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Magic Soccer U16 Girls Compete in Vegas Showcase

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Back, from left: Molly Davis, Kierra Krawec, Jackie Nichols, Lauren Van Stralen, Annie Midthun, Sophia Giordano, Jasmine Safarians, Vanessa Jones, Jenna Van Pelt, Mitzy Ramirez Front: Rachel Brickman, Emily Smith, Molly Ikeya, Sophie Marengo, Anya Li
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The California Magic 99G U16 girls, team traveled to Las Vegas March 18-20 for the Players Showcase 2016 tournament. The Magic girls, reunited after their respective high school seasons, faced stiff competition head-on. They played the number-one club teams from both Oregon and Colorado. In their second of two games on Friday evening, the Magic were outpaced by a tough Oregon team 3-1. True to Magic form, however, the girls wowed the throngs of college coaches watching from the sidelines with their technical skill, their comfort on the ball in close quarters and their ability to dominate ball possession. Then, on Sunday, the girls faced off against Colorado's top club, in 90-degree heat, for their fourth match of the weekend. The Magic girls showed their grit, tying the game 2-2 shortly after being down 0-2 at the half. In the end, the Magic fell short, losing 3-2. "I am proud of our girls in being able to compete at such a high level after only being together two weeks coming off their high school season," head coach Haris Obic said after the game. "We are excited to work hard and build on what we learned this weekend to become a stronger team."

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