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## Top Tier Tennis Team

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Front row, from left: Kristin Rosenbaum, Hilary Leutenecker, Stephanie Yee, Darlet Lin, Kay Sander, Laura Kim; back row: Andrea O'Brien, Ellie Kann, Janet Absher, Robin Rudolph, Marcy Sharafian, Pascale Siu, Jessie Thomas, Jennifer Glass

Lamorinda women from local tennis clubs combined to compete in USTA 40+ 4.0 league this season and took third place at the USTA National Championships.

The team earned the chance to represent Northern California in the 2014 National Championships held at Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort in Rancho Mirage, Calif. on Nov. 7-9 after beating out 171 other NorCal teams.

During the first two days at Nationals, the team won a round robin to make it to the Final Four. In the semifinals, the team had three match points in a third set tie-breaker to advance to the finals, but ultimately lost to Oregon 3-2. Playing New England for third place, Andrea O'Brien, Jessie Thomas, Darlet Lin and Stephanie Yee won to pull out a final team victory.

"This fantastic group of ladies (and great friends) trained so hard. It was super fun to compete at Nationals together and to watch the players' hard work pay off. It was a great team effort," said captain Yee.

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