

Magic Soccer U16 Girls Compete in Vegas Showcase

Submitted by Greg Davis



Back, from left: Molly Davis, Kierra Krawec, Jackie Nichols, Lauren Van Stralen, Annie Midt-hun, Sophia Giordano, Jasmine Safarians, Vanessa Jones, Jenna Van Pelt, Mitzy Ramirez Front: Rachel Brickman, Emily Smith, Molly Ikeya, Sophie Marengo, Anya Li Photo provided

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 domi-

nate 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 Harris Obic said after the game. "We are excited to work hard and build on what we learned this weekend to become a stronger team."

Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School Takes 2nd Place in Boys Basketball Tournament

Submitted by Judy McNeil



From left: Jeffrey Gao, Nick Faoro, Owen Hunger, Kellen Clancy, Will Windatt, coach Daryl Utter, Rex Curtiss, Peter O'Donnell, Chase Peterson and Hunter Clark. Not pictured, Anish Visht Photo provided

Joaquin Moraga's eighth-grade boys basketball team plowed through the Eighth Grade A Boys Basketball Tournament, mak-

ing it all the way to the championship after eliminating WCI, Piedmont and Albany.

St. Perpetua: CYO 3rd Grade Champions

Submitted by Jack Appleton



St. Perpetua's third-grade boys' basketball team beat St. Monica's 17-15 to claim the CYO West Diablo Championship for the National Division. St. Perpetua finished the season with only one loss.

Top, from left: coach Matt Pecci, Ethan Ward, Will Appleton, Zac Herrerias, Lincoln Sovik, Ren Marchetti and coach Stuart Colaco. Bottom: Brady Quinn, Dane Lowden, Ben Pecci, Austin Wampler and Jake Colaco. Photo provided

4th Grade Bruins Complete Perfect Season

Submitted by Bill Trento

The fourth-grade UCLA Bruins completed a perfect 10-0 season and won the Next Level Fourth Grade Flag Football Championship. The championship game was played in the rain at De La Salle High School on Sunday, March



Top, from left: Joey Floyd, Orlando Sanchez, Sava Pouridis, Noah Janinda, Patrick Floyd, Ian Bellanca, Marshall Anderson, coach Gabe Coray-Dozier, Calvin Kotarba, Paulo Trento, Walker Smith, Aidan Scheg, Jack Park, and Will Jones. Photo provided

Santa Maria 6th Grade Girls Runner-up in Diocese Championship

Submitted by April Murphy



Photo provided

On March 12, the Santa Maria sixth-grade girls' basketball team came up just short of a diocese championship, losing to St. John Vianney (Walnut Creek) in the di-

ocese final. The girls, little Mats in the making, jumped out to an early lead, but eventually lost the hard-fought game.

St. Monica's 7th Grade CYO Spartans Win it All

Submitted by Brenda Mossotti



Back, from left: Ben Jules, Matthew Koob, Will Pelter, Nico Mossotti, Sean Lee. Front: coach Matt Koob, Jackson Rusconi, Max Duff, Sam McGonigle and coach Gary Mossotti Photo provided

Sweeping through the CYO West Diablo League, the Spartans basketball team won the league championship and then advanced to and won the East-West

Diocese Championship to complete an amazing season 2015-16 season.

Stanley Wildcats 7th Grade Boys Win Championship

Submitted by Linda Drucker



Photo provided

Stanley's seventh-grade boys B basketball team took first place in the Piedmont Middle School Basketball Tournament. The Wildcats came from behind in their final game to defeat Berkeley's Willard Middle School by a single point, 27-26, to win the championship. The final game capped a highly successful regular season in which

the Wildcats won their first 12 games in a row and ended up with a stellar 17-1 season record. During the final game, they managed to defeat the only team they had lost to during the regular season. Two Acalanes High School juniors guided the championship team: head coach Noah Prozan and assistant coach David Severet.

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