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New Orinda Soccer Club Plays First Tournament

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Front row, from left: Emily Smith, Anya Li, Samantha DeVecchi, Molly Ikeya, Holland MacDonald, Mia Grillo, Kaitlin DeVries; Back row: Coach Haris Obic, Kiki Scott, Molly Davis, Jackie Nichols, Lauren Van Stralen, Anne Midthun, Kate Minden. Photo provided

The U13 girls' team of the newly formed California Magic Soccer Club caravanned to the 24th Annual North vs. South Summer Tournament in San Luis Obispo August 11-12.

The Magic rallied to beat the Clovis Crossfire 2-1 in their first game. In the afternoon, the Magic took on the host, San Luis Obispo Storm. The Magic won 3-0 and advanced to the second day of competition.

Day two began with the Magic completely dominating the Orchard Valley Clash, earning a 3-0 win.

In the last game of the tournament, the Magic took on the Camarillo Eagles. A fast and physical team, the Eagles beat the Magic 3-1.

While runner-up was not the girls' goal, they did have many magical moments. "Getting to the finals was very rewarding," said Head Coach Haris Obic. "It was a successful weekend; we learned about ourselves, we are much stronger as a team on the field and much closer as a team off the field."

The California Magic is a newly sanctioned competitive soccer club in Orinda giving the community more options to play competitive soccer. Lead by Technical Directors Haris Obic and Jasko Begovic, the Magic plans on expanding into Lafayette, Moraga, Pleasant Hill, and beyond.

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