

Lamorinda Girls Capture National Soccer Title

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The Lamorinda Soccer Club under-17 girls team captured the U.S. Club Soccer premier championship at the U.S. Soccer National Cup VI in Greensboro, N.C., July 28-31. Competing against teams from New Jersey, Minnesota and Maryland, the girls came away undefeated.

In the championship game, they dropped Minnesota's Shattuck-St. Mary's 3-0 in a penalty kick shootout following a 2-2 tie in regulation and overtime play to win the Premier U16 Girls flight.

Goals by Marisa Rowland and Alex Salgado, successful penalty kicks by Marissa Crosetti, Corrine Collins and McKenna deBack, together with a spectacular penalty kick save by goalkeeper Laura Bannister helped seal the win.

This win moved the team ranking (according to

GotSoccer.com) to among the top 15 nationally ranked teams in their age group. Team members, who range in age from 15 to 16 years old, include Ashley Aczon, Laura Bannister, Kaelyn Capillo, Corrine Collins, Marissa Crosetti, Katherine Cuyler, McKenna deBack, Moira Heath, Adrienne Johnson, Alexandra McDonald, Kendall Pegan, Marisa Rowland, Alex Salgado, Katherine Sander, Caroline Scofield, Elaine Tanski, Bonnie Zeiger and Allegra Zoller. The team is coached by Mohamed Mohamed and Alasdair Heath.

Prior to the Finals, and for the second year in a row, the Lamorinda Soccer Club hosted players and coaches from Denmark's Skolunde Soccer Club, arranging host families for 40 players and coaches and planning several activities for the U16 and U17 girls from Denmark.

In addition to a club-wide welcome barbecue hosted by a Lamorinda family, other events included two friendly scrimmages against the LMSC U17 & U16 girls teams, sightseeing tours of San Francisco, Alcatraz, Stinson Beach and Muir Woods and of course lots of opportunities for the Danish girls to shop.

Although, their visit was brief, the Danish team had a very enjoyable stay in the Bay area. They are looking forward to hosting girls from the Lamorinda Soccer Club next summer in Denmark.

"This is a very special opportunity for LMSC families and players," said Mohammed Mohammed, Technical Director for LMSC.

For more information about the Lamorinda Soccer Club, visit www.lamorindasoccer.com.