2003 LMSC FALL SEASON ROUNDPUP

The 2003 Fall season will be remembered not just for many days of rain and high wind, but also for a tornado that touched down in South Ardmore Park, making three fields unplayable for two weeks. Having already lost fields due to school renovations at Merion Elementary School, Gladwyne Elementary School and part of Penn Valley Elementary School, crowded fields were the norm.

Part of the field situation was due to the enormous popularity of the sport. LMSC had over 1700 players participating in the Fall Intramural Program. In addition, LMSC fielded 17 girls travel teams and 23 boys travel teams. One of LMSC’s objectives is to offer a wide range of soccer programs so that all children have a place to play, and a program to play at an appropriate level. Our top travel teams are among the best in the state, but not all players are able to play at that level. As a result, LMSC offers up to four travel teams in many different age groups. Players at the travel team age also have the option of playing intramural soccer. Those players who find the Travel Team Program to be too competitive are still able to play in our program. LMSC, under the excellent direction of Steven Spencer, continues to offer the Special Needs Program each year for players with physical or mental limitations.

Our Travel Team Program had it’s strongest showing this fall. A total of five of our ‘A’ teams were crowned champions in the highest divisions of their league. On the girls side, the Under 9A Heart, under the excellent coaching of Casey Ichniowski, went a perfect 10-0-0 in the PAGS League. Our Under 12A team, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, coached by Danielle Fagan, were champions of the PAGS Premier Division and are among the very best teams in our state.

On the boys side, our Under 9A team, the LMSC Cannibals, went 9-0-1 in the Delco League, and 25-0-3 overall during the fall, winning the Delco Soccer League First Division championship. The Under 11A Roadkill, coached by Andy Kelly, went 11-0-1 in the Delco League and were also crowned First Division champions. Also winning at the top level were the Under 12A Velez, coached by Miguel Nuila and Tony Williams. Both the Roadkill and Velez are nationally ranked teams in their age groups.

Many other LMSC teams had success in league play and tournament play. Our Under 10D boys team, the LMSC Condors, coached by Dave Moyer, also won their division.

Our Winter Newsletter contains articles on many of our travel teams, as well as updates on a variety of our other programs. We would like to thank all of our coaches and administrators who made the 2003 fall season a success.
BOYS TRAVEL TEAM ROUNDUP

The Under 9A Cannibals had a very successful first year, finishing the fall season with a record of 25-0-3. Along the way, they won the Delco League’s first division championship, the Gettysburg Battlefield Blast Tournament, the Ross-Haney Labor Day Tournament and the Emil Schillinger Thanksgiving Tournament.

The season started out with the team going 6-0-0 to win the Gettysburg Tournament in August. This was followed the next week with the team going 5-0-0 to win the Ross-Haney Tournament. In Delco League action, the team went 9-0-1. The team’s only tie was to the mighty Lower Merion Wallabies, who gave the Cannibals their best game of the season. The Cannibals played the Concord (Delaware) Chaos in the semi-finals and came away with a 3-1 win. Gabe Boni, Matthew Lindheim and Alex Dubow all scored in the game to put the Cannibals into the finals against the Philadelphia Soccer Club Outlaws.

In the championship game, the Cannibals got off to a fast start, scoring three goals in the first 18 minutes of the game. Sean O’Brien netted two goals and Kevin Lawson added another. The Cannibals defense kept the Outlaws off the scoreboard until the last three minutes of play. Goalie Jason Shein, with help from defenders Ryan “Rhino” O’Connell and Dubow were excellent all game. Midfielders Sam Stein, Devin McLaughlin and Mark Abi-Khattar maintained a high work rate all game and left no doubt as to who the league champions were.

In their final effort of the season, the Cannibals swept through the Emil Schillinger Labor Day Tournament. Missing three of their regulars, the Cannibals invited three guest players to the tournament, all from the LMSC Wallabies. In their first game, the Cannibals were losing to Council Rock 3-2 going into the last seconds of the game. A well placed corner kick by Alex Dubow gave Sean O’Brien the opportunity to tie the game and send it into penalty kicks. For Lower Merion, Dubow, O’Brien and Lindheim all scored while goalie Jeffrey Green made two huge saves to give the Cannibals the win. After winning two more games, the Cannibals again faced Council Rock, this time for the championship.

Ernest Pendleton, who just moved to the Cannibals from the Wallabies, starred throughout the tournament, playing solid defense all game. In the championship game, the Cannibals put in four goals before Council Rock got one. By then it was too late and the Cannibals won the tournament, capping off a near perfect 25-0-3 fall season. The Cannibals are coached by Biff Sturla and Jay Dubow.

The Under 9 Wallabies competed in Delco Division 1 in the fall outdoor season under Head Coach Will Nord and Assistant Coach Brant Henderson. The usual line-up consisted of Jeffrey Green or Sam Silver in goal; Alex Dupre, Ernest Pendleton and TJ Vecere on defense; Jake Aronchick, Dylan Henderson, Aron Morgan, Steven Posner and Sam Silver at midfield; and Sam Elgart, Jeffrey Green and Alan Kaplan at forward. The team suffered only two defeats during the regular season, both 1-0 losses to eventual playoff teams on late second half goals.

The Wallabies tied the division champion, the LMSC U-9A Cannibals, 1-1, the only loss or tie sustained by the Cannibals during the Delco season. After beginning the season with a pair of 2-2 ties, the Wallabies encountered scoring difficulties in the middle of the season and relied on a steady defensive intensity as the season progressed. The Wallabies did rediscover their scoring touch, and ended the season with six goals in the final three games including a 2-0 win in the final regular season game. The season ended with the Wallabies in a tie for fifth place, just missing out on a playoff spot.
Prior to the start of the regular season, the Wallabies had been a finalist in the U-9 Premier Division of the Spirit Kick-Off Classic tournament, and tied for third place in the U-9 Premier Division of the Ross Haney tournament. In the upcoming winter season, the Wallabies will compete up a year in the U-10 division at Rocket Sports.

The Under 9 Serpents finished their Under 9 fall season with an overall record of 16-3-1 against teams from the tri-state area. After successful appearances in two tournaments, the Serpents dominated their division. The Serpents finished in first place with an impressive 7-1-1 record. They defeated Radnor in the semifinal game before losing a heartbreaker to MOT in the finals. Throughout the season, Walter Von Den Hooff and Connor Keating led the Serpent's awesome offense. Evan Heller and Mario Maggio were also strong offensive threats in every game.

Jason Banner, Alex Buckmann, Bryan Shapiro and Alex Kastein were impressive at midfield throughout the season. Michael Maggio made his presence felt in every game on both offense, midfield and on several instances as excellent goalie. Sean Kenny and Josh Salzer were the anchors on a stingy defense that recorded shutout after shutout. Justin Keenan made many spectacular saves throughout the season as the starting goalie and also played other positions in several games. A lot of great memories for this great group of boys.

The Under 10A Boca Juniors had a great season, reaching the championship of the Delco Soccer League’s very tough first division. The Bocas faced a very tough Spirit United team in the championship, but had to play without Adrian Grinjuks (overseas in Germany) and Michael Robbins (broken foot). The Bocas went down 1-0 before Cary Carabasi tied the game and sent it into overtime where Spirit scored the winning goal. Goalie Noah Schoenberg was excellent throughout the championship game. He was aided on defense by Eli Koven, Jonathan Garino and Matthew Pontecorvo.

Midfielders Nathan Arronson, Harrison Kendall, Aaron Mazer, Billy McAvoy and Danny Rubenstein were solid all game, creating many opportunities and keeping the Spirit defense busy all game. Forward Billy Hunt got off many shots and created havoc on Spirit with excellent dribbling skills. The Boca Juniors are coached by Miguel Nuila.

