

LOWER MERION SOCCER CLUB

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SPRING INTRAMURAL PROGRAM EXPANSION

Thanks to the efforts of Lower Merion Township Commissioners Brian Rosenthal and Alan Kessler, we have been able to obtain more fields in the spring. Because of this, we are able to expand the number of age divisions in our 1998 Spring Intramural Program.

Page four of this newsletter contains information about our 1998 Spring Intramural Program which will be held for **boys and girls born between 1988 and 1993**. The program will **start on April 19th** and run every **Sunday** through June 21st, except for Memorial Day Weekend.

Players do NOT need to have prior soccer experience to play in the Spring Intramural Program. Players do NOT have to live in Lower Merion Township to participate.

Our thanks again to Brian and Alan for all the work they have done for LMSC over the years.

TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUTS

Page two of this newsletter lists the dates, times and field locations for our Travel Team tryouts, including names of people to contact if you require additional information. Tryouts are for the 1998 / 1999 Fall Season which will start in late August.

We plan to field boys teams and girls teams in each age group from Under 9 through Under 15. The exact number of teams in each age group will be dependent on the number of players trying out as well as the number of qualified coaches we are able to identify for each age group.

Players do NOT have to live in Lower Merion Township to play in the Travel Team Program, nor do they need to have played in LMSC before.

Anyone born in 1985 or later who does not make a travel team will be eligible to play in the Fall Intramural Program. Registrations for the Fall Intramural Program will be sent out in late June.

OUR EIGHTH ANNUAL LMSC SUMMER SOCCER CAMP

LMSC will once again be running it's one week soccer camp for younger players. The camp will be held the week of **June 22 - June 26** at Welsh Valley Middle School. Half day sessions will run from 9:00 - 12:00, full day sessions will run from 9:00 - 3:00. A staff member will be on site until 4:00 for late pickup. The camp will be open to **boys and girls ages 6 - 12**.

The camp will be run under the direction of LMSC Associate Director Allan Greaves. Allan is the head coach for the LMSC Under 9 'A' Boys Travel Team, the Radnor High School Junior Varsity and the Delco League Select U-13 team. Allan played professionally for the Philadelphia Freedom.

The camp will focus on individual skill development in the morning and small sided games in the afternoon.

The cost of the full day camp is \$160, the cost of the half day camp is \$120. A registration form for the camp can be found inside this newsletter.

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LMSC 1998 / 1999 TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUT INFORMATION

Each year, LMSC holds tryouts in the spring for their fall season travel teams. The 1998 fall team lineup will include boys and girls teams from Under 9 up through Under 15, as well as a girls Under 16 team.

The number of teams formed in each age group will be dependent on the number of players trying out as well as the number of qualified coaches that we can identify for that particular age group. There will be as many as seven teams in boys age groups and as many as three teams in girls age groups.

To be considered for the Travel Team Program, players will be expected to be at all tryout dates listed below for their age group. Some age groups will have additional tryout dates which will be announced at the first tryout.

Players **MUST** tryout for the age group corresponding to their birthdate, as listed in the tryout schedule below. Players may **NOT** play "UP" an age group without written permission from the LMSC Board of Directors.

All players will be expected to bring both a white shirt and a red shirt to all tryouts. Shin guards, soccer shoes and an appropriate sized soccer ball are also required. Under 9 through Under 12 players will need a size 4 ball, U-13 and older will need a size 5 ball.

Players do **NOT** need to live in Lower Merion Township to be considered for a travel team, nor do they need to have played in LMSC before. All youngsters of the proper age are welcome to tryout.

All players making one of the LMSC Travel Teams will be expected to attend **Travel Team Registration Night on Tuesday, June 2nd** from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at the Lower Merion High School cafeteria.

