

# LOWER MERION SOCCER CLUB

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### FALL SEASON WRAPUP

This past fall marked the 30th season for the Lower Merion Soccer Club which was originally run as four separate organizations (Gladwyne S.C., Penn Valley S.C., Wynnewood S.C. and Narberth). It was also the busiest of all falls. We had a record 45 travel teams play in the boys Delco League and the girls Tri-County League. An additional 1600 kids participated in the Fall Intramural Program and a record 50 ladies were active in the Adult Women's Program.

After a turnout of over 110 kids at the boys Under 10 Travel Team tryouts in the spring, LMSC fielded a total of eight boys U-10 travel teams, twice as many teams as any other club fielded. This was keeping in line with our philosophy of providing as many different programs as possible for as many children as possible.

Our girls Under 9 and Under 10 travel team divisions each fielded three teams, another first for LMSC.

Many of our travel teams reached their league playoffs and six came away with championship trophies. While the fall season has finally come to an end, there is still a lot of soccer keeping us all busy.

Many of our travel teams will be playing in indoor soccer tournaments at Sports Rink Indoor Soccer, Woodhaven Sports Centre and Rocket Sports. Our 'A' level travel teams U-11 and up will be participating in the Indoor State Cups, a tournament run by our State Association to determine an Indoor State Champion in each age division for both boys teams and girls teams.

Sports Rink Indoor Soccer will again be host to over 500 youngsters ages 6-10 in league play in January and February. Most of the participants at Sports Rink are LMSC players. This will be the third year for the Sports Rink Indoor Soccer program which is run at the Parker Gymnasium at The Haverford School.

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### LMSC ON THE INTERNET

For those of you who want to keep in touch with LMSC during the year, we have been updating our web page with new information on a regular basis. Our web site includes necessary registration dates and forms for all of the different programs that we offer. We also have a list of links to other interesting web pages. If you know of other items that you think should be added to our page, please feel free to offer your suggestions.

When you have a question about one of our programs that needs to be answered quickly, please send us an e-mail. This is usually much quicker than calling the LMSC hotline since we are often at a soccer meeting or at a soccer practice in the evening and cannot call you back promptly.

## **BOYS TRAVEL TEAM ROUNDUP**

For the second straight year, Lower Merion Soccer Club was the largest of the 45 clubs that entered teams in the Delco League. We had a record 30 teams participate, including an unprecedented total of eight in the Under 10 division. Of our 30 boys teams, 13 made it to the championship game of their division. In all, four were crowned league champions for their age groups. Below is a collection of articles written by several of our boys teams for our newsletter.

**The U-9 'A' Rovers** completed their first season of travel team soccer, finishing the regular season in first place with a very impressive record of 7-1-1. The Rovers had a division high 35 goals, the majority of which came from Danny Mayernick and Jordan Griffith. The team is coached by LMSC Associate Director Allan Greaves and Ron Perilstein.

In the early fall, the Rovers took second place in the very prestigious Marlboro Tournament. In October, the Rovers won the Yardley Morrisville Columbus Day tournament, defeating a powerful Hulmeville team in the championship game.

The team had a very strong midfield and defense during the season, thanks to the efforts of Sam Feldbaum, Ryan Ivory, Brian McDermott and Austin Weinerman who limited the opposition to 16 goals in league play. Goalie David Shapiro had three shutouts.

In the Delco League semifinals, the Rovers played West Chester and won 2-0. The championship game was against Nether Providence. The score was tied 1-1 late in the game but Nether scored just before the end of regulation time to earn the championship. The Rovers started off their indoor season in fine fashion, winning their first tournament of the winter up at Rocket Sports.

**The U-9 'B' Rebels** were the first LMSC 'B' team ever to play in the Delco League's First Division. This was a very difficult task for George Moore's team but they were more than up to it and posted a very impressive 3-4-2 record. The team was placed in the First Division by the Delco League Directors due to the excellent depth of talent in this age division. Leading the team was Billy Goldman, Michael Blechschmidt, Chris Lawrence and goalie Sam "Kasey Keller Jr." Moore. The Rebels are looking forward to many exciting indoor tournaments and then returning to First Division play next fall.

**The U-9 'E' Flames** finished the Delco League season with a division best 8-1-1 record in which the team, behind goalies Sascha Certo-Ware, Ori Nevo and Eric Wasserson gave up only 7 goals in 10 games.

The top scorers were Ben Kay with 8 goals, Stuart Fleishman with 6 goals, Elliott Yodh with 4 goals and Brett Waters with 3 goals. The quick passing style of the team however permitted everyone to share in the scoring as each member of the team had at least one goal or one assist.

Starting the season off strong, the Flames polished off Interboro and Upper Darby before falling to Havertown in a close 2-1 game. After the Havertown game however, the Flames did not give up another goal until five games later, thanks to the stalwart defense of Ben Lurio, Matt Hedley and Marty Steinberger.

Two top performing midfielders were Michael Abrams who always seemed near wherever the ball was and Keith Goldner who seemed always to be going where the ball was headed.

All the rain, mud and cold of October and November left two players with pneumonia, so it was a weakened team that finally fell to Upper Darby 2-0 in the championship game after going undefeated against them in two regular season games 6-1 and 0-0. Even so, the final record of 8-2-1 was the best record in the division.

The Flames finished the outdoor season with their first tournament appearance at the Turkey Run Tournament in Perkasio. The Flames performed quite well against four very talented 'A' teams. The Flames will be a team to watch out for this winter!

**The U-10 'D' Aliens** finished their second season with a record of 6-2-1, good enough for second place in the Delco League's Fourth Division. The team was centered around it's defense which was anchored by Dan Escott and Adam Conston in goal, and supported by defenders Mark Adzick, Emile Gogenini, Alex Kadesch and Noah Hecht.

Newcomers to the team, John Haldy, Matt Leddy and Alec Raiken, added scoring punch to an offense which also included Matt Levin, Erik Abi-Khattar and Todd Ruth. The team jelled in mid-season, winning five games in a row.