The Under 10 Pumas had a very successful fall campaign. They were attempting to repeat as Delco Division 3 Champions. The Pumas opened the pre-season with a third place finish in the KidsPeace Soccer Tournament, and followed with a strong Ross-Haney Tournament ending up as Finalist in the U-10 Division. The Pumas then raced to a 7-2-2 record in Delco play, taking second place in the regular season standings. Unfortunately, they lost a tough fought semi-final game in the playoffs. The Pumas also enjoyed successful showings in the YMS Columbus Day and Emil Schillinger Thanksgiving Tournaments. The Pumas scored 21 goals during the Delco season while giving up an average of less than one goal per game. The members of the Pumas are Robby Cucuel, Jake Goodman, Connor Haab, Sam Henderson, Drew Hoffman, Brett Hutchins, David Kolansky, Jordan Lucoff, Nicholas Mattia, Brandon Panagos, Alex Pillion, David Schupper, Charles Weinberg, and David Zager. The Pumas are coached by Tom Pillion and Don Lucoff.

The Under 10 Condors completed a fantastic outdoor season by winning the Division 4 Delco championship when they beat Upper Darby 2-1. The team’s overall record was 13-1-2 with a Delco season record of 10-1-1. The team started the season where they had left off last year and continued to improve both as individuals and as a team. Jack Ebby, Emilio Lanza, B.G. Lemmon, Cooper Eisenhard, and Matt Kocent joined the team this year and immediately contributed to the team’s progression. This speaks highly for these players and their preparation in the intramural program.

Team Highlights: During the season the Condors scored 46 goals while only giving up 9 goals in 16 games. The defense earned 8 shutouts. In the Delco Columbus Day Tournament, the team played last year’s division 2 champs, GCVSA, to a very exciting 1-1 draw in the semifinals. The players continued to refine their individual skills with the ball, their passing and their receiving. The team also improved on their marking, movement off the
ball, crossing and team shape. The emphasis was to play the "right" way by making the easy pass, playing the ball to the corner and pushing the defense forward. The team benefited from outstanding goalkeeping from Jaimeson Bruner-Henning, Danny Moyer, Wilson Smith, Cooper Eisenhard, and B.G. Lemmon. Although all of the players played both a defensive position and an offensive position, some excelled at one of those by the end of the season. Zach Kleiner's composure, speed and tackling ability made him a wonderful sweeper. Our marking backs were led by Jack Ebby, Emilio Lanza, Cooper Eisenhard, and Joey Gingold.

Playing from end line to end line were Jaimeson Bruner-Henning, Jay Farrell, Matt Kocent, Max Novick and Joey Gingold. Up top were Matt Kocent, B.G. Lemmon, Jaimeson, Max, Emilio, Jack, Danny, Cooper and Wilson.

Player highlights: Danny Moyer's goalkeeping in the Columbus Day Tournament; Wilson Smith's game winning goal in the finals, Matt Kocent's goals in three big games, Max (The Answer) Novick's ability to get around anyone with his amazing speed and ball skills; Jaimeson's indirect kick in the finals; Jack Ebby's goal in the final minute to beat King of Prussia; Jay Farrell's head goal off a corner kick; Zach Kleiner's ability to tackle balls away from players twice his size; B.G. Lemmon's semifinal game; Emilio Lanza's knack for anticipating where the ball is going; Joey Gingold's pull backs and upper ninety goal against Marple; and Cooper Eisenhard's energy and enthusiasm he played with in every game.

The team is coached by Dave Moyer and ably assisted by Dori Henning, Dave Ebby, and Rich Kleiner. All the coaches, players and parents are proud of the fine soccer that the team played and most importantly, the enthusiasm, energy, and camaraderie the players brought to the pitch for every practice and match.

**The Under 11A Roadkill** went 11-0-1 in Delco Division One regular fall season. The boys came away from this season with the Delco Division I championship. The Roadkill also played in the Spirit United, Gettysburg, Ross Haney, Virginia Beach Columbus Day, and Deep Run Thanksgiving tournaments. Two of the tournaments were playing up a year.

The Roadkill has a tremendous complement of players on the team. Starting with our very dominate defense, Max Kurtzman is our goal keeper. He has split second instincts, cat like reflexes, great hands, and is very confident at commanding the box. Our defensive backs are probably the most dominant three backs at U-11. Alec Sowers, David Rosenfeld, and Michael Lemonick possess speed and physical play that other teams have a hard time penetrating.

The Roadkill center midfielders are Michael Goldman, Shawn Murphy, Daniel Kursman, and Zach Wolfe. These guys really do a terrific job at controlling the game, winning the 50/50 balls, switching the play, and distributing the ball.
Our outside midfielders do a tremendous job at running the field, weak side scoring, weak side marking, and work well with our center midfielders and forwards to attack the offensive corners. Robbie Rubenstein, Ryan Dodds, Sam Lane, and Jimmy McLaughlin anchor down our left and right flanks.

The forwards on Roadkill not only shoulder the scoring responsibilities; they really provide an immediate presence up top. Alex Beatty, Colin Heffernan, and J-Mac not only can go to goal and put the ball away, but they help maintain possession in the attacking end of the field.

One of the memorable moments of this season that stands out was winning the Delco Division One championship. The boys defeated a very charismatic Delaware Sage team in the semifinals 4-0. We ran into a tough Montgomery team in the finals. We went down early in the game by a goal. The boys came back with goals by Alex Beatty and J-Mac, but Montgomery tied it up at the end of regulation with a late goal off a corner kick. We knew Montgomery was looking for a little payback from a few weeks earlier when Roadkill beat them 4-0 in regular season play, but this final really provided some drama. Roadkill turned it up a notch in the two 10 minute overtime periods by dominating the field of play and two finishing goals by Alex Beatty and Colin Heffernan.

The most memorable moment of the season was in the final game of the Gettysburg Tournament, against the T/E Under 12 team. After regulation ended, the teams had to play a 7v7 sudden death with no goalie. After five minutes, each team had to drop to six players each. Finally, Alec Sowers ended the game with an awesome shot.

Another memorable moment was winning the Deep Run Thanksgiving Tournament, again playing up a year. The Roadkill defeated the Pennridge U-12s in the championship on goals by Alex Beatty and J-Mac, assisted by Danny Kursman. Dodds again excelled in goal. It was by far the best performance of the year for the boys and a great ending to a successful fall season. Saying that this team has the right mix of coaches, players, and parents is an understatement. In a sport that is as competitive as the next; we strive to win humbly and lose gracefully. Hence, the true spirit of the sport of soccer. The Roadkill are currently ranked #9 in the GotSoccer.com Under 11 Boys national rankings.

**The Under 11 Predators** - The fall season saw the U-11 Predators transition into playing full field soccer and as a result they had their ups and downs. In August the team competed in two tournaments - one in Marlboro, New Jersey and the other on Labor Day weekend in the Lehigh Valley Tournament. The team did not win either tournament but gave a good showing of themselves and scored three goals on a team at the Lehigh Valley Tournament that had not given up a goal during their first three games of the weekend. On Columbus Day weekend, the team took second place in the Whitewater Cup that was held in the Pocono Mountains. The Predators lost the championship game in overtime by a score of 1-0.

While they did not compete for the division title this fall, the team competed hard in all their games and ended up giving almost every team a true run for their money. Our goalkeeper Adam Garnick drew rave reviews not just from the Predator sideline but also from referees as well as parents and coaches from the other teams. His time spent at the LMSC goalkeeping clinics on Friday evenings was very evident as he made save after save this past season. Playing in front of him was our sweeper Colin Eisenstaedt who played outstanding soccer game in and game out. Garrett Baker, Matthew Bernstein, and Adam Heller manned the fullback spots and Nick Desatnick and Paul Cotler completed the back four as they split time at the stopper position. This group showed tremendous improvement over the latter half of the season in the way they worked together as a unit.

