### Lamorinda Girls Soccer Teams State Cup Showdown

Submitted by Jennifer LaForce

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 postmedal 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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# Orinda Intermediate girl's J.V. basketball team makes seventh grade varsity tournament finals

Submitted by William Real



Back row, from left: coach William Real, Meeya Vareerak, Annie Daoust, Jaya Patel, Elise Guymon, coach Jack Fouts; front row: Emma Logan, Aimee Fagundes, India Cohen

The OIS Junior Varsity Girl's season started with four simple desired outcomes that the team agreed upon. They

wanted connection, friendship, to have fun, and to get better at basketball.

Together, they ac-

complished all of those things and more. The team was comprised of four sixth-graders and three seventh-graders. They played in the always strong East Bay Middle School League Seventh **Grade Varsity Division** and were able to qualify for the postseason championship tournament at Willard Middle School in Berkeley. The girls played two tough teams, Walnut Creek Intermediate School and Willard Middle School, in order to qualify for the championship game. On Dec. 23 the team fell short against Benicia, in a game that had several momentum shifts.

#### JM Jaguars sixth grade girls basketball rolls to EBMS Championship

Submitted by Marino Salvi

The Joaquin Moraga Intermediate (JM) sixth grade girls basketball team won the East Bay Middle School Championship over Martin Luther King Middle School on Dec. 21. Overall the JM Lady Jaguars compiled a record of 10-2 during the eight-week winter season with only two losses to combined sixth/seventh grade teams.

Photo provided

Front row, from left: Aria Salvi, Sydney Osteen; back row: coach Eric Moon, Avery Zwakman, Abigail Moon, Olivia Escobar, Sierra Romagnolo, Lizzy Gilbert, coach Jerry Gilbert. Not pictured: Vivian Welch and Ava Ricksen.

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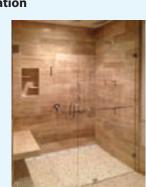
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