The Aliens made the playoffs for the second straight year. Unfortunately, the Aliens were knocked out in the semifinals by arch rival Radnor who the Aliens had defeated last year for the Fifth Division championship.

**The U-14 'B' Banshees** had a championship 1997 fall season, winning the Third Division title going undefeated in league play. The keys to success were a deep roster, lots of speed and unselfish team play. Several of the victories came with the opponents gasping for air as the Banshees ran wild in the game's final minutes. After a regular season record of 7-0-2, the Banshees were the deserving winners in two close playoff games.

The semifinal game against Aston went to overtime but Lower Merion came away with a 3-1 win. The depth and endurance of the Banshees made the difference in the overtime minutes. The final game was against an upset minded Swarthmore, but the Banshees overcame muddy field conditions to post a tense 1-0 victory and earn the title of League Champions.

Goalie Andrew Bailey made two great saves from point blank range in the final ten seconds to preserve the victory. Left wing Tucker Heckscher scored the winning goal in each of the playoff wins.

The team also played very well in the Delco Columbus Day Tournament and the Parkwood Thanksgiving Tournament. In all, the Banshees' season record was a very successful 14-2-3.

All 15 members made strong contributions over the course of the season and are worthy of a salute. Special mention should be made of the play of Andrew Bailey, Tripper Heckscher, the strong defensive play of stopper Tim McCulloch and sweeper Tim Mahoney as well as the hustle and passing of midfielders Bret Guest and Adam Rose along with the scoring punch of center forward Denis Whelan.

**The U-15 'B' Blackhawks** began their 1997 campaign over Labor Day Weekend at the Al Perlini Tournament in Warminster. Even though the team only had eleven players, the Blackhawks followed the brilliant play of their original sweeper Tim Valentine to become the champions of the Delco League's Second Division.

After finishing their regular season schedule 6-2-1, the Blackhawks won the semifinals and finals, avenging their two regular season losses. This was the second league championship in the Blackhawks' history.

A well coached Downingtown team forced the semifinal into penalty kicks even though MVP and co-captain Andrew Brass had scored twice in regulation from his left midfield position. A penalty kick by center midfielder Randall Drain, following successful conversions by striker Reynaldo Calvello and Jeremy Ewing propelled the Blackhawks into the championship.

The Blackhawks' effort in the ultimate game against upstart Swarthmore was marked, as it had been all season, by a very stingy defense. Goalkeeper Topher Grossman, who had a 1.19 goals against average during the year, was protected by the central defense of Ben Singer-Scott and co-captain Erik Blindenbacher. The smothering play of marking backs D.J. DeCrescenzo, Sean Rose and Jamie Hunt ensured Grossman's third shutout of the season.

Even though the Blackhawks dominated Swarthmore for most of the game, utilizing strong wing play by Jon Christmas and Kevin Cleary, as well as intelligent play from midfielders Eric Burns and Fred Epstein, there was

no score with 10 minutes left to play. Moments after re-entering the game, midfielder Ryan Courtney slid a low shot through the Swarthmore keeper for the winning goal. Soon after, Courtney fed Brass for a one-time twenty yard goal. Brass added one more goal to give the Blackhawks a 3-0 victory and a championship trophy to go with the U-10 trophy they won back in 1992.

Members of our Delco League Champion teams:

## **LMSC GATORS**

1997 U-13 Division 3 DELCO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Avart, Doug	Conry, Bill	Miller, Ross
Boudreau, Adam	Corrado, Chris	Morgan, Jon
Brawer, Josh	Hillsberg, Brian	Oxholm, Ted
Butler, Ardrick	Kendall, Reed	Schildhorn, Zack
Cohen, Jesse	Margolis, Ben	Somers, Paul

Coaches: Jon Hillsberg, Mark Avart, Geoff Hillsberg

## **LMSC MANIACS**

1997 U-14 Division 2 DELCO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Addis, Jeff	Freedman, Mike	McAlaine, Daniel
Broad, Eric	Gold, Jonathan	Oberwager, Ted
Cannon, Peter	Greenspoon, Mike	Rosenfeldt, Josh
Colameco, Dan	Heaton, Matthew	Woods, Evan
Dugan, Kevin	Jakobowski, Tom	
Frank, Willie	Lord, Trevor	

Coaches: Kip Lord, Jim Van Dusen

## **LMSC BANSHEES**

1997 U-14 Division 3 DELCO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Bailey, Andrew	Heckscher, Tucker	Neumann, Matt
Bloom, Ted	Herman, Andy	Rose, Adam
Franconi, Peter	Kass Matt	Scavitto, Matt
Gibson, Colin	Mahoney, Tim	Stabert, Clay
Guest, Bret	McCulloch, Tim	Whelan, Denis

Coaches: Jay Rose, Alan Bailey

## **LMSC BLACKHAWKS**

1997 U-15 Division 2 DELCO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Blindenbacher, Erik	Courtney, Ryan	Ewing, Jeremy
Brass, Andrew	DeCrescenzo, D.J.	Hunt, Jamie
Burns, Eric	Drain, Randall	Rose, Sean
Calvello, Reynaldo	Epstein, Fred	Valentine, Tim
Christmas, Jon	Grossman, Topher	
Cleary, Kevin	Singer-Scott, Ben	