Our central midfielders, Daniel Posner and Nate Diehl did a very good job of finding ways to play balls into our two forwards. Alex Bashan joined the team after he moved to the area from New Hampshire and he and Devin Baver played as our two outside halfbacks. Devin also gave us some quality minutes at sweeper as well. Nick Moore showed his versatility for us as he played both fullback and outside halfback for us and showed tenacity in his defending all season.

Our two forward positions were shared by Alex Moshal, Ian Pearlstein, Jake Levin and Lorenzo Useche. Alex was the leading goal-scorer on the team and was nothing but nonstop hustle and energy every minute he was on the field. Ian worked nicely off of Alex as they played off of each other and caused defenders to work hard. Jake Levin provided high-energy and quick feet and Lorenzo showed us his usual knack for finding the back of the net with his strong leg.

The Predators played more and more like a team as the season progressed and look forward to 2004. They will compete at Rocket Sports during the indoor soccer season. The team was coached by George Moore and Rob Taylor.
The Under 12A Velez won the top division in Delco League playoffs, defeating the Yardley-Makefield Xplosion 2-1 in the finals. The Velez finished 12-1-0 in the highly competitive top division of the Delco Soccer League. The Velez defeated Berks Soccer Academy 4-0 in the semifinals. They were 5-0-0 in the Yardley-Makefield Columbus Day Tournament, and 5-0-0 in the Ross Haney Labor Day Tournament. The Velez ended the season playing up a year in the Emil Schillinger Labor Day Tournament and went 2-1.

Members of the champion Velez Team include: Julien Aoyama, Zachary Arch, Michael Banecker, Jonathan Dolezal, Kevin Israel, Peter Janelli, Patrick Lawson, Daniel Lovitz, Andy Mack, Jonathan McAllister, Brandon McLaughlin, Dylan Mencia, Patrick O’Neil, Kevin Pierce, Milton Rico, Evan Seltzer, Derrick Smith and Jordan Wolf.

The Velez are coached by Miguel Nuila and Tony Williams. The Velez are currently ranked 11th in the nation by NationalSoccerRanking.com

The Under 12 Misfits had a great 2003 Fall Season, winning two tournaments and making it to the semi-finals in the Delco League playoffs. The Misfits, coached for the fourth year in a row by Scott Fagan and Michael Gordon, started the season with a decisive win in August in the 16th Annual Marlboro, NJ Tournament, allowing only one goal throughout the entire Tournament. This was the Misfits second victory at Marlboro in the last three years.

They followed up this win by coming out on top of the Yardley-Makefield Columbus Day Tournament. The team ended a three way tie within their flight and won a penalty kick tie breaker to move forward into the semifinals, beating Massapequa, NY, the top seeded team, 4-1 in the semi-finals and then beating Spirit United 2-0 in the final game.

The team may have the unusual distinction of having a goal scored by every player, each of the members of the Misfits strong defensive squad, led by Daniel Cooper (Goalie), has scored goals in regular season play. The squad includes Michael Lowenstein, Spencer Holm, Alex Servetnick and Max Fagan all of whom played most games without a substitution.

The superb distribution of the midfielders were led by Andrew Gordon and Ian Smith in the middle with Tal Ben Maimon, Bert VanDenHooft, and Kyle Farook working the wings.

The strikers lightning speed and accuracy was performed by Jeff Blechschmidt, Mark Krantz, John McCann, Alex Cope, Michael Selarnick and Zach Blumenfeld. The boys followed the lead of their special technical coach Tony Williams who has said, “The best thing about soccer is banging the ball into the ‘bach” (back) of the net”. The Misfits are already gearing up for the 2004 season as they hope to regain their title of Delco League Champions.

The Under 12 Habaneros a.k.a. The Hab’s, completed the fall season with a record of 3-2-4, just missing post season play for the first time in team history, due to an inordinate amount of ties during the regular season.

Given an opportunity in the last game of the season, to eliminate Lionville for the season, thus securing the remaining fourth place spot in the playoffs, the Hab’s came up with 1-1 tie, despite uncontested and dominating play in the second half and a near-miss on a game-winning penalty shot. The Hab’s aggressive and consistent play was apparent all regular season long and in numerous out-of-league scrimmages in which the Hab’s played up two age groups. The Habs played in two division’s of the U.S. Soccer Club’s U-12 Program.

The Habaneros season was marked by dominant play; its only losses were to the #2 team - Haverford and #3 team - Radnor, the Invitational Champions for the division. The team’s commitment, desire and enthusiasm allowed for the development of play that was lacking in the beginning of the season and allowed for the team to exert its dominance throughout the balance of the season.
This two-division step-up consistently tested the Habaneros, resulting in match-ups with area clubs’ A Teams, despite our LMSC intra-club ranking as a ‘C’ team. The goaltending activities were shared by three players, David Ancona-Cole, Sam Hockfeld and Jack Van Adelsburg and various other players, as the team strove for on field player development, which allowed nominal shots throughout the season and characterized the team play with four shutouts in ten games; with plus 10 goals as the team’s differential.

Opposing team speed was always a factor until our defense gelled, controlling transition play by the opposing teams with outright speed lacking in the back four. Our mighty defense was led by Adam Sacks, Zach Seigel, David Ancona Cole, Jack Van Edelsburg, John Steele and Sam Greenfield and Slater McCue.

Midfield play, which was commanding and unrelenting throughout the season, was led by Stephen Prifti, Gerry Smith, Miles Doolittle and Ethan Moritz. These players dogged play, consistently neutralized the opposing teams and added the spark for overlapping runs and plays allowing our offense consistent control of play in and around the opposing team’s net. The front line was led by Sergio Lanza, Henry Smith, Ben Sataloff, Kyle Ingerman and Sam Hockfeld.

The team enjoyed early successes by winning the Philly Soccer Summer 4v4 Shootout with an all LMSC Habaneros finals when the divided team came up in different brackets to compete in the finals and then continued its successes at the Vereinigung Erzgebirge Father’s Day Tournament by beating the number one ranked team in their division, West Chester Vipers, 2-1 in a precision tournament.

The team play would not have been as effective without the assistance of co-coaches Roberto Lanza, Michael Prifti and G. Kevin Smith and the consistent help of various parents led by George Doolittle and Team Manager Ronnie Ancona.

**The Under 13 Arsenal** completed a very successful fall season in Delco’s tough EPYSA Division 1. After a slow start, dropping three of their first four games, Arsenal ran off a seven game unbeaten streak to finish in fifth place, missing the playoffs by one point. Arsenal had a regular season record of 4-3-4, including ties with Lower Dauphin, ranked number two in Region 1, and V/E, the eventual league champion. Arsenal competed in four tournaments this fall. They reached the finals in the Ross-Haney Labor Day Tournament, and the won the Championship at the YMS Columbus Day Tournament. At the YMS Tournament they went 5-0 including wins over Beadling (ranked #1 in Pennsylvania-West), East Fishkill (ranked #2 in New York-East) and East Meadow (ranked #4 in New York-East). The Arsenal players are Will Addis, Daniel Adelson, Peter Adubato, David Barnett, Nick Bibbs, Adam Castellitto, Justin Corrado, Matt Dean, Colin Fleming, Jason Kass, Jacob Perry, Sam Pillion, Matt Quinn, Tim Reagan, Stephen Simonian, Eric Stahler and Zach Winthrop. The Arsenal coaches are Mark Weinmann, Krikor Simonian and Tom Pillion.

**The Under 14 Commandos** - Undeterred by a difficult schedule after moving up a division, the team finished the season with a spectacular 3-2 upset of Rose Tree’s “A” team as Nate Udren contributed two goals and assisted on Jeff Gordon’s tie-breaker.

