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Millburn Magic YPSL Season Closes in Lancaster



The summer season has seen teams from across the East Coast travel to Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York to compete in the inaugural season of the YPSL. This weekend, the competition drew to a close in Menhien, PA, hosted by the Lancaster Inferno.

In the U12 Girls competition, the Millburn Magic continued to show improvement. In their first game, the Magic worked hard to defend across the field, with some excellent saves from goalkeeper Hannah..... Tired legs in the second half meant the AC Diablos were able to take more control of play as they went on to win 4-0. In their second game, and final game of the summer, saving the best till last, the Magic put in their best performance of the season, attacking forcefully and constantly threatening the opposition goal. A goal from Shannon Walsh opened the scoring for the Magic before Beth added a second to the Magic a 2-0 victory.

In the U14 Girls event, the Magic were again represented by 'Blue' and 'White' teams. In their first game, the Blue team started slowly before taking the lead against the Philadelphia Liberty with a good individual goal from Emily Hoffman. Instead of pushing on, the Magic sat back and allowed the Liberty to attack. Consequently, the Liberty equalized shortly after before going on to win 3-1. Playing against the AC Diablos, the Magic were extremely unlucky and disappointed to loose 1-0 after battling constantly with the Diablos in an extremely close encounter. The White team faced the Lancaster Inferno in their first game; a tough opening game. After brilliant work by Mellissa down the right wing lead to Paige cracking the ball home in a great goal for the Magic. Despite this, the Magic fell to a 5-1 loss. In their second game, the Magic played some great soccer, with a lot of intricate passing moves as they dominated possession for the majority of the game. Jenna fired home for the Magic, however, her sharpness in front of goal was not matched by her team mates as the Magic wasted opportunities in score. Hit on the counterattack twice by the Adirondack Lynx. The Magic were unfortunate to loose 2-1. The Magic teams ended their summer in carnival atmosphere, both on and off the field against each other in a truly entertaining game that saw the White team come from behind to edge a 3-2 win.

After loosing their opening game of the summer, the Magic U16 Girls went into the final weekend having been unbeaten since. In their first game against the Diablos, the Magic put in a fantastic first half performance, racing to a 3-0 lead, with goals from Kerry Prime, Chrystalin Popp and Rosin O'Toole, ensuring their place in the Championship Final. Katie Chapin, leading the team by example with her energy, aggression, communication, added a deserved fourth goal in the second half as the Magic cruised. Playing in the Championship Final against the Philadelphia Liberty, the Magic again got off to a quick start, the prolific Prime being played through before calmly slotting the ball past the Liberty GK. Two minutes later, the Magic doubled their lead with Prime again the scorer, this time firing a rocket of a shot in to the top corner. Soon after, the Liberty pulled a goal back with a volley past Magic Keeper Amanda Mojica. Two more quick goals were traded and a succession of missed chances by the Magic kept the score at 3-2 at half time. Early in the second half, following a swift move consisting of 7 slick passes, Jayne Pasternak curled a beautiful first time finish from the edge of the box into the top left corner. To round off a great summer season, it was fitting that 5 minutes from time, Kerry Prime rounded off her hat-trick to take her total to 11 goals in 9 games. The Magic ended the game and their summer with a 5-2 victory and winners of the U16G YPSL Championship.

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