AGE GROUP	ELIGIBLE BIRTHDATES	AGE GROUP CONTACT		TRYOUT DATES AND FIELDS		
Boys Under 9	Aug. 1, 1989 - July 31, 1990	Biff Sturla	649-5745	May 8, 15, 20	6:00	Welsh Valley
Boys Under 10	Aug. 1, 1988 - July 31, 1989	Allan Greaves	215-477-3099	April 13, 14	5:00	Welsh Valley
Boys Under 11	Aug. 1, 1987 - July 31, 1988	Marty Rubenstein	664-6553	May 13, 19	6:00	Welsh Valley
Boys Under 12	Aug. 1, 1986 - July 31, 1987	Dan Grauman	668-9904	May 15 May 17	5:30 4:00	Bryn Mawr Polo Bryn Mawr Polo
Boys Under 13	Aug. 1, 1985 - July 31, 1986	Ray Hurtado	527-0651	May 11, 14	6:00	Bryn Mawr Polo
Boys Under 14	Aug. 1, 1984 - July 31, 1985	Joe Hopkins	525-0700	April 29	6:00	Bryn Mawr Polo
Boys Under 15	Aug. 1, 1983 - July 31, 1984	Jay Rose	664-5260	May 1	6:00	Welsh Valley
Girls Under 9	Aug. 1, 1989 - July 31, 1990	Noah Gorson	668-2378	April 24, 29	6:00	Welsh Valley
Girls Under 10	Aug. 1, 1988 - July 31, 1989	Nancy Worby	668-0947	May 7, 14	6:00	Welsh Valley
Girls Under 11	Aug. 1, 1987 - July 31, 1988	Rich Schwab	667-1043	Apr.26, May 3	4:00	Welsh Valley
Girls Under 12	Aug. 1, 1986 - July 31, 1987	Danielle Fagan	995-2622	May 6, 7	6:00	Bryn Mawr Polo
Girls Under 13	Aug. 1, 1985 - July 31, 1986	Traci Brody	667-3807	May 18	6:00	Welsh Valley
Girls Under 14	Aug. 1, 1984 - July 31, 1985	Chris Campbell	664-0979	May 5, 7	6:00	Bryn Mawr Polo
Girls Under 15	Aug. 1, 1983 - July 31, 1984	Marlyn Tintenfass	520-0607	April 30 May 1	4:00 5:30	Welsh Valley Welsh Valley
Girls Under 16	Aug. 1, 1982 - July 31, 1983	Lance Laver	668-9844	Call Coach For More Information		

Welsh Valley Middle School: Hagy's Ford Road in Penn Valley, just off of Conshohocken State Road (Route 23).

Bryn Mawr Polo Field - Old Railroad Avenue and County Line Roads in Bryn Mawr, just south of Lancaster Avenue.

YOUTH COACHING COURSE

This spring, LMSC will once again be sponsoring an Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association 'E' level coaching course. The eighteen hour course will be geared towards adults who will be coaching a team of players in the age range of 8-12 years of age.

No prior playing or coaching experience is necessary to attend the course. The course is also geared for people with prior soccer playing experience, but little or no coaching experience. This course will be instructed by one or more members of our State Coaching Staff.

The six night course will be held on Tuesday evenings as follows: April 14, 21, 28 and May 5, 12, 19, all at the Welsh Valley Middle School gym from 6:15 - 9:15.

The course will cover the following topics: Technique, Tactics, Coaching Methodology, Care and Prevention of Injuries, Team Management and Laws of the Game.

The cost for the course is \$50, payable to Lower Merion Soccer Club. Those people taking the course who coach within LMSC will be reimbursed the full amount by LMSC upon successful completion of the course.

Each session of the course is divided into two parts; half theory (coaches will be expected to take notes) and half practical, where coaches will be expected to actively participate in "on the field" activities.

Anyone interested in attending the course may call the LMSC Hotline (215-953-8060) to request registration material for the course.

Plan to show up PROMPTLY to the Welsh Valley Middle School lower gym at 6:15 PM EACH night of the course. Coaches should bring a notebook, pen, soccer ball and come dressed in soccer attire (gym shorts or sweat pants plus sneakers or indoor soccer shoes, not cleats).

TRAVEL LEAGUE REFEREE CERTIFICATION COURSE

Many people have expressed an interest in gaining certification to be a licensed referee. This certification enables people to do travel team games as well as other levels of play beyond intramurals. There is a great need for referees, the money that can be made is quite good (much better than at the intramural level). Many adults referee games to earn extra income, in addition to their regular job.

Referees must be at least 14 years of age. Some of the referees currently doing games are adults, many others are still teenagers.