Exemplifying their never-give-up attitude, the Commandos scored four second half goals – two by Jeff Gordon, two by Jake Greenberg – and rallied from a 4-1 deficit to tie Ridley, 4-4. Emergency goalie Andrew Segal ignited the team with a tremendous, 65-yard booming punt that became an assist when Greenberg outran the defense and beat the goalie.

Sam Agoos and Eric Goldwein, playing sweeper and stopper for the first time, were the Commandos’ defensive MVP’s, while Udren and Gordon shared the offensive MVP award. Alex Pizzutillo was the “Most Improved” player. Charles Baron, Scott Chernoff, Eric Goldwein, Robert Mueller, Sean Savett, Andrew Segal and Matt Taylor completed their sixth season in the travel program. Goalie Mikey Pasek, Jake Greenberg and Nate Udren finished their fifth travel season. Jake Eisenhard, Matt Hyman, Mike McAleer, Raphael Menko and Ned Shell also played key roles for the Commandos.
CONGRATULATIONS AARON MAZER

The Lower Merion Soccer Club likes to recognize players who show improvement in their soccer careers, moving up from one level to another. Last fall, Aaron Mazer played on the Under 9C Pumas travel team, coached by Tom Pillion. This fall, thanks to hard work and dedication, Aaron moved up from the Under 9C team up to the Under 10A team, the Bocas, coached by Miguel Nuila.

Previous LMSC Newsletters have mentioned players who have made similar moves to higher levels of play. Many players move up to higher levels if they work at it. We would like to congratulate Aaron on his great accomplishment.

LMSC PLAYERS IN THE EPYSA STATE SELECT PROGRAM

Congratulations to the following LMSC players who were selected for this year’s EPYSA State Select (Olympic Development) Program. These players were judged by our State Association to be among the top players in their age group for the entire State. The State Select program goes by calendar year of birth criteria.

- Brynn Becker
- Michael Goldman
- Jon Fleisher
- Jason Kass
- Jimmy McLaughlin
- Dylan Mencia
- Shawn Murphy
- Kevin Pierce
- Matthew Piltch
- Stephen Simonian

Also, congratulations to the following former LMSC players, now playing with assorted older age group Premier Clubs, who are currently in the Olympic Development Program: Nikki Adelman, Matt Dilks, Danny DiLullo, David Dubow, Greg Cochrane, Alex Fairman, Sam Feldbaum, Jordie Griffith, Drew Kotler, Matthew Krantz, Dan Meyernick, Jordan Obrant, Bobby Pierce-Cooke, Luke Rappaport, Greg Robbins, Jim Rosato, Lee Rubenstein, Kyle Soroka, Zach Weimar and Alec Weiss.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Due to the limited amount of field permits that we are issued in the spring by the township, LMSC will again have to put a cap on the number of players that will be accepted into the Spring Intramural Program.

Registrations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis in the each division. Once we have received the maximum number of registrations in each division, we will not be able to accept any additional registrations.

Registration material is available on the LMSC web site: www.lmsc.net
**GIRLS TRAVEL TEAM ROUNDUP**

**The Under 9A Heart** practiced and played its way to a successful season marked by great skill development, growing understanding of the game, an unshakeable team spirit, and impressive results on the pitch. From the end of tryouts in April through the conclusion of the fall PAGS season in the darkness of five o’clock sunsets, the Heart set a standard of perfect team attendance at practice where favorite games included “Doctor-Doctor, I’ve Got the Skater Boy Flu,” “Disney Twins,” and the knock-down-drag-out “Ladder Game.” Along the way, Heart players perfected birthday box and 360 moves, while their decisions with the ball became faster and smarter each week. Through summer scrimmages, tournaments, and the fall season, Heart players got a chance to see and play the game from the perspective of every position on the field with goal scoring coming from all quarters.

The team’s dedication and effort helped it achieve a very successful record. In the summer, the Heart had an impressive tournament record. At the 3v3 Got Milk tournament, one split squad team had a 5-0 record and the other a 3-2 mark (including one loss to their own teammates). The team also was undefeated champion in the Philly Soccer Friendly tournament, undefeated champion of the top bracket of the Council Rock tournament, and runner-up in the top bracket of the Ross-Haney Labor Day tournament. In Columbus Day action, the team went undefeated in the top flight of the Parsippany tournament against the some of the best clubs in New Jersey.

The Heart put an exclamation mark on their first season with a perfect 10-0-0 record in division one play of PAGS, outscoring opponents over the season by 30 to 3.


**The Under 10 Jaguars** had a rousing inaugural 2003 fall season. While goals were hard to come by, spirit was never lacking. Highlights of the season included a 1-0 victory over Swarthmore, and a rousing, come-from-behind 1-1 tie against Marple-Newtown in the Jack Walsh Columbus Day tournament.

The goaltending quartet of Ari Vallet, Rebecca Marks, Sydney Lazard, and Pamela Rosen kept many games close. Defensive stalwarts included Kendall Chapin, Rebecca Marks, Elizabeth Asch, and Ari Vallet. The rugged midfield play of Madison Noteware, Emily Pearlstein, Pamela Rosen, Sydney Lazard, Rachel Heffler, and Julia Morrison helped solidify the ball control game. The offensive front line, led by goal scoring leader Rachel Ayella-Silver, was ably backed by Tiffany Hau, Allison Wahrman, and Stephanie Monahan.

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Back Row: Neil Monahan, coach, Rachel Ayella-Silver, Stephanie Monahan, Emily Pearlstein, Rebecca Marks, Kendall Chapin, Alison Wahrman, Elizabeth Asch, Mark Rosen, coach.

Not pictured: Tiffany Hau
The Under 10A Lightning played in a Thanksgiving Tournament that spanned 2 weekends and included sunny skies, rain, mud, a howling arctic wind, 4 different fields, 3 teams nicknamed the Lightning, more mud, and more wind, the Lightning dispatched the Council Rock Lightning 2-0 in tremendous team effort to take the U10 Premier Championship.

Starting the tournament on the Sunday before Thanksgiving on a warm, sunny day, the Lightning defeated the Lighthouse SC Lightning 2-0 on the strength of goals by Brooke Olsen and Emely Levyn. Friday was a warm, wet and rainy as the Lightning took on the very strong (and big) Council Rock Lightning and succumbed 2-1 despite the best efforts of Julie Reiff who continually broke down their defense with a dazzling array of footwork. Julie scored LMSC's lone goal and just missed on several others.

Sometime late Friday night winter arrived with 40 degree temperatures and 30-40 MPH winds howling down the Delaware River. Strong rains overnight had also left the fields wet and muddy. The Lightning started the day by winning over the Warminster Rockets 3-1. Warminster could not contain Jess Schwab's speed as she blew through the wind for two goals while Reiff added her second of the tournament.

After a short rest to thaw in cars, the Lightning came back in the second game of the twin-bill with a 2-2 tie with tournament host Holy Terrors. In this game, the Lightning got off to a, well, "lightning" start with Ally McLaughlin starting the opening tap to Jess Schwab who passed to Marni Blumenthal wide right who kicked a perfect cross that was finished by a streaking Julie Reiff. LMSC took a 2-0 lead late in the first half on a tremendous individual effort by Leslie MacManus who fought through two defenders and buried a left footed shot past the keeper. Holy Terrors mounted a tremendous comeback against the tiring Lightning and the game ended in 2-2 which was enough to send the LMSC Lightning into the championship game on Sunday against Council Rock.

The winds subsided (somewhat), the sun was out, and the field was drying on Sunday morning as the Championship Game got started. LMSC started slowly as Council Rock pressured early in the first half. Before long, the Lightning started running a counter attack against the pressure which forced Council Rock to pull their defense out of the attack. LMSC got on the board when Leslie MacManus chased down a ball on the right side and lifted a shot that caught the keeper off her line. This goal proved to be the game winner.

