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Magic Wins Again

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Back row, from left: Coach Haris Obic, Kate Minden, Lauren van Stralen, Samantha Devecchi, Holland McDonald, Emily Smith, Molly Davis, Vanessa Vaisnor, Mia Grillo, Anya Li; front row: Kaitlin DeVries, Kierra Krawec, Keely Murphy, Molly Ikeya, Jackie Nichols, Annie Midthun Photo provided

The California Magic U13 girls brought home a championship trophy from the Mustang Winter Turf tournament Jan. 12-13 in Danville. It was their second straight and third in four tournaments. This annual tournament invites the best teams in an effort to prepare for the end-of-season State Cup. "When you are out there on the soccer field playing, nothing else matters. It's like the whole world disappears, and you and your teammates are all that matters," said Holland McDonald.

The Magic U13 girls outscored their opponents 11-2. On the way to the championship, the girls overcame Premier level teams Mission Valley United 3-0, FC Sporting Zoom 3-1, Mustang Blaze 3-0, and Walnut Creek Storm 2-1. After the tournament, Magic coach Haris Obic reflected, "At Cal Magic we believe that the talent is in the effort....Most importantly, the kids, as usual, are simply happy playing soccer - win, lose or draw."

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