The referee course will be held at Lower Merion High School on Wednesday and Thursday nights from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM on the following dates:

Wednesday	April 15	Thursday	April 23
Thursday	April 16	Wednesday	April 29
Wednesday	April 22	Thursday	April 30

To get to Lower Merion High School: going west on Montgomery Avenue, turn right into the main entrance of the school, just after the light at Owen Road.

People attending the course will need to arrive promptly at 6:30 PM each night of the course.

The cost for the course is \$50, payable to EPSARC. This is a nonrefundable fee. Neither LMSC nor the associated leagues will reimburse you for this. The money earned while refing will quickly cover the cost. Referees earn from \$8.00 to \$45.00 per game.

This course is a first step in refing. The Delco Chapter of EPSARC offers clinics, newsletters and mentors to help develop referees.

Anyone interested in this course should send their check (payable to EPSARC) before April 2nd to Dan Sutton, 401 Kent Road, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004. For more information, call Dan before 10:00 PM at 664-4890. The registration will take place at the first night of the course. Fifteen applications are required for the course.

EQUIPMENT RECYCLING FOR INNER CITY SOCCER

During the past ten years, LMSC has made major contributions of soccer clothing and used equipment to various soccer programs for underprivileged children. Over the years, our contributions have assisted in the formation of several inner city soccer programs in Philadelphia as well as other areas.

As these programs grow, so will their need for shoes, clothing and other soccer equipment. Soccer balls are especially needed because they are given to the children to practice with on their own. PLEASE save any and all outgrown soccer items for these programs.

Used soccer shoes also accepted, provided that they do not have rips in the leather or soles.

UPCOMING COLLECTION DATE: We will accept donations to this effort at Travel Team Registration Night on Tuesday, June 2nd. This event will run from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Lower Merion High School cafeteria. Please bring any and all items that you wish to donate with you to Registration Night.

1998 LMSC SPRING INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

The Lower Merion Soccer Club is now accepting registrations for their Spring Intramural Program. Thanks to the efforts of Lower Merion Township Commissioners Brian Rosenthal and Alan Kessler, more fields have been made available for us to use this spring. As a result, we are able to offer spring soccer to a wider range of age groups.

The 1998 Spring Intramural Program will be open to boys and girls born between 1988 and 1993. Players already in the Travel Team Program and the Developmental Travel Team Program are NOT eligible to play in the Spring Intramural Program. Players born before 1988 are also not eligible to play. Children do NOT have to live in Lower Merion Township to participate in the program.

The program will start on Sunday, April 19th and run every Sunday through June 21st (except Memorial Day Weekend). The registration fee is \$70, payable to LMSC.

The different programs that will be offered this spring are listed below. Players are not required to follow the age division guidelines. Parents may select whichever program they feel their child is best suited for. Players may request to switch to a different division during the season if they feel they are in the wrong division. We will make every attempt to accommodate such requests, but cannot guarantee it. The LMSC Directors reserve the right to move a player to a different division if necessary.

Division	Gender	Birth Year	Ball Size	Times	Anticipated Field Location	
Atoms	Boys	1993 plus younger	1992s	3	12:45 - 2:00	Vernon Young Park, Ardmore
Bantams	Boys	Older 1992 births		3	3:15 - 4:30	Vernon Young Park, Ardmore
Intermediates	Boys	1990 and 1991		4	Afternoon	Haverford College
Seniors	Boys	1988 and 1989		4	Afternoon	Merion Elementary School
Neutrons	Girls	1993 plus younger	1992s	3	2:00 - 3:15	Vernon Young Park, Ardmore
Microns	Girls	Older 1992 births		3	4:30 - 5:45	Vernon Young Park, Ardmore
Protons	Girls	1990 and 1991		4	Afternoon	Haverford College
Electrons	Girls	1988 and 1989		4	Afternoon	Merion Elementary School

Note: The Field Locations listed above are only TENTATIVE, except for Vernon Young Park. They are not final.

FORMATS OF THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS

ATOMS, BANTAMS, NEUTRONS and MICRONS - Each week, players in these age groups will go through a 20-30 minute skills clinic, led by a member of the LMSC coaching staff. During that time, each child will have his or her own size 3 soccer ball to work with. The primary emphasis of the skills clinic will be for the players to develop soccer skills, as well as develop their coordination and agility as related to the game of soccer.