The error free defense was spearheaded by the "great wall" of Rikki Voluck, Elizabeth Neylan and Claudia Rizzo with outstanding goal tending from Emely "Sunshine" Levyn and Sara Hyman. Midfielders Ally McLaughlin, Brooke Olsen, MacManus, Sara Hyman, Becca Dahle, and Marni Blumenthal dominated the play much of the second half while strikers Emely Levyn and Julie Reiff continually pressured the CRUSA goal with Reiff getting an insurance goal with 10 minutes left. This was a great way for the girls to end a successful season—with lots of smiles!

The Under 10 Screamers completed the 2003 season tied in the middle of the division with a record of 4-5-1 in Division 3 level of play. The year marked individual growth for all of the players through skills attainment and position flexibility on the field with all of the players performing well at all of the positions on the field.

The girls competed in two tournaments during the season; the Ross Haney Labor Day Classic, prior to the start of the season and the Liberty Belle Columbus Day Classic (the U S's Oldest All Girls Tourney), during the season, which allowed the team to gain first hand experience and to compete against Area "A" Teams while playing in top notch game conditions. Both tournament appearances were highlighted by great effort and commitment by the girls and marked a gelling of the team, which contributed to their success and growth during the season.

The really LOUD Screamers' goaltending was led by the consistent and upbeat play of Rory McCue and Sarah Robinson, the defensive line was anchored by Hallie Roseman, Julia Smith, Rebecca Winkler, and Nikki Bredt. Midfield play was led by Becca Dahle, Julia Gallagher and Samantha Blank. The team’s explosive front line was led by Brooke Elgart, Shelby Ginsburg, Alex Currier, and Olivia Sherman.
The girls look forward to taking their enhanced skills into an indoor development program and to expand and continue on their soccer development on the eleven-player field in the upcoming season. The team was coached by Fred Robinson, G. Kevin Smith and William Brett, with the assistance of Beth Dahle as Team Manager.

**The Under 11A Flame** completed their fall season playing the type of tenacious defense for which they have become known. The season was highlighted by the Columbus Day Parsippany Tournament, in which the Flame finished in second place, losing a 1-0 heartbreaker to the Jersey Crew. Along the way, the Flame defeated the second-ranked team in New Jersey and, throughout the tournament, outscored their competition by a combined 8-2 margin.

In league play, after a slow start, the Flame “battened down the hatches” in the second half of the season, shutting out opponents in 4 of their last 5 games. The defense was led by the loquacious goal-keeping of Ali Herman and her solid counterpart, Caroline Sawin. Samantha Shein, and Jamie Hyman were solid on the wing defense and Megan Rubenstein at stopper and Blaine Steinberg at sweeper controlled the middle of the field. The Flame eagerly awaits the return of stalwart defender Sloan Warren, who was injured this fall, but enthusiastically supported the team.

The midfield was handled by Hilary Gray, Claire MacManus, Libby Eyre and Julia Segal, each of whom showed the progress that was very evident as the season went on. The offense had its moments of glory against Kirkwood, when the Flame torched its opponent for 5 goals. Left wing Carli Sukonik burned the nets twice on that day, set up by the strong offensive play of Brianna Blumenthal, Tori Mayernick and Allison Tintenfass. The Flame is looking to continue its strong play in the indoor season.

**The Under 11 Hornets** had a very good season. After losing the majority of players from the previous B team, the new team that came together needed to prove itself very quickly against some tough opposition. Joining some very talented girls – Nadia Kale, Dana Myers, Sarah Spector, and Jennie Wigrizer – who provided the backbone for the team, we had an infusion of players of great ability onto the team. Lauren Rhodes brought her speed and understanding of the game from her years on the A team; Loren Blank, Caroline Feenane, Julia Feldbaum, Patricia Neckowicz, Callie Page, Abigail Pierce-Cook, and Shannan Williford brought with them their skill, experience, and teamwork from a very successful C team (thanks Steve!); Laura Peterson brought us her craft and speed from the D team; Viviana Pernot and Julia Miller came up from the intramural ranks to work beautifully with their new teammates; and Maddie Maute brought her great speed and competitive instincts from Haverford.

A great mix of players made for a very enjoyable season. We were seldom beaten in a tough division playing mainly A teams. We didn’t win as many games as we would have liked, coming exceedingly close to scoring on too many occasions, but we made it through to a thrilling playoff against the top-ranked team. Throughout two halves and two overtime periods we held the opponents to 0-0, coming closest to scoring when Sarah hit the crossbar. The Hornets were unlucky again in the penalty shoot-out, but they came away knowing that they could play with any team and that they will do very well in future seasons. The coaches are looking forward to seeing the Hornets regain their sting!

**The Under 11 A’s** (last year’s Dream Team) once again provided an opportunity for more girls in the Club to experience the challenges and rewards of travel soccer. Half of the girls on the roster of sixteen had never been on a travel team, and only seven played together last year. The A’s therefore started out with much less experience than most of their opponents but never let the occasional mismatch diminish their enthusiasm for the game or their eagerness to improve as players.

Weekly practices over the summer (liberally fueled with ice cream) brought the team together, and a trial by fire at the Deep Run Labor Day Tournament taught the girls what it would be like to play against bigger and more experienced competition. The Tournament attracted only a few U-11 teams; so, the A’s played three of their first four games together against U-12 teams. The A’s may not have won any games that weekend, but they won the re-
spect of their opponents for playing hard from the first to the last minute and the admiration of everyone who saw them in their distinctive tie-dyed game jerseys.

The regular fall season opened with a great 1-0 win against Upper Darby when Allison Wortley - in perfect position at left wing - knocked in a pass from Laura Walzer via Lauren Berman with just 10 minutes to play. Later in the season, Julie Prizer scored on breakaways in two 1-0 victories against Collingdale and Chichester. Against Interboro, a team that ended its season with a perfect 10-0-0 record and a total of 34 goals, the A's preserved a scoreless tie until well into the second half before finally losing 2-0. Two 1-0 losses, against Tredyfrin-Easttown and Brandywine, could easily have been a win or a tie, and the A's just missed qualifying for their division's playoffs.

Every "A" improved as an individual player this season, and by the beginning of November, sixteen individuals who didn't know each other in June were truly a team. Leah Puklin and Emily Rappoport, with backup from Lauren Ritterband, made tremendous efforts in goal and kept the A's chances alive in several games. Molly Rothschild, Lenna Blistein, and Reggie Burke were the team's mainstays on defense although Reggie played some forward and scored a fine goal against Avon Grove. Lauren Berman, Caroline Kocent, and Emily Goodman were particularly strong at halfback and helped out at defense and forward as needed. Caroline Weiss (who scored in the tournament) and Emily Bailey were regular threats at forward along with Julie Prizer and Allison Wortley. Mary Shimell, Erin Marshall, Laura Walzer, and Lauren Ritterband made outstanding contributions at a number of different positions.

The A's are looking forward to a Spring tournament and some practices to get them in shape for travel tryouts next May.

The Under 12A Red Hot Chili Peppers - The Fall 2003 season was a turning point for the Red Hot Chili Peppers. PAGS had just formed a new top division called Premier, which is higher than their Cup division. Gaining entry to this division was the first hurdle for the Chili Peppers, but once accepted they set their sights on winning the championship. The Chili Peppers kept every game close going 5-2-3 on the season earning a 4th seed in the playoffs. PAGS decided to add a 5th & 6th seed forcing a quarterfinal game for the Chili Peppers against their nemesis, the West Chester Flash. They outlasted the Flash to win 1-0 and earned the right to go to the semifinals.