Coaches: Chris Scott, Tim Valentine

## Summary of the Boys Travel Team Program

DIV.	TEAM	COACH	SEASON	PLAYOFFS
U-9A	1 Rovers	A. Greaves	7-1-1	Finalists
U-9B	1 Rebels	G. Moore	3-4-2	
U-9C	3 Gunners	W. Einhorn	5-2-3	Semifinals
U-9D	4	B. Overhiser	4-1-6	
U-9E	4	E. Berson	5-4-2	
U-9F1	5 Flames	H. Goldner	8-1-1	Finalists
U-9F2	5 Wolves	D. Meiers	4-4-2	
U-10A	1 Lasers	M. Rubenstein	6-3-1	Semifinals
U-10B	2 Heat	B. Richardson	7-1-3	Finalists
U-10C	3 Hurricanes	E. Weiss	5-4-1	
U-10D	4 Aliens	A. Escott	6-2-1	Semifinals
U-10E	5 Dynasty	G. Gibson	2-5-2	
U-10F	5	L. Berman	0-8-1	
U-10G	6	R. Turner	4-2-4	
U-10G	6 Vipers	B. Connor	0-9-1	
U-11A	1 Delinquents	D. Grauman	7-1-2	Finalists
U-11B	2 Slammers	B. Hayward	5-1-4	Semifinals
U-11C	4 Marvels	G. Steinberg	6-3-1	
U-12A	1 Hooligans	R. Hurtado	5-5-1	
U-12B	2 Flames	G. Brooks	1-5-1	
U-12C	4 Taz. Devils	B. Payne	1-8-0	
U-12D	5 Spikes	B. Pritchard	2-6-2	
U-13A	1 Derelicts	J. Hopkins	1-9-1	
U-13B	3 Gators	J. Hillsberg	7-3-0	<b>Champions</b>
U-13C	4 Crushers	D. Schwab	2-6-1	
U-14A	2 Maniacs	K. Lord	9-1-1	<b>Champions</b>
U-14B	3 Banshees	J. Rose	7-0-2	<b>Champions</b>
U-15A	1 Whitakers	O. McGill	7-1-2	Finalists
U-15A	2 Blackhawks	C. Scott	6-2-1	<b>Champions</b>
U-15B	2 Red Devils	H. Brown	0-9-0	

## GIRLS TRAVEL TEAM ROUNDUP

**The U-9 'A' Force** completed an outstanding first travel season with a regular season record of 8-2-0, giving them a second place tie with Downingtown in a very competitive First Division.

The Force began their season in August as one of only two girls teams to represent LMSC at the prestigious Marlboro, New Jersey Tournament. They played hard against some very tough Jersey teams, winning both Saturday games and finishing one point shy of second place by the end of Sunday. In October, LMSC hosted five teams at the first-ever LMSC U-9 Girls Columbus Day Tournament played in Bala Cynwyd.

The Force, scored 12 goals and allowed only one goal in their first three games, battled Tredyffrin-Easttown in the final game, finishing one point out of first place.

Two outstanding players consistently showed relentless energy and vision to this inspiring group of athletes. As the Most Valuable Offensive player, Sarah Friedman had a clear sense of how to get the ball to space and blast a wicked shot past the goalie. The Most Valuable

Defensive player was Jill Berman who used skill, speed and great field sense to shut down the opposition, gain possession of the ball and start the counterattack.

The ever present strength of this team was its nearly impenetrable defense, comprised of Ludmilla Crowther, Jill Berman, Callye Komlo and goalkeeper Dana "Dave Urbach Jr." Worby-Robinson which earned 5 shutouts during the year and allowed only one goal in three other regular season victories.

The Force was led on offense by Sarah Friedman with 11 goals, Gracie Ginn and Melissa Lattif each with four goals and Taylor Marie Fleming, Maggie Lile and Dana Worby-Robinson each with three goals.

Helping to setup many of the goals were Erica Kivitz, Rebecca Green, Leslie Golden and Naikhoba Munabi.

This season has stamped a great impression in these young soccer stars and they are eagerly looking forward to five indoor tournaments along with league play this winter.

Hopefully future LMSC girls travel teams will be able to match the commitment, dedication and energy of the Force in upcoming seasons.

**The U-9 'C' Dragons** had a great fall season, finishing with a record of 6-2-1. (This excludes the games with Aston, which is another story.) Alex Russakoff did a great job as one of our regular goalies until she was injured (not soccer related). Grayce Selig, Carly Rubin, Ashley Aruffo, Jessica Goldstein and Andrea Bowring also made major contributions by sharing the not always popular goaltending duties when they were not playing field positions.

From our first informal practice in August through our last game in November, every girl developed individual skills, and the group developed and coalesced as a team. The team benefited from our sessions with C.K. and D.J. from Step by Step Soccer. Emily Brown and Maya Mosner both used some great individual moves, learned at practice, to get free in games. Andrea Bowring and Amy Goldstein combined several times on fantastic crossing passes and goals scored on shots from perfect position on the far post. Carly Rubin scored our last goal of the year on a breakaway and a great series of fakes on the goalie. Janey Arronson really developed as a player during the season and showed her teammates the rewards of aggressive play.

Although we were crushed in our first game by the Aston team, the girls regrouped and won or tied the next four games before losing by one goal on a shot off the corner post to Rose Tree in the last minutes of the game. One of the highlights of our season was our win over the LMSC Division Two team in a local tournament organized by Nancy Worby. Although behind early as the result of the first direct penalty kick they had ever seen, the team

regrouped and scored two goals to win. The team also showed their spirit in holding a two hour Step by Step practice, with some of the girls from the Division Two team, in the cold and pouring rain and maintaining their focus all the way through.

Jessica Goldstein, the fastest player on our team, was very hard to catch when she had the ball and always moved to the open spots when she did not have the ball. Grayce Selig was always hustling and looking for the goal and was a key goal scorer. Jennifer Haas showed us the advantages of having older siblings as she was the toughest player on the team although the youngest and the smallest player. Bryn Housam stopped a ball with her nose in the last game but bounced right back, bloody face, uniform and all, and showed off her powerful foot the rest of the way.

Ashley Aruffo hustled whenever she was in the game and showed her development in the second Aston game. Rachel Mosner showed her hustle and ball handling skills all season and had the ball under control as the last game came to an end.

**The U-10 'A' Warriors** had a sensational fall season with a record of 12-2-4. In the preseason we played in the very competitive West Chester Summer Classic and came in second place. The following weekend we won the Aston Summer Tournament.

