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Lamorinda United Take League Crown

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From left, front row: Claire Winter, Jessica Tuan, Kaitlin McGee, Sophie Leksan, Nina Gerson, Erin Bishop, Katie Tao Back row: Val Margerum, Megan Turner, Natalia Pedder, Coco Pearce, Jessica Jara, Sophie Fuller, Shannon Stabler, Samantha Zarling, Alison Turner

The LaMorinda Soccer Club's girls' United 94 team continued their winning ways. They grabbed first place in the Golden State Soccer League (G.S.S.L) gold division. The league title was decided on a rainy Sunday afternoon, as Lamorinda hosted their east bay rival, Danville Mustang Blast at Bentley High School.

The match was a defensive struggle with few scoring attempts. Lamorinda goalkeeper Sophie Leksan made a key save in the first half, blocking a penalty kick attempt. Leksan finished with 11 saves on the day. The score remained tied, 0-0, at the half.

The second half proved to be a more physical 40 minutes of play, with increased infractions for the visitors. Danville was whistled for a costly penalty in the final moments of the match. This allowed Lamorinda midfielder Katie Tao a free kick from 22 yards on the top left of the box and she nailed it hard and high off the bottom of the cross bar for a 1-0 lead with only five minutes to play. Lamorinda held on for the 1-0 win. Lamorinda is in first place with an 8-1 record.

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