After playing to a 0-0 scoreless tie with the Montgomery Mustangs during the regular season, the Chili Peppers knew the semi-finals would be a battle. The game went back and forth for the duration of regulation as both teams fought hard. Then with time running out, Montgomery broke through the Chilis' defense. Time had expired when seconds later the ball hit the back of the Chilis' net. Montgomery started to celebrate the win when the assistant referee got the center referee's attention telling him it wasn't a goal because Montgomery was offsides. They needed a winner to advance to the finals, so two 10-minute overtime periods of golden goal were set. Again, both teams battled to somehow get that elusive goal to advance to the championship game. Overtime ended so they went to penalty kicks to decide the winner.

Having practiced penalty kicks, the Chili Peppers were confident with their chances to emerge victorious. Up first for the Chili Peppers was Bailey Marshall, who connected on a blast to put the Chilis up 1-0. Montgomery then tied it up. Alexa Hoffman stepped up to the line for her shot which slammed into the left post. Kasey Jakobowski came to the rescue in goal denying the Mustang's next shooter. Madison Liss was next and easily fired the ball past the keeper to go up 2-1. Jakobowski then saved another shot. Tara Stokes added another goal for the Chili Peppers to go up 3-1. Montgomery then made it 3-2. Charlotte Damico could have finished off the Mustangs with a goal, but blasted her shot right at the keeper.
The Mustangs had a chance to send the penalty kicks into sudden death with a goal on their last shot, but the ball went wide left about 10 yards. The Chili Peppers won and earned the right to play the Reading-Berks Destroyers who had defeated the PSC Coppa Lady Kickers 1-0 in the other semi-final game.

For the final game, the Chili Peppers spray painted their hair red and wore eye-black and warrior paint. It was war. The Chili Peppers took the field against the team they had lost to in sudden-death penalty kicks in the EPYSA State Cup Quarterfinals last spring and had narrowly beaten 1-0 during the regular season. It was a battle of opposites as the Destroyers employ a direct, aggressive, in-your-face attacking style of play while the Chili Peppers are much more conservative on attack, but have a defensive unit that is virtually impenetrable. By comparison, in 12 games the Destroyers amassed an impressive 16 goals while giving up 7, whereas the Chili Peppers managed just 10 goals yet only allowed a mere 4.

Surprisingly the Chili Peppers controlled the attack for the first 10 minutes. But the tide would soon change as the Destroyers got on their game plan and pursued the Chili’s bunker made up of Jakobowski in goal protected by the defensive front line of Hana Chamoun, Liss and Alexandra Sawin. Murphee Greeley, Bridget Gribbin and Katie Walsh led the attack with a big dose of offense from Stokes. Hoffman and Marshall added skill and speed at midfield. Damico, Marta Klebe, Anayis Melikian, and Liz Schoenberg shared the tough task of slowing the Destroyer attack in the midfield and mounting one of their own. At forward, Theresa Brady and Courtney McKinney broke through the Destroyers’ defense with their speed.

After 60 minutes of scoreless play, the game followed the format of the day before with two 10-minute golden goal periods. And again, the game went to a scoreless tie. Back in a familiar situation, the Chilis were prepared. The Destroyers shot first sending the ball wide over the top of the goal. The Chilis’ first kicker was Hoffman who drilled a low, hard shot to the corner only to be stymied by the diving keeper. The next Destroyer shot wide left. Marshall then hit side netting to put the Chili Peppers up 1-0. The next Destroyer was a bit anxious as she kicked before the whistle, but Jakobowski stopped it. She got a re-take since she had to wait for the whistle. Jakobowski stopped her second shot as well. Then with a blistering shot, Liss put the Chili Peppers up 2-0. The Destroyer keeper then put one past Jakobowski. Stokes stood patiently at the line awaiting her kick when the ref announced that the Chilis had won so everyone began to celebrate. Not so fast. There was an error — the Chilis needed one more goal. So everyone went back to their places, and Stokes lined up to the right of the ball as if she were going to shoot with her left foot. On her approach, she switched to the right foot and blanked the keeper to ice the win for the Chili Peppers 3-1.

It was a season of firsts for the Chili Peppers as they broke into the national rankings at 28th. Most amazing was that they stunned two top ranked teams, including the 2003 WAGS champs and undefeated Montgomery Mustangs and the Reading-Berks Destroyers who were EPYSA State Cup finalists, en route to a thrilling win to capture the 2003 PAGS U12 Premier Division League Championship. Overall, it was an exciting end to a great season!

**The Under 13 Sharks** had a great fall season. With a tremendous effort by veteran and new players blending together into a solid unit we finished tied for 1st place, going 6-1-5 while scoring 24 goals. Our outstanding front line was lead by Sasha Rescori who connected on several goals including four penalty kicks during the year. Sasha also played midfield and defense and it was common to hear the other team’s coach warning players to mark her. Elana Sears, another veteran, also provided leadership along the front line, opening the scoring in the games in the middle of our schedule when we began to win and assisting on many goals in the penalty box by sheer hustle and speed.

Veterans Sarah Camitta also found the back of the nets and contributed several key assists to keep our team advancing. Newcomer Hannah Baumstein started the year on the right foot with our first goal of the year and scored on several breakaways during the season as well as racing back on defense when playing midfield. Olivia Goodwin was a later addition to our team who dazzled our opponents with her moves and scored or assisted on several game-winning goals in the latter part of the season. Neely Burch constantly fought to move the ball forward from where our other players could score and pressured our opponents throughout.

Yana Chala, another newcomer, used her speed and determination to make up for her first year at this level. Clare Chitester returned as another midfielder and was the most improved player. Another veteran, Rebecca LeFkoe, used her speed and guile to break up the opponents attempts to move the ball toward our goal. Mira Moskowitz, the glue for the center of our midfield, showed the results of off-season training with several assists on long passes and great moves to keep our offense flowing. She also scored 2 goals during the year. Lauren Nolan again provided steady play at midfield, always stopping rushes and then controlling the ball while changing the
momentum of play in our favor. The defense kept us in every game this year and was once again led by Monika Zaleska. There was no better defender in our division than Monika who combined excellent tackling skills, wonderful foot speed and the ability to kick with either foot in leading our back line.

Veteran Kara Silberthau moved from wing to defense and played wonderfully until an injury cut her season short. Lauren Hanak again played excellent defense, forcing the ball away from opposing players and starting rushes upfield, using her speed to elude the other team. Newcomer Jennifer Terker added her strong defensive skills to the team despite being a late arrival to the team and sustaining an injury in her first game. At the start of the year we had no returning goalie due to Danielle Frank's injury. When Danielle was able to play she provided some game-saving saves, coming from nowhere to stop goals. Her long punts sparked more than 1 goal by allowing us to win loose balls near midfield. Fortunately we had 2 new goalies who courageously filled the gap. Elizabeth Maltz returned to LMSC travel after a few years absence. She was inserted in goal in our first game and made a highlight film save on a penalty kick keeping us in a game late in the year. Elizabeth also played defense and her strong foot and tackling ability stopped many a rush. Sarah Camitta made a courageous choice to play goalie at the end of the year when a leg injury kept her from her usual mobility and the team was in need. She won some needed games at the end of the year allowing us to reach the playoffs when we needed points.

In my first year as head Coach I was lucky to have three knowledgeable assistants who helped me blend 6 new players out of 17, not to mention two or three girls playing new positions, into a first place team. We were always complimented on the teamwork and skill of our players after each game. Without Tim Chitester, Ed Baumstein, and of course, Rick Camitta the success of this season would not have been possible. I'd also like to thank Biff Sturla and Nancy Worby for supporting me this year.

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### 2004 TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUT INFORMATION

One of the primary goals of our Intramural Program is to develop the top players for our highly prestigious Travel Team Program. This program is where the vast majority of our most talented players wind up playing. The Travel Team Program is essential for those players who wish to compete at higher levels of play in the future (high school, college and beyond.)

Tryouts for the fall season travel teams are held in late April and May. We will mail tryout information to all people on our mailing list in our Spring Newsletter, which will arrive in early. Information about tryout dates, times and locations will also be posted on our web page in early March.