After each skills clinic, the players will be divided into teams of 8-10 players. The teams will play a 30-40 minute game, playing five players against five. Players in these age groups will NOT be placed on set teams for the year. This is done so that players will be able to enjoy themselves in a non-pressure soccer environment and so that their parents will not have an incentive to worry about having a "winning season", "undefeated season", etc.

All players are strongly encouraged to bring a size 3 soccer ball, with their name clearly written on it in magic marker, to each session. All players will receive an LMSC game shirt at their first practice. As in previous spring seasons, these divisions will play at the Vernon Young Park, located on Greenfield Avenue in Ardmore (about 100 yards past Recreation Station). Greenfield Avenue intersects Lancaster Avenue right next to the Mapes Toy Store in Ardmore.

INTERMEDIATES, PROTONS, SENIORS and ELECTRONS - Players in these divisions will be divided into teams of 10-12 players for the season. Each team will have their own coach. Each week, the players will meet for 90 minutes. The first 30 minutes will be devoted to working on soccer skills. Each player will be expected to bring a size 4 soccer ball each week. During this 30 minute period, the coach will lead his or her players through various soccer skills work.

This will be followed by a 50 minute soccer game where each team will play against one of the other teams in their division. Games will be 7 vs. 7, similar to the format used in the LMSC Fall Intramural Program.

Team records and standings will NOT be kept, there will be no championships and no all star games. The emphasis of the program will be on enjoying the game of soccer itself.

As a courtesy to teammates, coaches and the LMSC program, players in these divisions will need to make a **strong commitment** to being at almost every game during the season (there are no games over Memorial Day Weekend).

Field assignments for these divisions are not yet set. It is anticipated that the Intermediates and Protons Divisions will use Haverford College while the older Seniors and Electrons Divisions will use Merion Elementary School. This however has not been finalized and is subject to change.

Again, players in the Travel Team Program or the Developmental Travel Team Program are NOT eligible to participate in these programs.

OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

EQUIPMENT - By rule of the United States Soccer Federation, ALL players MUST wear shin guards to both practices and games. For safety reasons, soccer shoes are strongly recommended instead of sneakers. Players should wear dark soccer shorts (navy or black) and white soccer socks. These items are available at most sporting goods stores including Sneaky Pete's Discount Sneakers in Ardmore which carries our full line of LMSC items.

FINANCIAL AID - Our club is not-for-profit. It's objective is to provide all soccer loving youngsters with a chance to play. Players who are in need of financial assistance in order to play should state this on their registration. One of the goals of LMSC is to not have any child be unable to play soccer due to financial reasons.

COACHING VOLUNTEERS - Our program is dependent on having parents of players volunteer as coaches. PLEASE give consideration to volunteering as a coach, (thank you.) We provide head coaches with ample coaching material (both written and video) in order to make the program a success. You do not need to have played the game, you only need to have an interest in working with a small group of children and an ability to stay one or two steps ahead of them in learning the game.

REFUND POLICY - Requests for refunds will only be honored up to the day before the start of the season. There will be a \$20 service charge for requests made before the start of the season. We will NOT issue refunds for any reason once the season has started.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE LMSC SPRING INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

The cost for all divisions in the Spring Intramural Program is \$70. To register, please fill out a Spring Intramural Registration Form and mail it, along with your check (payable to LMSC) to: LMSC, Box 469, Gladwyne, PA 19035. Registrations should be received no later than April 10th.

Atoms, Neutrons, Bantams and Microns Divisions: We will accept late registrations for these divisions. We will accept on-site registrations for these divisions at the Vernon Young Park **ONLY IF** there are still openings in the desired division.

Intermediates, Protons, Seniors and Electrons Divisions: Since the players in these divisions will need to be assigned to teams, we will not be able to guarantee placement for any registration received after April 10th. We will only accept late registrations if there are still openings on a team in the specified division. Car pool / teammate requests will not be honored for registrations received after April 10th.

Car Pool / Teammate Requests: Players in the older divisions may request to be on a team with a maximum of three other players in the same division. We will make every effort to honor these requests but we cannot guarantee honoring such requests.

