



USA TORMENTA

LOCAL TEAM WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!



(TOP ROW LEFT TO RIGHT) BRYN MILLER, ADDISON TREW, HALEY MAJORS, LAUREN GRONECK, MEGAN SPIEHS, ISABELLA HOGAN, SHANNAH STEWART, ANSLEIGH CRENSHAW, RILEY SCHWARZER

(BOTTOM ROW LEFT TO RIGHT) AMINA OKUMU, ASHLEY HAMPTON, SHANIA DIAZ, QUINN WILSON, KAYLA JACKSON, SADIE CALLEN, COURTNEY ALLEN, COACH CHRIS DAVIDOVICZ

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Savannah, Ga - USA Tormenta 03 Girls Black team recently won the South Carolina Youth Soccer State Cup this past Sunday February the 3rd in Columbia, South Carolina. The girls fought their way to a 2-1 win.

USA Tormenta 03G Black took the lead early in the first half through a Shania Diaz from a free kick outside the box and put it in the top corner. Amina Okumu added on to the tally later in the second half. Megan Spiehs was played down the right flank, latched on to the through ball, played in to Courtney Allen, which dragged over the opposing team's defender and Spiehs played a pass across the 18. Okumu was then able to grab the ball and make the game 2-0. Discoveries didn't make life easy for them. During stoppage time in the second half, their center midfielder played a ball over the top behind Tormenta's back four and their forward latched on to the ball and went one on one with the goalkeeper and tucked it away. The girls grinded out the last couple of minutes and fought until the last whistle to claim their first SCYS State Cup Championship.

"I am super proud of the entire team. They showed great character and played with a lot of grit to come out on top with the championship" says Chris Davidovicz, the team's coach and Girls Select Director of USA Tormenta. Parent and Director of Operations Jennifer Hampton later followed up with, "We are so proud of the team's commitment to long term development over short term results. This team did not win many games a few years ago, but their dedication to trusting the process and learning how to play possession-based soccer has slowly improved their results. This is a culmination of thousands of hours of training paying off now, and we also look forward to what this team can accomplish in the future."

Some facts about the girl's journey and the team to the final:

- Final match pitted USA Tormenta 03G Black against the defending state champions, Discoveries 03 Lady Gold. It was very complicated with the opposing team causing a plethora of tactical problems. They were a very organized team that didn't make life easy for our girls.
- Second girls team to reach final in club history, with other team being the 99G Black back in 2017.
- This is the 2nd state championship this club has won in the past 3 years, with the first one being back in the summer of 2017 with our 99B Black winning Georgia State Cup.
- The team is comprised of 6 players born in 2003 and 10 players born in 2004. The 04s are playing a whole year up.

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