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Lamorinda Girls Soccer Teams State Cup Showdown

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This fall, 238 girls' soccer teams across the state spent most weekends waking early to compete against each other at soccer fields throughout northern California. The ultimate prize, winning the NorCal State Cup, was top of mind. On Dec. 10, in the 2012 Girls Bronze Division, this event culminated in the ultimate championship showdown between two cross-town Lamorinda club teams: Cal Magic and Eclipse.

The Lamorinda teams, comprised primarily of sixth-grade girls from Stanley, Joaquin Moraga, Orinda Intermediate, and Seven Hills, put on their gear and put down their phones to compete against friends and classmates in a fierce soccer face-off. Both teams remained undefeated in state cup play, and both advanced to the finals dramatically with narrow overtime PK shootout wins - Magic in the quarters and Eclipse in the semis.

As the 27 Lamorinda girls lined up for the national anthem, their faces showed determination on both sides. Eclipse scored first and early, but it was ultimately Magic's day to shine with two goals in the second half and a 2-1 State Cup victory. There were cheers and tears, but ultimately, the girls hugged and supported each other across teams, even gathering for a post-medal picture, exemplifying friendly competition and team spirit. With the Cal Magic 2012 goal

team also advancing to the finals, Lamorinda High School classes of 2030 will surely be teams to watch.

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