Team assignments, field locations and game times for the older divisions will be posted on our LMSC Web Site as well as the outside window of Sneaky Pete's Discount Sneakers on April 14th. All players in the Intermediates, Protons, Seniors and Electrons Divisions will need to visit our Web Site or Sneaky Pete's on or after April 14th for this information. We will NOT give this information out over the phone or by e-mail.

SPRING INTRAMURAL REFEREES AND FIELD CREW

Experienced soccer players ages 11 and up are invited to apply for positions in the Spring Intramural Program as referees and / or field crew workers. You do not need to have prior reffing experience. The program will run on Sunday afternoons starting on April 19th and continue every Sunday through June 21st except for Memorial Day weekend.

Junior Referees must be either 13 years of age OR be 11 years of age or older with at least two years of Travel Team playing experience.

We will need four Junior Referees at Vernon Young Park from 12:30 until 5:30. Referees at these fields will be paid \$8.00 per hour.

In addition to reffing games, Junior Referees will be expected to help coach the players and teach them the rules of the game as they go along. Referees will be expected to ACTIVELY participate in the 20 minute skills clinic at the beginning of each session. They will be expected to work with the program commissioners in teaching the players the fundamental skills of dribbling, passing, receiving, shooting, goalkeeping, etc.

Referees will also be expected to help with the field setup and helping to put equipment away at the end of the day.

Senior Referees will be responsible for doing the 7-10 year old divisions. To qualify as a Senior Referee, you must be at least 14 years of age and have at least one year of reffing experience. These divisions will play at Merion Elementary School and Haverford College.

We will need four Senior Referees each Sunday to each do three or four games each. They will be paid \$10 per game, each game lasting one hour.

Each Thursday, the LMSC Referee Assignor will call referees until enough referees have been identified to cover all games for the upcoming Sunday. If called, you will need to let the Referee / Field Crew Assignor know if you are available to work that weekend. There is no penalty for not being available to referee.

If you do commit to reffing and then fail to show up, you will be removed from the referee list for the remainder of the season and all of the 1998 Fall Intramural Season.

All referees will be expected to wear soccer attire including a soccer tee shirt, soccer flats and soccer shorts. Basketball sneakers, heavy metal tee shirts, etc. will not be tolerated. Referees will be expected to provide their own whistle each time that they referee.

Field Crew workers will be responsible for setting up the goals, taking down the goals, loading and unloading

equipment, etc. Field Crew workers must be at least 13 years of age. They will be expected to work in the morning at the Vernon Young Park, before the first group arrives, and work in the early evening, after the last group leaves. They will be paid \$10 per hour for their work. The Referee / Field Crew Assignor will be in charge of calling people for field crew.

If you are interested in reffing or being on the field crew, fill out the enclosed application form and return to our Gladwyne address by April 10th. If you require additional information, please call the LMSC Hotline.

ADULT WOMEN'S SOCCER (NEWCOMERS WELCOME)

One of our most successful programs in recent years has been the Adult Women's Program. Formed in 1995, the team is made up mostly of women who wanted to learn to play soccer but had little or no previous soccer experience. Many of the ladies have experience playing other sports but not soccer. A significant number of the players are mothers of LMSC youth players.

This winter, the LMSC Moonlight Ladies finished a very successful indoor season, entering two teams in the Rocket Sports (Wayne, PA) Women's League.

Under the leadership of program founder Karin Sturla, the Moonlight Ladies plan on entering a new, yet to be named outdoor league this spring. The league, founded by Sturla, will include teams from Swarthmore, Lionville, Downingtown and Tredyffrin-Easttown.

This Spring, the Moonlight Ladies will again offer their "Newcomers Program" to ladies with little or no previous experience in soccer. The Newcomers Program will be run by several of the "veteran" players. **NO SOCCER EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED** to play in the Newcomers Program.

Any ladies interested in joining this program or wishing to get more information about the LMSC Adult Women's Program, including their "Newcomers Program", should call the LMSC Hotline at 215-953-8060.

