

Lamorinda Boys Shine as MVP Flight Summer League Champs

Submitted by Marino Salvi



From left, back row: Coach Kenji McCrae; middle row: Matthew Diekmann, Trevor Carrillo, Dylan Mansour, William Balassi and Jason Runckel; front row: Luke Bonardi, and Rylen Salvi; not pictured: Graham Volk and Luke Claussen Photo provided

The Flight Elite 9U team won the fourth-grade division of the MVP Flight Summer League Aug. 1-2. After starting the season 2-2, the Flight 9U reeled off six consecutive wins, culminating in a 20-point victory over the MHT Wolverines (Tracy, Calif.) in the championship game.

Cal Magic U16 Boys Finalists in Juventas Tournament of Champions

Submitted by Greg Davis



Back row, from left: Coach Jasko Begovic, Sam Pinto, Oliver Feigin, Alex Topping, Yohannes Kolanji, Andres Baldwin, Jason Vilchez, Aidan Jenkins and Shukoor Haji; front row: Cole Kelez, Mason Larrick, Alejandro Fabian, Emmanuel Anaya, Luka Argast, Joseph Gratul and Tai Fox

The U16 Magic boys made it to the finals of the Juventas Tournament of Champions Aug. 1-3. They won their first four games and outscored their opponents 13-3 on the way to the finals. They ultimately fell short in a close 2-1 battle against the San Jose Earthquakes. Coach Jasko Begovic has been very pleased with their performance this summer, stating, "This is the second tournament in a row where the boys made it to the finals – in July, the boys were finalists in the Davis Legacy College Showcase – and I expect continued strong results from them in the months ahead. These boys are a very tight team who communicate well together, execute at the highest level of play and, most importantly, have built a culture based on trust and support."

Lamorinda Soccer Impresses on World Stage

Submitted by Matt Hansen



Top row, from left: Saul Carapia, Rabee Haidari, Alejandro Cardenas, Luis Felix, Nickolas Geanacopoulos, Adrian Guzman, Kent Barbir and Brett Donat; bottom row: Kai Digrande, Christian Ramsey, Sean Donovan, Edward Danielyan, Coach Billal Samy, Owen Hansen, Kellen Clancy, Erik Voss and Victor Quintanilla Photo provided

The Lamorinda United U14 Boys Navy team (LMSC), led by coach Billal Samy, travelled to Gothenburg, Sweden from July 10-20 to participate in the World Youth Cup, also known as the Gothia Cup. The tournament is the largest youth tournament in the world with more than 1,600 teams participating from all corners of the globe. The team went 3-0 in group-play, beating two Swedish teams and an Estonian team with eight goals scored and zero against (Score lines: 1-0, 4-0, 3-0).

In their first playoff match, the round of 64, they faced a strong Perth FC team from Australia. They started off unsteady, but after find-

ing their rhythm, the Lamorinda team was able to come out on top 3-0, their fourth consecutive clean sheet. In their second playoff match, they faced a physical Swedish side that scored early. The Lamorinda boys leveled the game 1-1 with three minutes left. Lamorinda United's strong run, however, came to a bitter end: they lost 4-3 in a penalty kick shootout. Had they won, the boys would have faced the team from Dallas, Texas that went on to win the Cup.

"The tournament experience is a once in a lifetime opportunity for these boys, both from a sporting and cultural perspective. They'll never forget it," Coach Samy said of the tournament.

U9 Boys Show Their "Magic" in Old Capital Classic

Submitted by Greg Davis



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The California Magic U9 Boys were runners up in the Benicia Old Capital Classic Tournament Aug. 1-2. Strong offensive and defensive play led to the second place finish, allowing them to defeat three teams on the way to the final match. After the championship match, head coach Kamani stated, "It was great to see the boys use the techniques we have been working on in training and to see them really enjoying the game." The boys played their hearts out and never gave up.

Lamorinda Girls Bring Home Hardware From Junior Olympics

Submitted by Tricia Young



From left: Lucy Marken, Paige Chivers, Anna Hillen, Olivia Hillhouse, Kate Rochios, Jane Oliver, Tal-lulah Clancy, Courtney Coleman, Fiona Young, Sofia Vattuone, Ginny Vazquez-Azpiri, Georgia Milani, Ava Donleavy, Sally Fellner, Maggie Buckley; front: Coach Savannah Smith Photo provided

Four Lamorinda teams (12U, 14U, 16U, and 18U) competed July 30-Aug. 2 in Irvine at the Water Polo Junior Olympics. Pictured above is the 12U team, coached by Savannah Smith and Molly Quinn. They earned a silver medal in the Gold division after much hard work and lots of fun. The U18 team placed 18th in the Platinum Division, the U16 team won silver in the Silver Division, and U14 team also won silver in the Gold Division.

Orinda Outlaws Reach Elite Eight in Cooperstown

Submitted by Junaid Khan



From left: Stradley Foutch, Amir Khan, Greg Austin, Joe McIntyre, Jack Lacour, Jake Dashiell, Chris Bruen, Ryan Schwarz, Brendan Ball, Adrian Hunt, Zach Rafael, Roenigk Straub, Jacob Weiner, Pedro Jimenez Photo Provided

The Orinda Outlaws U12 Team played in a national tournament at Cooperstown Dreams Park (Cooperstown, N.Y.), which ended July 31. The Outlaws went 5-1 in pool play, defeating teams from New Jersey, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and New Hampshire. In the next round, bracket play, the team then went on an amazing 3-0 run, beating teams from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The No. 28 seeded Outlaws were huge underdogs against Pennsylvania, who were seeded No. 3. The Outlaws earned a berth in the elite eight, the furthest any team from Orinda had ever gone in Cooperstown. Overall, they finished sixth out of 104 teams. Solid pitching, including two complete games in bracket play and nearly error-free defensive play fueled the team's success. In 10 games, the Outlaws hit .484 with 149 hits and 23 home runs, hit by 10 different players; another record for an Orinda team.

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