Over Columbus Day, we won Western Lehigh Women's Fall Festival with a 3-0-1 record. In the first game we played Western Lehigh and won 4-1. Myra Sack had 3 goals including a penalty kick and Valerie Kirk had a nice goal. We controlled the game and won easily. In the second game we played Columbia, Maryland. They were very physical but we won 3-0. Sara Greenberg played great defense covering their best player.

Amanda Schwab also played well scoring 2 goals and Myra Sack had 1 goal. In the third game we played the Langhorne Strikers who had not lost or given up a goal. We played the best second half I had seen in a long time and won running away 4-0. Amanda Schwab had 2 goals and Myra Sack had 2 goals. In the last game we tired out and tied the Whitpain Wave 3-3. Amanda Schwab, Myra Sack and Kristin Nottebohm each scored impressive goals.

The Tri-County season started in September. Our record in the league was 6-2-2. We lost only to T/E and West Chester in very close games. However, we came back to beat both of these teams in our end of the season tournament. We tied a Kirkwood team 1-1 (with a great goal by Christie Komlo) who was undefeated and had beaten us last year 5-0.

The highlight of the Tri-County season was the end of season tournament against the 5 best teams in our league. In first game we played T/E and beat them 3-0. Amanda Schwab had 2 goals while Lauren Rosner had a spectacular goal. We had lost to them 4-1 during the regular season. In the second game we played

Downingtown and won 2-1 (Myra Sack 2 goals). Both of Myra's goals were great shots especially the second shot on a free kick. In the third game we played Kirkwood and tied them 1-1 on another Schwab goal.

In the last game we played West Chester who had also beaten us in the regular season and we won 2-1 (Myra Sack and Carly Dreyfus each scored nice goals). Sary Kinasian was our goalie and performed well. The defense (Sara Greenberg, Eva Williams, Rachel Sachs and Nikki Hatz) were awesome throughout the tournament. Julie Retig, Carly Dreyfus, Valerie Kirk, Christie Komlo and Kristin Nottebohm all played very well in this tournament.

Our final fall record, including both the Columbus Day Tournament and the end of season tournaments was 12-2-4. We scored 48 goals and gave up only 19.

End of season awards for our team included: 1) Most Valuable Forward: Myra Sack (20 goals); 2) Most Valuable Midfielder: Amanda Schwab (13 goals); 3) Most Valuable Defender (tie): Sara Greenberg and Eva Williams; 4) Most Improved Players: Dana Groce and Lauren Rosner; 5) Best Goal Of The Season: Rachel Sachs who hit the ball from about 10 yards inside the midfield line and smacked the ball into the upper part of the goal. It was a great shot.)

**The U-13 'A' Dynamite** opened up the 1997 season by taking first place in the always tough Ross Haney Labor Day Weekend Tournament, played in Philadelphia.

The Dynamite went 2-1 in qualifying games, outscoring their opponents 12-2. After shutting out T/E 3-0 and Parkwood 9-0, the team dropped a tough 2-0 decision to Council Rock. In the semifinals, the team defeated a different Tredyffrin team 4-1, setting up a rematch with Council Rock. At the end of regulation, the score was tied 1-1. A ten minute overtime did not settle the game so the two teams went on to a penalty shot shootout which the Dynamite won.

Dynamite goalkeeper Helen Eisner was awarded the MVP medal for her fearless performance throughout the tournament.

In the Tri-County League, the Dynamite got off to a slow start but rallied to win 6 of their last 7 games and finish in third place in the top division of the league. This put them in the semifinals against Radnor. The game was scoreless until four minutes remained in the second overtime when Radnor scored to give them a 1-0 victory. The powerful Dynamite offense was lead by Lydia Williams, Martha Kelley, Morgan McCann and Bridget Campbell. Dominating the midfield were Emily Clark, Kristen Maze, Margaux Viola, and Jenna Moore.

Consistent defensive work featured Kirsten Lawson, Allison Marotta, and Suzanne Tollerud. Dorie Prince and Liz Donahue displayed great versatility by playing multiple positions. Helen Eisner played aggressively in goal throughout the year.

**The U-14 'A' Hawks**, coached by Roger Lane and Jeb Chagan, led the Tri-County Second Division with a 9-1 record and then swept the playoffs, despite key injuries which kept the squad at 13 girls. Leah Pearlman-Storch broke her foot halfway through the season. Liz Kimball, a courageous newcomer took over as keeper from the injured Joanna Lane and finished the next to last game despite a broken finger.

The offense scored 42 goals during the season, led by the left-footed laser shooting of Katie Dunn, powerfully intimidating Molly Swartz, athletic Jessica Olsen (who later took over the goalkeeper job) and Kristen Kessock who moved up from the backfield and became one of the most improved players on the team.

The midfield was anchored by the brilliant Lindsey Blumenthal at center midfield, flanked by Emily "Coop" Cooper and Emily "MD" Davis who played many roles on the left side of the field. Halfway through the season, Jo Lane was able to contribute her strong kick and passing skills, while Julia Alexander played a fiercely, scrappy game at many positions.

The defense was equally strong, thanks to Lauren Fine who was our other Most Improved Player, as well as Aisling Garcia. Lindsay "L.T." Tintenfass played stopper like her namesake played linebacker. No opponents were able to outrun the speedy Lauren Gottlieb who was our sweeper. Thanks to this tough defense, the team only allowed six goals all fall.

During the playoffs, the Hawks beat ice and mud, as well as Chester Valley 3-0 in the semifinals to send the team to the finals against East Brandywine who gave the team their only defeat in the regular season. Despite dominating the first half, the team was down 1-0 most of the game until Gottlieb knocked in a last second goal to force 20 minutes of overtime and then a penalty shot shootout. Gottlieb, Blumenthal and Kessock were perfect on their shots while goalie Jess Olsen stopped two shots to give the Hawks the championship.