FALL INTRAMURAL LINEUP

For those of you who are already looking ahead, LMSC will tentatively be offering soccer to the following age groups in the 1998 Fall Intramural Program:

BOYS DIVISIONS

Atoms:	1993 births
Bantams:	1992 births
Juniors:	1990, 91 births (novice)
Intermediates:	1990, 91 births (advanced)
Seniors:	1988, 89 births
Majors:	1985, 86, 87 births

GIRLS DIVISIONS

Neutrons:	1993 births
Microns:	1992 births
Protons:	1990, 91 births
Electrons:	1988, 89 births
Cosmos:	1985, 86, 87 births

SPECIAL NEEDS: Boys and Girls ages 7-12 with physical limitations.

The Atoms, Neutrons and Special Needs Divisions will NOT have players placed on set teams for the year. The emphasis in these divisions will be on skill development, combined with "pick up" soccer games. All of the other divisions will have players placed on set teams for the year. Each team will play a nine game schedule against the other teams in their division.

HOPKINS RETIRES AS VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER

As one of the more influential people in Lower Merion Soccer Club, Joe Hopkins has helped build LMSC into one of the top programs in the state. After serving for ten years, watching his two sons Eric and Justin go through the program and then be recruited to play at Division One colleges Lafayette and Penn, Joe has decided to step down as an officer in LMSC.

During Joe's ten years at LMSC, he led four different Boys Travel Teams to State Championships, including the U-10 Dragons (1989 Outdoor State Champions), the U-17 Psychos (1993 Indoor), the U-16 "F.C. Joe" team (1994 Indoor) and the U-11 Derelicts (1995 Indoor).

Joe will remain at LMSC as coach of the Derelicts who will be playing Under 14 this fall.

We would like to thank Joe for his ten years as an officer at LMSC and for all his leadership in helping to make LMSC one of the biggest and most successful programs in the state.

LMSC is pleased to announce that Bryan Richardson will take over as Treasurer of LMSC. Bryan is a head coach in both the Travel Program and in Intramurals.

PERSONAL SOCCER TRAINING

In our Winter Newsletter, we mentioned that Allan Greaves will be offering personal one-on-one training to interested players.

Allan has been an active soccer player for over 24 years. In 1997, Allan was a member of the Philadelphia Freedom Professional team. He is an assistant coach with the Radnor High School boys varsity, head coach for the Under 13 Delco League Select Team and head coach for our U-9 'A' boys Rovers team. Allan can be reached at 215-477-3099.

Danielle Fagan, our U-11 'A' Girls Travel Team Head Coach and Rose Miller, a new member of the girls travel team coaching staff will be offering fun individual skills training to female players. Both Danielle and Rose are former players on the Villanova University Women's soccer team and other select teams. Both have a lot of experience in the competitive soccer arena and know what it takes to be the best while enjoying the game and all it has to offer.

In addition to their playing experience, Danielle was an Assistant Coach for the Villanova Women's team. Rose has coached both boys and girls in the Nike P.L.A.Y. program. For more information about this exciting opportunity for your daughter, please call Danielle at 610-995-2622 or Rose at 610-722-5825.

While the LMSC Directors fully endorse both of these programs and the coaches that will run them, it must be noted that both programs are independent of LMSC.

OTHER SOCCER ITEMS

LMSC is looking to hire someone to transport goals to and from our Spring Intramural Fields. The job requires a car or truck capable of carrying several sets of goals. All work will be done on Sundays. To obtain more information on this paying position, please call the LMSC Hotline (215-953-8060).

In our Winter Newsletter, we accidentally wrote a wrong name for one of the M.V.P. Award winners in the Majors Division All Star Game this past fall. Brian Malloy was supposed to have been acknowledged as his team's MVP in the All Star Game. Our sincerest apologies to Brian for omitting his name.

On Sunday, May 10th, the USA Women's National Team, led by Mia Hamm, will be playing up at Lehigh University. If you are interested in getting tickets, please call the EPYSA State Office at 215-657-7727.

STATE CUP HONOR ROLL

Each year our travel teams Under 11 and up are eligible to compete in both the Indoor and Outdoor State Cups. This winter, we had another team make it to the semifinals of the Indoor State Cups as our Under 15 boys, the Sharks, reached that plateau for the third year in a row.