The primary season for the teams is in the fall. Most travel teams play a limited amount of indoor soccer during the winter months. Many of our travel teams play in several spring and early fall tournaments.
FALL INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

Submitted by Robert Elwood

My son Aidan Elwood has been playing youth soccer with the LMSC program this fall. It's his second season. I am one of the coaches of Aidan's team, the Pistons, along with Gerry Cuddy and Tony Soslow. Aidan (6) is one of the youngest kids in his division. Unlike many of his other endeavors, soccer does not come that easily for him. Aidan is typically a tenacious goalie and has made some heroic saves. On offense, though, he tended to stay away from the pack. He would kick the ball if it came to him, but he did not really seek it out. I don't think he took even a single shot on goal during his first year.

This season, I and our au pair Anna have made a point to play soccer with Aidan and his brother Liam (4) for at least a few minutes every day. That effort has paid off. Both boys have improved a lot (I also coach in Liam's soccer program). Starting perhaps three weeks ago, I could see that Aidan was taking a more proactive role on the field. Two weeks ago, he took a good shot on goal, but the goalie made a save. Coach Tony turned to me with a look of happy surprise when that happened.

As we were driving to this past week's game, I said to Aidan "that was a great shot you took last week -- do you think maybe this week you will score a goal?"

Aidan replied "I am going to score a goal this week!"

We drove on in silence for a few minutes. Then I started to worry that maybe the stakes had gotten too high. "Aidan", I said, "you know that Daddy will still love you even if you don't score a goal today, right?" "Yeah, I know" he replied in the matter of fact manner of so many six year olds.

In Aidan's division, the kids play soccer on a smaller field and play four on four. Each week we divide our team into two squads, who play the other team's two squads on contiguous fields. On Saturday I was in charge of the squad that did not contain Aidan. About midway through the first period, I went over to the other field to tell Coach Gerry something.

There was Aidan with the ball at mid-field heading toward the goal. A defender kicked the ball away from Aidan. In the past, that would probably have brought an end to Aidan's involvement. This time, he persevered. He got the ball back and kept moving toward the goal. Three kicks. Four kicks. Five kicks. A pass to a teammate. A pass back to Aidan, who was now about 15 feet from the goal. He took a shot. SCORE!

Aidan's teammates "high-fived" him. I ran out onto the field to give him a hug. Gerry shook his hand. Two or three moms gave Aidan the "thumbs up" gesture. A gap-toothed grin was on Aidan's face.

When we got home, I started to make a big deal about his goal when we told my wife Amy about the game. Aidan seemed a little diffident. "Why don't you tell Mom what happened, Aidan?" I asked.

Without really looking at us and with a flat affect as if he were recounting the events of a typical day at school he said "I had the ball. I kept kicking and kicking. I scored a goal."

But then he looked up and with a big smile he added "For a moment there, I was invincible!"
**LMSC ALUMNI STILL IN SOCCER**

People often ask us whether former LMSC players ever reach high levels of soccer as they grow older. Below is a brief list of where some LMSC alums have gone in the soccer world.

Jon Conway - Jon was goalie for the LMSC Gorillas for six years, leading them to two state championships. Jon later was second team All-American at Rutgers. He has been a member of the San Jose Earthquakes for the past five years as had earned two MLS championship rings. He has also trained overseas in Europe with several professional clubs there. Jon also runs his own goalkeeper camps in California in the off-season.

Will Kohler - Possibly the greatest player ever at Lower Merion High School, Will started for the Under 17 USA National Team in 1991, then went on to become an All-American at Harvard. After graduating from Harvard, Will was drafted by the New York Metrostars of MLS but opted to take a lucrative job offer on Wall Street. After working on Wall Street for a few years, Will returned to soccer, playing in the A-League, our country’s second highest level of professional soccer, and coaching at Harvard. Will’s father was a Director of the club for many years.

Richard Wilmot - A three time MVP at Harriton High School, Richard played at Penn State and then Harvard. After graduating from Harvard, Richard played four seasons for the Reading Rage of the USL (Division 3 Professional League). Wilmot and Kohler played together on the FC Delco Demons who won a National Championship and made three National Final appearances.

Ben Olsen - Ben was an All-American at The University of Virginia and has been with D.C. United of MLS for five years. In 2000, he started for the United States Men’s Olympic Team. Ben also played a year over in the English Premier League and has seen action with the USA Men’s National Team on several occasions.

Justin Ceccarelli - Justin was an All-State selection at St. Joseph’s Prep before moving on to Boston College where he was a four year starter. Justin later played professionally for Worcester in the A-League for six years before returning to the Lower Merion area. While in the Boston area, Justin also coached at the collegiate level for three years. Justin has run our four year old Pee-Wee at LMSC for the past three fall seasons and coaches our Under 17 boys travel team. Justin’s father Chick was the President of LMSC for over 10 years and was a coach in our club for over 20 years.

Adrian Cox - After playing at LMSC for six years, Adrian starred at the University of Richmond before switching over to coaching. He is currently an assistant coach at Bradley University, a Division One school in the Midwest and is active in the Illinois State Olympic Development Program.

Allan Greaves - After starring at Lower Merion Soccer Club, Allan played Division Three professional soccer for six years, playing with the Philadelphia Freedom and the Reading Rage. Allan was very active coaching in LMSC for many years, before moving north where he still very active coaching. Allan also coached for many years at the high school level and has run many soccer camps.

Will Nord - Will played in LMSC for eight years. Now he is back as a head coach for the LMSC Wallabies and assistant coach for the Roadkill travel teams. Will is also head coach for the Cardinal O’Hara High School boys varsity. In his first season at Cardinal O’Hara, the team had their most successful season in the past fifteen years. Will currently heads up the LMSC Summer Soccer Program and works at the LMSC Summer Soccer Camp.

Nick Harmelin - Nick was a four year varsity player at Johnson and Wales University. After graduating, he took a job in sales and marketing with the San Jose Earthquake of MLS where he has received several awards for his high level of group sales. Nick also coaches a U-19 team in the San Jose area.

Suzie Grech - A long time LMSC player, Suzie has been playing goalie at the University of Michigan for the past four years. She was also the goalie for Spain’s Under 18 National Team and trained with Spain’s Women’s National Team. Suzie is now finishing up school and hopes to embark on a college coaching career.

Richard Zeller - In 1994, Richard led the LMSC Lunatics to the State Championship. Richard was a standout player at The Haverford School and worked for many years as a Field Crew head. He is currently playing soccer at Delaware University and was LMSC’s 2003 recipient of the Rachel Savett Memorial Scholarship Award.

Bill Heuisler - A player at LMSC for eight years, Bill is now coaching school soccer in Hermosa Beach, CA. While at LMSC, Bill was captain of the LMSC Gorillas, Under 13 Indoor and Outdoor State Champions. Bill just moved out to California. Upon starting his coaching career, Bill e-mailed the club and asked us to send him our various coaching materials to help him get started in his coaching career.
In order to maintain the quality and safety of the players in our program, LMSC would like to solicit feedback from the players and their families regarding the performance of our coaches this fall.

We are asking for constructive input (both positive and negative) from the families of the players so we can better evaluate the performances of the coaches, both head coaches and assistant coaches. We are hoping to use your input as part of our overall evaluation process so that we can offer constructive advice to all coaches and hopefully make their contributions more productive in future seasons. Please also feel free to offer any comments / observations / criticisms about the LMSC Program in general.

We would like for you to fill out and return this Coach and Program Evaluation Form. Please offer any and all feedback that you have to offer. Please note that we will ONLY consider letters that are legibly signed. Anonymous letters will be thrown away. ALL evaluations that we receive will be held in complete confidence. Coaches will NOT see the evaluations. The only person who will see these evaluations will be the LMSC Directors.