**The U-15 'A' Mandrills** won the U-15 Second Division Championship with a hard-earned 1-0 victory over Greater Chester Valley on an early second half goal by Liz Chernet, off a cross from Lauren Herman, great goaltending by Megan Michitte, who saved 11 shots, and strong team defense. The victory capped an 8-1-1 season for the Mandrills, who scored a total of 29 goals, allowed only 9 and posted 3 shutouts during the fall.

Claire Laver led the scoring parade with 8 goals and 3 assists for 19 points, followed by Chernet (7 and 1 for 15 points) and Emily Moore (4 and 1 for 9 points).

Kaitlyn Klagholz (2 and 3) and Herman (3 and 1) each tallied 7 points, while Rachel Prowler (2 and 2) and Rebecca Kornberg (1 and 4) chipped in with 6 points each. Livia Barton (3 assists), Angel Schleinkofer (2

assists) and Johanna Gelber (1 goal) also had points during the season.

The defense, led by Michitti (who allowed only 5 goals in 5 games), sweeper Lindsay Hayward, marking backs Schleinkofer, Moore and Diana Abboud, and stopper Kornberg, consistently throttled opponents' chances, while starting many counterattacks from the back. Barton was also stellar in goal, allowing only three goals in 3½ games. The Mandrills were able to control the flow of most games because of strong midfield play, led by center half Laver and outside halfbacks Gelber, Klagholz, Kate Carolan, Colleen Narvaez and Monika Sutton.

A number of Mandrills were honored for their high school play by making the All-Main Line team (as ninth graders). Chernet (Friends' Central) was named to the first team, while Laver (Friends' Central) and Kornberg (Lower Merion) garnered second team honors and Moore (Lower Merion) honorable mention. The Mandrills, coached by Lance Laver and Richard Gelber, ended the outdoor season as a semifinalist in the Hempfield Tournament, outscoring the opposition, 7-1, with 3 shutouts in 4 games.

#### Summary of the Girls Travel Team Program

DIV.	TEAM	COACH	SEASON	PLAYOFFS
U-9A	1 Force	N. Worby	8-2-0	2nd Place
U-9B	2 Dream Team	J. Viglietta	2-3-4	
U-9C	3 Dragons	J. Bowring	6-2-1	
U-10A	1 Warriors	R. Schwab	6-2-2	
U-10B	2	M. Page	0-6-1	
U-10C	3 Adventurers	D. Sutton	2-6-1	
U-11A	1 Light'g Bolts	D. Fagan	0-8-2	
U-11B	3 Taz. Devils	S. Ritner	2-7-1	
U-12A	1 Fireballs	T. Brody	2-5-1	
U-12B	4 Chili Peppers	M. Malloy	4-1-5	
U-13A	1 Dynamite	C. Campbell	7-5-0	
U-13B	3 Red Hawks	D. Barrickman	3-7-0	
U-14A	2 Hawks	R. Lane	9-1-0	<b>Champions</b>
U-14B	3 Sharks	L. Simpson	0-9-0	
U-15A	1 Mandrills	L. Laver	8-1-1	<b>Champions</b>

Members of our Tri-County League Champion teams:

## LMSC HAWKS

### 1997 U-14 Division 2 TRI-COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Alexander, Julia	Fine, Lauren	Lane, Joanna
Blumenthal, L.	Garcia, Aisling	Olsen, Jessica
Cooper, Emily	Gottlieb, Lauren	Pearlman-Storch L.
Davis, Emily	Kessock, Kristin	Swartz, Molly
Dunn, Katie	Kimball, Elizabeth	Tintenfass, Lindsay

Coaches: Roger Lane, Jeb Chagan

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### 1997 U-14 Division 2 TRI-COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Aboud, Diana	Herman, Lauren	Narvaez, Colleen
Barton, Livia	Klagholz, Kaitlyn	Prowler, Rachel
Chernett, Liz	Kornberg, Rebecca	Schleinkofer, A.
Carolan, Kate	Laver, Claire	Sutton, Monika
Gelber, Johanna	Michitti, Megan	
Hayward, Lindsay	Moore, Emily	

Coaches: Lance Laver, Richard Gelber

## UNDER 8 DEVELOPMENTAL TRAVEL TEAMS

Each winter, LMSC has tryouts for the top 7 year old players in the intramural program to form Under 8 Developmental Travel Teams (one boys team, one girls team). This year's teams were open to players born between August 1, 1989 and July 31, 1990. Both teams practice indoor during the winter, the boys team will play in five indoor tournaments at Woodhaven Sports Centre and Sports Rink during the winter. The girls team will play in some games at Sports Rink in Haverford.

During late October and early November, tryouts were held for the two teams. The boys team had 82 players tryout, the girls team had 40 players try out.

Congratulations to the following 20 boys who were chosen for the **Boys U-8 team**:

Blumenfeld, Scott	Fox, David	Kramer, Jay
Casper, Jonathan	Fox, Josh	Melikian, Alex
Cassanelli, David	Geraghty, Michael	Rossmann, Ben
David, George	Goldman, Ryan	Schwartz, Ben
Escott, Kevin	Gregg, Nikhil	Whelan, Reid
Fitzmyer, Luke	Gushner, Alex	Wilson, Nick
Fleisher, Jon	Hofmann, Richard	

Coaches: Biff Sturla, Rick Whelan, Jim Van Dusen

The boys U-8 Developmental team kicked off their season by competing in the Annual Hulmeville Under 8 tournament. This is the eighth year that we have sent our U-8 Boys Developmental team to this tournament.

The players were evenly divided into two equal teams of ten players, both of which went 2-1 in their preliminary games on Saturday. Lower Merion Red advanced to the semifinals of the tournament and came back to play against Upper Moreland.

Three goals by Alex Gushner gave Lower Merion a 3-1 win and a trip to the finals against Middletown.

Only 45 seconds into the championship game, Ryan Goldman took an excellent pass from Nikhil Gregg and Lower Merion took a 1-0 lead. Just before halftime, Middletown tied it up, setting the stage for a tough final period of play.

