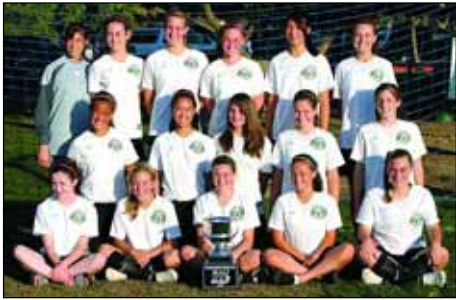


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Almaden United takes gold at Placer

The Almaden United girls U14 soccer team won the Gold Division of the Placer United Tournament in Sacramento on Oct. 27–28.

Almaden opened the tournament on Saturday with a pair of 5-1 victories over the River City Boca Juniors and tournament host Placer United. Alyssa White scored the first goal of the tournament just 22 seconds into the game on an assist from Lauren Tarantino.

From there United never looked back tallying 15 goals in four games for the tournament, while surrendering only two. The road to the final opened up on Sunday morning with a 3-0 victory over a solid Central Valley Spirit team. An injury and illness plagued Almaden United team entered the final at the Cherry Island Soccer Complex with a 3-0 tournament record.

The final was action packed and intense from the beginning right up to the final whistle. After going up 1-0 against the California Nike Rush early, the United girls never let up on their intensity and scored another insurance goal late in the first half to earn a convincing 2-0 tournament championship.

Throughout the weekend Courtney Lisowski and Jennae Cambra were outstanding filling in at goalkeeper for an injured Natalie Ogden. Almaden United scoring was led by Alyssa White (8), Hayley Wilson (2), Lauren Tarantino (2), Ashley Cancilla, Megan Rauschnot and

Sporting Girls Green and White teams came together for a photo. From left, front row: Maddie Cavanna*, Dahlia Maldonado, Reese Gonzalez, Raquel Mendoza, Erica Nakano*, Katie Saviage*, Megan Wheelock and Lauren Craft*; second row: Ashley Lawrence*, Olivia Wissig, Danielle Hadfield*, Cecelia Hinz*, Erin McCoy* and Cassidy Ballard* ; third row: Michelle Stack, Hanna Gratny*, Kylie Rego, Shaelan Murison-Brown, Lauren Plesse, Sierra Painter*, Hannah Goes, Regan Heslop*, April Tilmant*, Kylie Nall (guest player) and Kaila Silveira; back row: White Team Coach Dave Ballard*, Green Team Assistant Coach Jamie Berg*, Green Team Head Coach Jim Lawrence* and White Team Assistant Coach Henry Silveira. Julia Houkis not pictured. (*Denotes Almaden resident)



Sporting Girls place first, second in Kick or Treat Tournament

The U10 Sporting Girls Green and White Select soccer teams placed first and second respectively at the Ninth Annual Diablo Valley Kick or Treat Soccer Tournament. The tournament was held on Oct. 27 and 28 in Concord and hosted 12 girls' soccer teams through northern California.

Both teams dressed for the occasion and came up with their own costumes for the event. The Green team, coached by Jim Lawrence, played as Special Forces "commandos." The White

team, coached by Dave Ballard, dressed as "hippie chicks," complete with tied-dye shirts and psychedelic wigs.

In an unusual fate of pairing, both teams made it to the finals. The soccer sisters had a group cheer before the game, but played their hardest during the game. After the game, the girls exchanged gift bags filled with Halloween candy and were all smiles.

"Both teams had to play their best in order to make it to the finals," said Lawrence. "I am proud of both teams," he continued. Ballard said, "It's a testament to our club and training for us to take first and second in the same tournament."

Both Sporting teams will be expanding their rosters as the teams go to the 11v11 format in the upcoming spring season. They are also currently qualifying for the Norcal State soccer tournament, which will be played in Sacramento Nov. 17 and 18.

Sara Saucedo.

Tarantino, Wilson, Saucedo, Cambra and Emily Sklar also added assists throughout the tournament. The Almaden United Girls U14 team is composed of Jennae Cambra, Ashley Cancilla, Megan Caviglia, Morgan Dreyer, Katie Foreman, Courtney Lisowski, Aly Murakami, Taryn Ng, Natalie Ogden, Megan Rauschnot, Sara Saucedo, Emily Sklar, Lauren Tarantino, Alyssa White, Heather White and Hayley Wilson.

Almaden Fusion takes championship at Lodi Fall Classic

Almaden Fusion, a girls' U11 Select soccer team took first place in the Lodi Fall Classic for Girls tournament Oct. 27 and 28 in Lodi. The team advanced to the championship match by beating three opponents in bracket-play with a combined goal differential of 10-1.

In the championship match, Almaden Fusion defeated Lamorinda United '96 Blue 4-0. The team's success was enhanced by the fact that goals were scored by a variety of players and the team held the opponents to only one goal over four games.

Members of Almaden Fusion are, from left, front row: Brooke Lisowski; middle row:



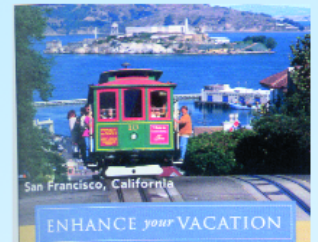
Rhiannon Holmes, Michelle Maemone, Ashley Kirchick, Courtney Chang, Ashley Parsons, Sydnie Stanton, Katie McMullin, Adrianna Lash, and Piper Gleadhill; back row: Megan Rogusky, Kelly Lymberopoulos, Alli Foreman, Melissa Fletcher, Kelsey Allmon, Alexa Kuechle and Kristin Baer. The team is coached by Veronica Zepeda and Kendra Sato.

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