Please be as candid as you like, feel free to offer comments, both positive and negative. If you do not have an opinion one way or the other about the coaches of your child’s team, or the club in general, then there is no need to return this form.

Please return this form no later than February 1st to: LMSC, Box 469, Gladwyne, PA 19035

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### 2003 - 2004 UNDER 8 DEVELOPMENTAL TEAMS

Congratulations to the players below who were selected to this winter’s Under 8 Developmental Teams. The Developmental Program is designed to train our younger, more talented players and develop them for the Travel Team Program in future seasons. There were 67 boys who tried out and 40 girls who tried out for this year’s Under 8 teams. Each team will train indoors during the winter and compete in the indoor leagues at Rocket Sports.

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### RECENT COACHING COURSE GRADUATES

This fall, 21 LMSC coaches successfully passed the State sponsored ‘E’ level coaching course. The course is 18 hours long and deals with topics including: Coaching Methodology, Team Management, Care & Prevention of Injuries, Laws of the Game, Technique and Tactics. While not required to coach soccer, our club highly recommends that coaches in our program take the course. LMSC reimburses the registration fee to all LMSC coaches who successfully pass the course.

Congratulations to the following LMSC coaches who passed the ‘E’ level course the year.

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Each year, the LMSC Directors honor our top travel team coaches and one intramural coach for outstanding contribution to the program and overall success in adhering to the club philosophy of "providing each child with a fun filled experience in a soccer environment."

Our Girls Travel Team Coach Of The Year Award goes to Casey Ichniowski, head coach for the Under 9A LMSC Heart. Under Casey’s leadership, the Heart went undefeated during their first PAGS League season and played some of the best soccer anywhere. Casey’s hard work and attention to detail as a coach has certainly set the standard for future LMSC age groups in the Girls Travel Team Program.

LMSC would like to congratulate Casey on being selected as Girls Travel Team Coach Of The Year. The LMSC Officers hope that Casey will be coaching in our program for many more years.

Our Boys Travel Team Coach Of The Year Award goes to Gary Smolen, head coach for the Under 10B Red Devils. Gary has been coaching in LMSC for well over 10 years now. Previously, he coached teams involving his two sons Joey (who later played at Harvard) and Ben. With his two boys now graduated from the program, Gary volunteered to coach a new team. Through his leadership, the Red Devils have been very competitive in Division One play, despite being our club’s ‘B’ team. The LMSC Officers would like to thank Gary for his continued dedication to coaching and working with the youth in our program.

Our Intramural Coach Of The Year Award for 2003 goes to Michael Mark, director of our 5 year old boys Atoms Division and our 5 year old girls Neutrons Division. Michael has been running our younger intramural programs in both the Fall season and Spring season for eight years now. Many of the players in our program had their first soccer experience under Coach Mike. His love of the game, as well as his enthusiasm for working with the players in our program, as well as the new “parent coaches” in each age group have helped to make all of our programs a great success. Many of our current travel team players owe their success to having Mike as a coach in their younger days, providing a fun, skill-oriented approach to the game.

LMSC would like to thank Michael for his eight years in LMSC and hope he continues working in our program for many more decades.

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RACHEL SAVETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In May, 2000, one of our younger LMSC soccer players, Rachel Savett, passed away. She had just been selected to play on one of our Under 10 girls travel teams at tryouts. Rachel was extremely enthusiastic as well as very popular with friends and adults alike. Rachel’s father, Robert, has been a coach in LMSC for many years.

To honor the memory of Rachel, LMSC created a Scholarship Fund in Rachel’s name. This scholarship is awarded each year to a former LMSC player, referee or field crew person who is currently in college.

The 2003 winner of the scholarship was Richard Zeller. Richard played in our program for many years. He was a member of the varsity team at The Haverford School for four years. He is currently at the University of Delaware where he is on the Men’s soccer team. Richard spent many years as head of field crew for our fields at the Merion Elementary School.

The 2002 recipient was Suzie Grech. Suzie played in our program for many years, and was also our referee assignor before enrolling at the University of Michigan where she is the starting goalie. Suzie was also the starting goalkeeper for Spain’s Under 18 National Team and is trained with Spain’s full national team. Upon graduating, Suzie hopes to begin a career in coaching.

The 2001 recipient was Tag Boyle, a long time player, referee and field crew worker in LMSC. Tag is currently a junior at Connecticut College.

Rachel’s cause of death was anaphylactic shock, which was caused by very bad food allergies. If any of you have a child with severe food allergies, please know just how potentially dangerous this can be. Hopefully we can all remember Rachel’s tragedy and use that memory to prevent any future tragedies of this kind from occurring.

To Donate To This Scholarship Award: People who would like to contribute to this years scholarship award are asked to write a check to “The Rachel Savett Memorial Scholarship Fund” and mail it to: LMSC, Box 469, Gladwyne, PA 19035.

We would like to thank all of you who donated to this worthy cause in the last three years. As always, our prayers go out to Rachel and her family. We miss you Rachel.

RECENT LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Below is a list of LMSC teams who have been crowned league champions since 1995. The list has the year, age group, division, team name and head coach.

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THANK YOU HAROLD GOLDNER

With the conclusion of the 2003 fall season, Harold Goldner has announced his retirement from LMSC after over 10 years of service in a wide range of positions within the club.

Harold has served as an Officer of the club for the past five years. He was our Boys Travel Team Director for several years, before passing this position along to Jay Dubow. This past year, Harold served as our Travel Team Field Coordinator, a very important position that helps us to not have multiple games scheduled on a field, enables us to schedule makeup games due to weather issues, etc.

In previous seasons, Harold served as a head coach in the Intramural Program, and later in the Travel Team Program. He was also a Division Commissioner for several years.

Harold’s children have moved on to other sports, but Harold voluntarily stayed in the program an extra year to help with a variety of issues, and ensure a smooth transition.

The Lower Merion Soccer Club would greatly like to thank Harold for his many years of service in the club. He was a great asset to the program for many years. We wish Harold the best of luck in his “post-soccer” life. Thanks again Harold, we’ll miss you.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ...

The Lower Merion Soccer Club would like to give special thanks to various people who helped make the Fall 2003 season a success.

First, we would like to thank the various intramural program Division Commissioners, the people who ran the various age groups. Their job included making team assignments, distributing equipment, adjusting teams during the season, recording the scores in the older groups, giving out trophies at the end of the season and working with the coaches to ensure that all information was passed along.

Bantams: John MacManus
Microns: Jason Coyle
Juniors: Bill Keffer
Quasars: Ken Trimble
Intermediates: Joe McCaffrey
Protons: Andy Bunn
Seniors: Roddy McGibbon
Majors & Electrons: Drew&Toni Meiers
Cosmos: Rich Ongirski
Atoms & Neutrons: Michael Mark
PeeWees: Justin Ceccarelli
Special Needs: Steven Spencer

We would also like to thank our intramural referee assignors who did their best to assign a referee to games each week: Jacob Sack, Greg Luehrs and Dana Worby-Robinson.

A special thank you to the field crew managers who headed up the work at various fields, including: Andrew Herman, Dan Penne, Danny Leigh, Trent Tattar, Todd Herman and Ben Schutzman.

We would like to extend a special thank you to two people who work in the township for their help in providing fields for our players: Township Manager Doug Cleland and Lindsay Taylor, Director of Parks and Recreation.

We would also like to thank the countless volunteer coaches in both the Travel Team Program and the Fall Intramural Program. To the hundreds of coaches who gave their time to make all the players have a fun, memorable time, we take our hats off to you. Thank you again to everyone for making 2003 a successful year.

Sincerely,

Biff Sturla President
Marty Rubenstein Vice President
Nancy Worby Vice President
Jay Dubow Director
Nikki Posillico Treasurer
Dan Sutton Officer
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