In the second half, Lower Merion quickly regained the momentum and pressured the Middletown defense. Lower Merion managed to net two goals and the defense of Benny Schwartz, Reid Whelan and Greg Robbins completely shutdown the opponents to earn the championship. Lower Merion was also aided by strong goaltending from Nick Wilson and Rich Hoffmann who made two key saves late in the game.

While the Blue team did not reach the playoffs, they also showed a lot of promise, especially in defense, thanks to the efforts of Luke Fitzmeyer, Michael Geraghty and goalie Josh Fox. Also playing standout soccer for the Blue team was midfielder David Cassanelli.

This was the **FIRST** time in the eight years that Lower Merion has gone to this tournament that they came home with the championship trophy.

Congratulations to the following 20 girls who were chosen for the **Girls U-8 team**:

Bernstein, Lauren	Garrity, Elizabeth	Kahn, Phoebe
Burke, Anne Marie	Gorson, Juliette	Middleton, Franc
Day, Rosean	Haller, Lucy	Porter, Becky
Dickler, Drew	Hamilton, Susanna	Retig, Jenny
Fleekop, Julia	Hamlin, Lizzy	Stokes, Brooke
Fraker, Kristen	Huppert, Cayla	Zeller, Eva
Freedman, Margot	Kadesch, Hanna	

Coaches: Noah Gorson, Brad Bernstein

For the first time ever, Hulmeville added an Under 8 Girls Division to their tournament. Lower Merion was one of six teams to enter the tournament and had an excellent showing in their first competition as a team. Playing standout soccer for LMSC was Phoebe Kahn, Anne Marie Burke and Drew Dickler.

The Girls U-8 team will be practicing in local gyms during the winter, as well as at Sports Rink where they will have several games against other teams.

# INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAME ROSTERS

## INTERMEDIATES EAST DIVISION

### RED TEAM

- 2 Colin Fleming
- 3 Gary Magill
- 4 Charles Baron
- 5 Croom Beatty
- 6 David Fox
- 7 Eric Goldwein
- 8 Thomas Reed
- 9 Daniel Zakheim
- 10 Michael Prevoznik
- 11 Carlos Sistrunk
- 12 Jonathan Blistein
- 13 David Valeiras
- 14 D. Martinez-Krippner
- 15 Josh DePowell

### BLUE TEAM

- 2 Adam Settle
- 3 Douglas Ammon
- 4 Scott Chernoff
- 5 Dan Grossman
- 6 Jay Kramer
- 7 A. Moran-Santangelo
- 8 Ben Moser
- 9 Michael Real
- 10 Colin Yarnell
- 11 Mathew Bernstein
- 12 Cody Snider
- 13 Richard Vita
- 14 Spencer Bova
- 15 Michael LoPreto

MVP Awards: Josh DePowell, Michael Real

## INTERMEDIATES WEST DIVISION

### RED TEAM

- 2 Danny DiLullo
- 3 Robby Kay
- 4 Scott Blumenfeld
- 5 Jonathan Fleisher
- 6 Max Maguire
- 7 Reid Whelan
- 8 George David
- 9 Ryan Goldman
- 10 Alex Gushner
- 11 Ben Rossman
- 12 Peter Vagnoni
- 13 Bryan Kirschner
- 14 Nikhil Gregg
- 15 Drew Kotler

### BLUE TEAM

- 2 Greg Robbins
- 3 Alec Weiss
- 4 Zachary Birenbaum
- 5 Kevin Escott
- 6 Josh Fox
- 7 Michael Geraghty
- 8 Richard Hofmann
- 9 Danny Kessler
- 10 Benny Schwartz
- 11 Nicholas Wilson
- 12 Jonathan Casper
- 13 David Cassanelli
- 14 Luke Fitzmyer
- 15 John Selarnick

MVP Awards: Bryan Kirschner, Benny Schwartz

## BANTAMS EAST DIVISION

### RED TEAM

- 2 Matt Dean
- 3 Andrew Mongeluzzi
- 4 Brett Richardson
- 5 Coby Kramer-Golinkoff
- 6 Peter Liebman
- 7 Sam Shapiro
- 8 Scott Benson
- 9 James Buckmann
- 10 Jacob Perry
- 11 David Barnett
- 12 Charlie Hudson

### BLUE TEAM

- 2 Zachary Lazar
- 3 Jason Kass
- 4 Liam McGrath
- 5 Corey Rogoff
- 6 Dylan Spradling
- 7 Daniel Adelson
- 8 Henry Lobb
- 9 Sam Pillion
- 10 Eric Green
- 11 Tyler Olsen
- 12 Chris Prevoznik

MVP Awards: David Barnett, Eric Green

## BANTAMS WEST DIVISION

### RED TEAM

- 2 Patrick Lawson
- 3 Alex Margolies
- 4 Daniel Saewitz
- 5 Douglas Blum
- 6 David Doebler
- 7 Alexander Gerson
- 8 Brett Frankel
- 9 Daniel Greenberg
- 10 Joel Wimmer
- 11 Bailey Candell
- 12 Ronny Shapiro

### BLUE TEAM

- 2 Jack Tanenbaum
- 3 Scott Berman
- 4 Adam Steinberg
- 5 Gabriel Streisfeld
- 6 Aaron Dawson
- 7 Matthew Trichon
- 8 Williamson Vedder
- 9 Adam Abronski
- 10 Stephen Aitken
- 11 Matthew Cohn
- 12 Samuel Donnenfeld

MVP Awards: Patrick Lawson, Adam Steinberg

# INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAME ROSTERS

## PROTONS EAST DIVISION

### RED TEAM

2 Sarah McGovern  
 3 Juliette Gorson  
 4 Cayla Huppert  
 5 Ashley Burgio  
 6 Ruth Ann Solomon  
 7 Anne Marie Burke  
 8 Hannah Kadesch  
 9 Susanna Hamilton  
 10 Jocelyn Eisenstaedt  
 11 Jessica Rosenbluth  
 12 Kacie Corzel  
 13 Beth Rutstein  
 14 Anna Lisle  
 15 Brittany Wakim

