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Soccer Team Captures State Cup Title

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Bottom row (from left): Alex Dusauzay, Anna Dissman, Coach Bree Lisle, Caroline King, Claire Cimino; 2nd row: Julianna Ruotolo, Cynthia O'Neill, Gali Salinas, Danielle Dusauzay, Kaylee Johns, Tori James; 3rd row: Sam Bell, Delaney McKee, Ashlin Bilich, Julia Rossi, Sabine Silva, Claire Matranga, Emily Dutton (not pictured: Lauren and Lindsey Conley) Photo Bill Cimino

Heritage Pride won the NorCal State Cup Girls U12 Silver Division Soccer Championship on Saturday, December 18th in Woodland by defeating Walnut Creek Fury 3-0. Heritage hails from Pleasant Hill, but Pride consists of 10 girls from Lamorinda. It was a highly emotional match, as each team has walked away with two victories and two losses in their last four meetings.

Pride came out on the offensive and led the first half in terms of possession time and shots on goal. Pride took a 1-0 lead at the half. It was well into the second half, when Pride finally wore down their defense and came up with their second goal. The Fury mounted a late rally and had some tough shots on goal. Pride sealed the win with a final goal with only minutes to go.

After the game, Coach Bree Lisle said "These girls have worked so hard and I'm so proud of each one, and how far they have come on and off the field as a team. I have never coached a team that gets along so well and really does play for each other."

The semi-final State Cup game played in Oakland the week prior Pride stormed back to defeat Diablo Futbol Club. It looked like DFC Black had the match wrapped up with a score of 3-0. With less than 15 minutes to play in the game, Pride staged a miraculous comeback and scored four goals in 10 minutes to win.

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