Amel, Katoto, etc.), there is still more that needs to be done—as should be obvious to any regular viewers of women's football.



Barometer... Open Trainings

After a promising start to the season, the number of open trainings slowly dropped off, with international breaks and other complications arising.

After August 22, nearly a month passed without a single open practice. Was it a troubling sign? Were we wrong to get our hopes up early on?

September 19



70 - 80 spectators.



Toros, work on passing, long balls, and big switches from the back out to wings, give and go, and crosses from the outside...



...work for the forwards and midfielders in front of goal.



October 18



While the OL ANG'ELLES who made the trip to Denmark were still enjoying their stay in Copenhagen, others attended the training session two days ahead of the road trip to Dijon.

November 1

More than 180 people attended this **training just before matchday**, with about 60 of those in attendance members of the OL ANG'ELLES.

Warming up with some juggling and dribbling.



Classic matchday minus one strength and speed work with 3 teams competing in a relay.



Work on long passes ahead of a mini-tournament for the three teams.





As with every game and practice, the players and staff were very accessible.



November 22

A weekday morning, a Friday, not a vacation day, and all the same 43 spectators present.



Passing practice, and then a repeat of the same skills as on September 19: offensive animation, long switches from the centerbacks, quick touches in midfield, crosses from the outside, and finishing in front of goal for forwards and midfielders.



A few players stayed after for extra training, with Maro and Delphine working on free kicks and Camille feeding Ada and Wendie for one-on-ones with Katriina.



As a bonus, we also saw the filming of the keep-up competition for D1 Le Mag on Canal+ Sport.



November 27

About 50 spectators were present for this practice with some exercises with a « pas de deux » feel.





Next, a classic scrimmage with two small nets (3 touches allowed, but only one to score), which emphasized quick ball movement and precise passing despite the heavy density of players in tight spaces—which wasn't quick possible at the same level the prior Sunday on a poor field at Soyaux...



As always, the players were in a good mood, especially after two days off.



And so, as November rolled to a close, training sessions were open to the public much more often, and much more in line with our hopes and expectations.



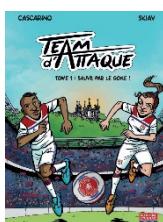
Spotlight on... OL Féminin in Books

With the holidays coming, it was a great time to think about checking out some of the literature by and about our favorite members of OL Féminin.



« Croire en ses rêves » [Believe in Your Dreams]

AMANDINE was the first to break into the literary scene, with a journal in which she recounts her own dreams as a young girl in love with football, from joining a co-ed team at the age of 5 until she entered the Clairefontaine academy. She's going to earn her spot as a professional football player, succeeding with her club and on the French National Team...but what will it cost? And what sacrifices must be made along the way? [No English edition available]



Team d'attaque : « Sauvé par le gone » [Attack Team « Saved By The Supporter »]

1st volume of the comic from Laurent Cascarino, art by Skivav

Freshly recruited to join OL's D1 team, Vic is finding her way with the group and preparing for her first professional match. But despite good grades, her parents—lawyers—don't think professional sports is the right path for her...and they're determined to do something about it. **[Available in English!]**



« Mon étoile » [My Star]

WENDIE shares her unconventional path to stardom: from her upbringing in Martinique to her arrival in France, success that was never guaranteed. Her values—courage, respect, competitiveness—they've always been there, shining through. Her relationship with Martinique, her family, and her late father, the French National Team and its coach...

« I won't give you my cheek anymore »

[No English edition available]



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