### BLUE TEAM

2 Haley Pearlstein  
 3 Sara Steingard  
 4 Lauren Bernstein  
 5 Megan Clower  
 6 Drew Dickler  
 7 Francie Middleton  
 8 Rosean Day  
 9 Leah Dworkin  
 10 Anne Edelstein  
 11 Phoebe Kahn  
 12 Katie Ivory  
 13 Katie Flynn  
 14 Danielle Kamis  
 15 Rebecca Greenberg

MVP Awards: Jessica Rosenbluth, Drew Dickler

## JUNIORS DIVISION

### RED TEAM

2 Tim Becker  
 3 Jordan Grossman  
 4 Wesley Roller  
 5 Gabriel Bloomfield  
 6 Ben Fraimow  
 7 Michael Siegel  
 8 Andrew Bowles  
 9 Joshua Mellits  
 10 Daniel Shulkin  
 11 Scott Gershenbaum  
 12 Alex Romero  
 13 Stocky Euler  
 14 Sam Reese  
 15 Celso White

### BLUE TEAM

2 Scott Kunz  
 3 Lawrence Livornese  
 4 Justin Rubin  
 5 Avatar Jones  
 6 Robert Mueller  
 7 Andrew Segal  
 8 Jason Goodman  
 9 David Perlin  
 10 Michael Peskin  
 11 Alex Cohen  
 12 Cannon Moltz  
 13 Matt Walsh  
 14 Jeff Werner  
 15 Doug Hollin

MVP Awards: Alex Romero, Justin Rubin

## PROTONS WEST DIVISION

### RED TEAM

2 Anna Currier  
 3 Sara Henley  
 4 Cindy Parlow  
 5 Julia Fleekop  
 6 Jenny Retig  
 7 Laura Erstad  
 8 Kelly Higgins  
 9 Jennifer Krain  
 10 Abbie Readinger  
 11 Ashley Rosenthal  
 12 Rebecca Traber  
 13 Jennifer Berman  
 14 Lauren Chitester  
 15 Nina Carpenter-Farran

### BLUE TEAM

2 Leah Sack  
 3 Alexandra Duncan  
 4 Kelly Zug  
 5 Elissa Cohen  
 6 Eva Zeller  
 7 Jodie Eichel  
 8 Samantha Schneider  
 9 Becky Porter  
 10 Kelly Shaw  
 11 Perry Thurston  
 12 Julia Williams  
 13 Emily Rittenberg  
 14 Cindy Purcell  
 15 Samantha Post

MVP Awards: Jennifer Krain, Eva Zeller

## ELECTRONS DIVISION

### RED TEAM

Katie Barker  
 Gabrielle Flekoop  
 Sarah Gelb  
 Jennifer Gindin  
 Michelle Greenspan  
 Patrice Kelley  
 Alyssa Melvin  
 Elizabeth Moore  
 Austin-Lynn Morris  
 Maya Orchin  
 Andrea Rogoff  
 Rachel Rosen  
 Lauren Silverstone  
 Chelsea Wurzak

### BLUE TEAM

Samantha Berschler  
 Nicole Canter  
 Mia DeCrescenzo  
 Casey Gilbert  
 Lauryn Goldberg  
 Jacquelyn Laplant  
 Allison LoPreto  
 Mikayla Lytton  
 Julia Rich  
 Julie Street  
 Kate Tracy  
 Emily Walzer  
 Amy Weiser  
 Allison Wolfe

MVP Awards: Michelle Greenspan, Amy Weiser

# INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAME ROSTERS

## COSMOS DIVISION

### RED TEAM

Miriam Bowring  
 Jenny Bronson  
 Allyson Donnelly  
 Rebecca Dorey-Stein  
 Lyssa Gerson  
 Eva Gruenberg  
 Rebecca Guzman  
 Emily Irving  
 Dora McFarland  
 Lauren Milstein  
 Darian Murtagh  
 Melissa Perez  
 Julia Straka  
 Jessica Tomlinson

### BLUE TEAM

Jennifer Borck-Hadley  
 Katie D'Orazio  
 Perri Devon-Sand  
 Emily Gilbert  
 Salima Kassam  
 Sarah Maguire  
 Jeanmarie Mercier  
 Julia Meyer  
 Chelsea Nader  
 Kristina Quattrone  
 Sarah Quigley  
 Sarah Roberts  
 Brittany Sharkey  
 Lauren Sottile

## MAJORS DIVISION

Alex Adkins	Andrew Kahan
Ryan Blicher	Kevin Kelly
Gregory Blum	Zach Kramer
Chuckie Brownstein	Josh Lambertsen
Danny Chinburg	Danny Leigh
Robert Fox	Brian Malloy
Matt Glazer	Byrne McLaughlin
Zach Goldman	Jeremy Melvin
Eric Goldstein	Matthew Nolan
Lucio Gore	Danny Price
Paul Gunther	Griffin Stanton-Ameisen

Jimmy Hearn	Chris Sweeney
Luke Hoffman	Chris Whitworth
Daniel Howson	Jake Wurzak

MVP Awards: Greg Blum, Chris Sweeney

## SENIORS DIVISION

Josh Aichenbaum	Peter Lucas
Zachary Asbury	David Maltz
Will Barker	Bucky Marshall
Colin Bottles	Brett Milstein
Colin Broderick	Daniel Myers
Shawn Choudhury	Andrew Niemtzow
Justin Cooper	Robert Reid
Jon DellaPorta	William Richards

Alex Feinberg	Jeffrey Rosen
Ben Fetterman	Landon Sears
Michael Geschke	Chris Sherwin
David Goldstein	Kenneth Silver
Matthew Griffin	Brian Walsh
Scott Horowitz	Sean Walsh
Mark Lansman	Harry Wood
Jeff Lipschutz	Danny Wulc

## **ELECTRONS DIVISION ROUNDUP**

The Electrons Division (girls born in 1987 and 1988) consisted of twelve teams of twelve players each. There were two divisions, National and American, each playing one scrimmage, six competitive games (excluding the one rainout) and a final day of head to head playoff games for all teams. The Delaware Genies won the American Division while the Hampton Piranhas won the National Division and the championship game. At the end of the season, an all star game was held.

