

Magic 99 Girls Win San Diego Surf Cup Championship

Submitted by Greg Davis



Pictured from left: Haris Obic (coach), Vanessa Jones, Emily Smith, Jenna Van Pelt, Dionisia Ruiz, Annie Midthun, Molly Davis, Rochelle Arnold, Sophia Giordano, Keeley Murphy, Mitzy Ramirez, Jasmine Safarians, Sophie Marengo, Kierra Krawec, Lauren Van Stralen, Molly Ikeya and Mia Grillo
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The California Magic 99 Girls soccer team won the 2016 Surf Cup (U18 Super Group Champions) at the SoCal Sports Complex in Oceanside, July 30-Aug. 1. With stellar offensive and defensive play, the Magic played five games in three days, never trailed, and outscored their opponents 9-1.

"I am very proud of our team," said Haris Obic, Magic director of coaching. "Their outstanding commitment during an intensive, spring and summer training cycle was rewarded with a readiness to overcome all obstacles on the way to the championship.

"We faced elite and well-coached competition during this year's Surf Cup, and to play so consistently well is a tribute to the collective development of this team," Obic

added.

After advancing through a challenging group bracket with the Legends FC (Chino), Irvine Slammers, and Eugene, Ore. Timbers, the Magic played the Del Mar / Carmel Valley Sharks in a taut semi-final. After 70 minutes of regulation play and 20 minutes of overtime, the game was tied 0-0. The Magic then prevailed 3-1 in a penalty kick tiebreaker to secure their spot in the finals against the Corinthians from Corona, Calif.

In the title match with the Corinthians, the Magic scored the first and only goal at only 1:15 into the game, and managed the game through ball possession to earn the clean sheet and create a half a dozen goal scoring opportunities.

680 U16 Women's Water Polo Win Silver at Junior Olympics

Submitted by Pam Drake



The 680 Drivers U16 Women's Water Polo team.

Photo Pam Drake

The 680 Drivers U16 Women's Water Polo Team took second place at the Junior Olympics, out of a 64 team field. The Drivers were the fourth seed entering the tournament. The most exciting win of the weekend was Saturday when 680 beat No. 1 seed Santa Barbara 10-8 to have the best path to the finals.

Sunday morning the Drivers powered over Socal 9-7, earning a spot in the final. The final was a tough loss, as Santa Barbara

played back through the loser's bracket to get into the final, and this time Santa Barbara took the win, 12-6.

The 680 Drivers U16 Women's Water Polo Team are proud of their second place accomplishment in the largest, most competitive tournament in the country. They strongly represented Northern California versus Southern California in the ongoing battle of water polo dominance.

Lamorinda Soccer Club 07 Girls White Win Gold at Tourney

Submitted by Jean-Paul Cozzatti



United 07 White with coach Medi Shafiq.

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The Lamorinda Soccer Club 07 Girls White bested Alternativo Futbol Tracy United 07 4 to 1 to win the Stanford Summer Classic and bring home the Gold medal from the tournament.

Lamorinda Contestants Finish Strong at JO Track & Field Competition

Submitted by Shar Rednour



Imani Boggan of Lafayette, in red, took fifth place in the 17-18 Women 800M run.
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The Diablo Valley Track and Field team finished strong at the 2016 USATF National Junior Olympic Track meet.

Local residents who medaled include: Trevor Rogers (Lafayette) and Alex Lodewick (Moraga), part of the second place National Runner Up 11-12 Boys 4x800M relay; Alex Lodewick (Moraga), who took fifth place in the 11-12 Boys 3000M run; Imani Boggan (Lafayette), who took fifth place in the 17-18 Women 800M run; and Mupp Gragg (Lafayette), who took seventh place in the 15-16 Girls Heptathlon.

Local Sailor in 29er World Championship in Netherlands

Submitted by James Rockafellow



Neil Marcellini and Ian Brill sail in the Netherlands.

Photo James Rockafellow

This summer, Acalanes High School student Neil Marcellini, from Richmond Yacht Club 29er Sailor, was selected to be on the USA 29er World Travel Team, with crew Ian Brill of Mission Bay Yacht Club.

They trained at Olympic Development Program (ODP) clinics in Long Beach, San Francisco, Newport and Colombia Gorge, competing in national and international regattas with great results: third at 29er Nationals in Newport, R.I. June 27-30; second at Colombia Gorge Skiff Regatta in Oregon July 15-17; placed in top 10 with two other USA teams in 29er Worlds Qualifiers in Medemblik, Netherlands; then raced in Gold

fleet (top 50) to finish 36 of 228 international teams. They were top USA youth 29er team at the July 18-30 race.

They also placed second at the U.S. Sailing Youth Championships in Coronado Aug. 5-9. Neil and Ian were in first place for first two days, then sailed a very competitive battle to the end, finishing two points behind the first place team.

Neil will continue to race and train for 29er events, and will be on one of 16 teams chosen to train and race in the Red Bull Foiling Generation catamaran event in October in Newport, R.I.

Magic U10 Girls Compete in Davis Legacy Super Clasico

Submitted by Greg Davis



The California Magic U10 East Girls soccer team.

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The California Magic U10 East Girls soccer team had a great weekend at the Davis Legacy Super Clasico Tournament on Aug. 13-14 in Davis. Even with temperatures over 100 degrees, the team gave it their all, showing a lot of heart and grit.

"Our girls worked hard the whole tournament and I am proud of their individual performances and collective teamwork,"

said Coach Ramon Zambrano. With great passing, communication and teamwork the Magic girls moved on to play for third place overall. In the consolation game, the girls narrowly missed victory with a competitive opponent from San Ramon FC that ended in a 1-1 tie. In the end the Magic girls came up short, 4 goals to 5, in a nail biting PK shootout.