In 1990, the U-13 Gorillas won the Indoor and Outdoor State Cups in the same season. They are one of only nine teams in the state to ever accomplish that feat. Several of the players from the Gorillas went on to play soccer in college, including Jobey Hollinger (Harvard), Josh Pincus (Cornell), Jon Conway (Rutgers), Adrian Cox (Richmond), Nate Laver (Lehigh), Nick Harmelin (Johnson and Wales), Hans Davies (Williams) and Todd Davidson (Elon College).

In the past nine seasons, LMSC has had 22 teams make it to the semifinals of State Cups. Seven of those 22 teams have been crowned State Champions.

Year	Age group	Birth year	Team	Result
1997	U-15 boys	(81/82s)	Sharks	indoor semifinals
1996	U-11 boys	(84/85s)	Derelects	indoor Champions
1996	U-13 girls	(82/83s)	Firebirds	indoor semifinals
1996	U-14 boys	(81/82s)	Sharks	indoor semifinals
1995	U-12 girls	(82/83s)	Firebirds	outdoor semifinals
1995	U-16 boys	(78/79s)	F.C. Joe	indoor Champions
1995	U-12 boys	(82/83s)	Lunatics	indoor semifinals
1995	U-13 boys	(81/82s)	Sharks	indoor semifinals
1994	U-11 boys	(82/83s)	Lunatics	outdoor Champions
1994	U-11 girls	(82/83s)	Firebirds	outdoor finalists
1994	U-11 boys	(82/83s)	Lunatics	indoor finalists
1994	U-11 girls	(82/83s)	Firebirds	indoor finalists
1993	U-17 boys	(75/76s)	Psychos	indoor Champions
1993	U-14 boys	(78/79s)	Dragons	indoor finalists
1993	U-12 boys	(80/81s)	Hurricanes	indoor semifinals
1992	U-11 boys	(80/81s)	Hurricanes	indoor finalists
1991	U-14 boys	(77 birth)	Gorillas	outdoor semifinals
1991	U-12 boys	(79 birth)	Dragons	indoor semifinals
1990	U-13 boys	(77 birth)	Gorillas	outdoor Champions
1990	U-13 boys	(77 birth)	Gorillas	indoor Champions
1989	U-10 boys	(79 birth)	Dragons	outdoor Champions
1989	U-12 boys	(77 birth)	Gorillas	indoor semifinals

UNDER 8 BOYS TRAVEL TEAM

Congratulations to our newly formed Under 8 boys Developmental Travel Team on winning two of their first four indoor tournaments at Woodhaven this winter and reaching the semifinals of the outdoor Hulmeville Tournament. Members of this awesome team include:

Blechsmidt, Michael	Krantz, Matthew
Bolden, Jarrett	Lawrence, Chris
Broderson, Josh	Mayernick Danny
Feldbaum, Sam	McDermott, Brian
Goldman, Billy	Meinster, Andrew
Grant, Ben	Moore, Sam
Griffith, Jordie	Perilstein, Alex
Huc, Max	Schwartz, Tyler
Ivory, Ryan	Shapiro, David
Jones, Philip	Weinerman, Austin
	Yoshimura, Brandon

Coaches: Biff Sturla, Allan Greaves

SPORTS RINK FINISHES THEIR SECOND INDOOR SEASON

With the success of Sports Rink indoor soccer in 1996, the program came back for a second season. Due to the limited time and space available (one gym run on Saturdays and Sundays only), Sports Rink received more registrations than they could accept. Over 450 boys and girls participated in the program, another 50 plus were turned away.

Sports Rink also ran 14 Travel Team Tournaments during the winter. In addition to LMSC teams, the tournaments included teams from Downingtown, West Chester, Lionville and Brandywine, among others.

Sports Rink is currently negotiating with other schools in the hopes of expanding into a second gym for the 1998 season. This will allow us to offer indoor soccer to more players in the current 5-8 year old range as well as offer indoor soccer to older age groups. We will keep you posted as to the status of the negotiations.

Those of you who wish to play indoor soccer in 1998 should realize that we have a limited amount of openings. Please get your registration in early in order to have a place in the program.

A special thanks goes to the staff of Sports Rink. They put in a lot of time and effort to make the program possible. Thanks to: Assistant Director Allan Greaves along with Jim Van Dusen, Nancy Worry, Bill Wardle and Michael Mark.

