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Christ the King girls capture city Catholic soccer title

Middle Village's Christ the King (CK) Lady Royals girls soccer team has done it again.

The squad beat St. Joe's by the Sea of Staten Island 2-0 to win the New York City title for the third time in six years.

A week after winning the Brooklyn/Queens championship, the Lady Royals used that momentum to capture another citywide tournament.

The game was a tale of two halves, where the Staten Island champions controlled the first half and the Brooklyn/Queens Champions controlled the second. St. Joe's created a couple of chances in the first half, but they were neutralized by the CK keeper, sophomore Sara Villacres, in the waning minutes of the first half.

In the second half, junior Malena Arevalo gave the Royals a great boost off the bench at the striker position, and that led to CK controlling the rest of the game. Freshman Joanna Perez tallied the first goal of the game after receiving a cross kick from the right wing, assisted by Arevalo.



The Royals continued to press and sophomore Diana Rosendo almost doubled the score from inside the 18 yard box, but her shot was saved.

Sophomore Maya Marchan was tripped 25 yards away from the St.

Joe's goal and freshman Jaiden Vera translated the free kick into a goal from a direct free kick in the 36th minute of the second half to put the game away.

Next the Royals will take on Saint Anthony's High School from Long

Island in the New York State Semifinals at 1 p.m. on Nov. 10 at the College of Staten Island.

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