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Lamorinda Girls' Soccer Crashes NCS Playoffs

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Anja Simonsen Photo Peter Simonsen

was awesome beating Campo because we knew it was going to be a tough game and that it would determine whether or not we continued on in NCS," commented Martin on taking down their rival in the playoffs. From there, the Mats moved onto a semi-final showdown with top-ranked Bishop O'Dowd on February 24th, but the Dragons prevailed 5-2, keeping their one-loss season alive. Senior forward Shelby Church and sophomore midfielder Hosanna Fuller tallied both Matador goals in the losing effort.

Just barely making the cut in the better half of the bracket, seventh-seed Acalanes took down twelfth-seed El Cerrito 2-0 before upsetting the second seed Berean Christian 2-1 in overtime. Freshman forward Kaitlin McGee scored the game-winner in the extra session. Acalanes junior forward and captain Anja Simonson commented on her team's performance throughout this year's postseason: "I think overall we performed well, but definitely not up to our potential. I hope that next year we can take it to an even higher level." Simonson led the Dons for the season in both goals and assists, scoring eight times and tallying seven assists. The win over Berean Christian set up a semi-final match with fellow DFAL opponent Alhambra, in which the Dons fell 1-0 at home.



Campolindo junior striker Eliza Pedder chases down the ball against St. Mary's (Albany). The Cougars defeated the Panthers 4-0. Photo Doug Kohlen

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