

A Growing List of Wins

Submitted by Greg Davis



Back row, from left: Mitzy Ramirez, Mia Grillo, Keeley Murphy, Jackie Nichols, Kierra Krawec, Vanessa Vaisnor, Lauren van Stralen, Molly Davis, Emily Smith, coach Haris Obic; front row: Kate Minden, Molly Ikeya, Holland McDonald, Annie Midthun, Kaitlin DeVries Photo provided

The California Magic U15 girls added another championship to their growing list of summer tournament wins on Aug. 9-11. The team won the Mustang Stampede Tournament after playing five games in three days and finishing 4-1. The girls outscored opponents 18-5. "The girls achieved their goals this weekend improving their play in specific areas that they have been working hard to master," said coach Haris Obic.

Magic Boys Win Tournament

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The California Magic U11 boys' soccer team won the Walnut Creek Soccer Club's Summerfest Tournament championship in the gold division on Aug. 23-24. An exciting championship game was tied 2-2 after double overtime, but the Magic boys won on penalty kicks, 7-6. "I'm very proud of the boys as they showed great team culture throughout the tournament along with a great competitive spirit on the field," said head coach Jasko Begovic.

Faster than Lightning

Submitted by Corinna Sassano



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Lamorinda Soccer Club's U13 girls' Navy team won the Folsom Summer Invitational on Aug. 11. The team beat Folsom Lightning in the finals 2-0.

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Julia McDonald

We have prepared this week as we do every week, working as hard as we can and as smart as we can."

A player that will help keep the standards up this season is senior Vicki Shimkus, who fought through injury much of last season.

"Vicki will have a much greater statistical impact than she had last year," said Edwards. "She already has one goal, three assists, and there were two goals (at Oregon State) that her movement off the ball created."

As for the season, the team and coaches are set on making the NCAA tournament which they missed last year, after finishing with a 6-14 record (2-7 WCC; eighth in the conference).

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"With the great start we've been motivated to keep going, to make it to the NCAA tournament and win as many games as possible," said Beaulne. "But we're going to have to work hard."

Edwards said if his team can finish in the top five of the WCC this year, making the tournament could be a very real possibility.

"Being fifth (in the WCC) would be a good natural progression from where we were, and it would put us in contention for the NCAA tournament," said Edwards. "It's something we have to go earn. Every game is a challenge, and no one's going to give us anything."



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