SENIOR WOMEN'S TEAM

The LMSC Senior Women's Team consists of adult women with extensive soccer experience. The team competes against other high level Travel Teams throughout Eastern Pennsylvania.

After such a mild winter and the momentum of finishing the fall season in first place, it has not been difficult to think ahead to spring soccer.

The Lower Merion Women's Soccer Team will face a tough schedule starting Sunday, March 12. Key midfield player Alicia McNeil will return after recovering from a broken ankle which occurred in a game this fall. Top scorer Nikki Cagan will also be back, better than ever, after undergoing knee surgery.

Though the team will be losing two top defenders in Janet Marano and Elaine Lammay, both of whom are pregnant, the team is looking forward to having lots of fun and a great Spring season.

The team plays their home games at Bryn Mawr Polo Field, Sundays at noon.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Below is a brief look at some of the top players who played in LMSC and it's predecessor programs over the last fifteen years.

T.J. Carella - T.J. played varsity at Harvard University the past four years. A former player for the LMSC predecessor, Gladwyne - Penn Valley, T.J. was captain of the Delco Demons Under 16 team that won the National Championship in 1993 and were National Finalists in 1994.

Jon Conway - Jon was the starting goalie for the LMSC Gorillas who won the Under 13 Indoor State Cup and Outdoor State Cups in 1990. Jon is a sophomore at Rutgers University where he is the starting goalie. He is also currently on the Under 20 USA National Team.

Adrian Cox - Starting center midfielder for the LMSC Gorillas, Adrian played in the State Select Program for five years before moving on to the University Of Richmond where he is a sophomore and a starter for the varsity team. Adrian was MVP of the Central League as a senior in high school.

Jon Hanks - A former player for the LMSC Psychos that won the Under 17 Indoor State Cup in 1993, Jon is now a junior at Lafayette College which finished ranked in the top 15 of the NCAA Division 1 his freshman year. Jon was captain the Lafayette team this year as a junior. At Lower Merion High School, he was runner-up MVP of the Central League his senior year.

Chris and David Hanlon - David was the starting goalie for the LMSC Lunatics who won the Under 11 Outdoor State Cup in 1994. He played State Select for two years before moving to Iowa. He is currently trying out for the Under 15 National Team. David's older brother Chris, goalie for the LMSC Psychos (U-17 Indoor State Champs in 1993) is playing goalie at the University Of Pittsburgh. Chris was a member of the USA Region 1 team Under 19 team.

Jobey Hollinger - A former member of the LMSC Gorillas and a member of the State Select Program every year he was eligible, Jobey is now playing at Harvard University.

Will Kohler - During his high school days at Lower Merion, Kohler started for the Under 17 USA National Team and competed in the U-17 World Cup in Europe. This fall, as a senior at Harvard, Kohler was MVP of the Ivy League and second team All-American. Kohler was drafted by the New York / New Jersey MetroStars of the Major League Soccer (MLS).

Matt Ogelsby - A star player at Gladwyne - Penn Valley for many years, Matt went on to be an All American lacrosse player at Duke University and was ACC Player

Of The Year in 1995. Matt now plays professional lacrosse for the Philadelphia Wings.

Dan Pangrazio - Dan was a standout goalie for LMSC for many years. He played State Select for four years and made the USA Region 1 National Team. In 1996, Dan started for the Lower Merion High School basketball team which won the State Championship. This past summer, Dan moved to Connecticut and is still excelling in both soccer and basketball.

Josh Pincus - A former member of the LMSC Gorillas and a player in the State Select Program, Josh is currently playing ball for Cornell University who qualified for the NCAA Division 1 playoffs. Josh also made the USA Region 1 team as a youth player.

Gabby Roe - A former standout for Gladwyne - Penn Valley, Gabby teamed up with brothers Chris and Rich to win numerous Delco League titles. He received All American honors in both soccer and lacrosse at Episcopal Academy. Gabby has been a member of the Philadelphia Wings for the last three years.

Richard Wilmot - After being MVP of the Del-Val League for three years while at Harriton, Richard just finished his college career at Harvard University this year, earning Second Team All Ivy League. A former player for the LMSC predecessor, Gladwyne - Penn Valley, Richard was a member of the Delco Demons Under 16 team that won the National Championship in 1993 and were National Finalists in 1994.