Members of the American Division Champion **Genies**:

Nicole Dibrocky	Julia Rich
Mia DeCrescenzo	Emily Robero
Ashley Fletcher	Erica Steinhart
Anna Frank	Julie Street
Jena Matregrano	Jenna Swirsky-Sacchetti
Alana Moskowitz	Kate Wiber

Coaches: Dan DeCrescenzo, Greg Wiber

Members of the Electrons Division Champion **Piranhas**:

Hailey Brodtkin	Michelle Greenspan
Amanda Beth Cohen	Katie Haller
Aviva Coyne-Green	Elise Levyn
Jennifer D'Angelo	Laura Ware
Caroline Flynn	Brittany Wurzak
Jennifer Gindin	Chelsea Wurzak

Coaches: Jeff Brodtkin, Josh Gindin Tony Green

## **COSMOS DIVISION ROUNDUP**

The oldest division of girls, born in 1984, 1985 and 1986 grew to ten teams of twelve players. They played with two divisions of five teams, divided into an American Division and a National Division. The first game was a scrimmage, followed by six league games. The final weekend was for head to head games across divisions according to team's standing within their division.

Canada and Nigeria were the respective leaders in the two division at the end of the season.

Members of the Division Champion **Canada**:

Alice Cullina	Alexandra Gamboa
Katie D'Orazio	Jessica Gaspari
Mary Ann DeHoratius	Jeanmarie Mercier
Erica DelGrippe	Amanda Purcell
Mollie Flanagan	Kristina Quattrone
Victoria Foltz	Teddi Shihadeh

Coach: Joe D'Orazio

Members of the Division Champion **Nigeria**:

Sarah Burton	Darian Murtagh
Rachel Collins	Melissa Perez
Emma Green	Mara Sacks
Emily Irving	Caroline Smith
Katie Irving	Laura Wasserson
Joanna Levin	Stefanie Williams

Coaches: Toby Williams, Gary Wasserson

A hardy thanks to the referees from the Electrons and Cosmos Divisions for being so helpful to the 244 girls. The primary referees this year, in order or number of hours served: Ben Cooper, Monika Sutton, Aimee Twaddle, Amanda Baker and Noah Kay. These referees were well respected by the coaches and players.

A special thank you to the field crew of Olivia Prebus, Monika Sutton and Hanna Gearfinkle for their work.

Ben deserves special mention because after his first two games, all four coaches told the commissioner about his special treatment for all of the girls.

Finally, we'd like to thank Cosmos and Electrons **Divisions Commissioner Dan Sutton** for his excellent work once again in making sure that these two divisions ran smoothly. Dan has been a loyal, hard working member in Lower Merion Soccer Club for many years, in both the Intramural Program and the Travel Team Program. Dan has been a VERY valuable asset to the program and to the community. Thanks, Dan.

## **MAJORS DIVISION ROUNDUP**

The Majors Division (boys born in 1984, 1985 and 1986) finished the season with the Reading Rage winning the championship game. The Rage finished first in the Southern Division with a record of 3-1-1 during the regular season. In the semifinals against the Cape Cod Crusaders, it was 0-0 at the end of regulation and a five minute sudden death overtime. The Rage went on to win the penalty shot shootout to advance to the finals.

The Rage's opponent would be the New Hampshire Phantoms who just beat the Delaware Wizards in the other semifinal, also by a shootout.

The weather was cold and windy for the championship game but both teams were eager to tangle in the final game of the season. The Phantoms sported a 4-1-0 record during the regular season and it was clear their players had skill and good coaching to back up their enthusiasm. The Phantoms scored first, but their lead was short lived as Mike Swenson of the Rage tied the game at 1-1. The teams continued to play evenly into the second half until Swenson scored another goal to give the Rage a 2-1 lead.

A penalty was called against the Rage just outside their own 18 yard line which the Phantoms buried into the

back of the net to send the game into overtime and yet another penalty shot shootout. It took four rounds of shots before the Rage, led by goalie Jeff Gerritsen, clinched the victory.

Members of the Major Division Champs **Reading Rage:**

Dan Chinburg	Andrew Friedlander	Byrne McLaughlin
Brent Cohen	Jeff Gerritsen	Matt Nolan
Adam Cole	Jimmy Hearn	Ari Sulby
David Ellis	Matt Lewis	Mike Swenson
Pierson Fox	Martin Malloy	Peter Swenson
Head Coach:	Rich Swenson	

## **COACH OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

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 Boys Travel Team Coach Of The Year Award goes to George Moore, head coach for the Under 9 'B' Rebels who became the first LMSC 'B' team ever to compete in the Delco League's extremely competitive First Division. Under George's excellent leadership, the Rebels ended the season with a very impressive 3-4-2 record. This is quite an accomplishment when you consider that many club's are only able to put their 'A' team in the Second Division or Third Division.

George currently has four children playing in LMSC, three in the travel program and one in the 5 year old boys Atoms Division. He served for many seasons as a Division Commissioner in the intramural program. The LMSC Directors would like to thank George for all his work over the years in support of the program and the children in the program.

Our Girls Travel Team Coach Of The Year Award goes to Danielle Fagan, head coach for the Under 11'A' team, the Lightning Bolts. Danielle is a newcomer to the LMSC program. Before coming to LMSC, she was an assistant coach for the Villanova University Women's Varsity for several years. She also played Division One college soccer.

Her excellent background as both a coach and a player has been a great asset to the program. Her ability to teach high level individual skills, as well as sound team tactics have been combined with her ability to make the learning process "fun and enjoyable" for the girls. We would like to thank Danielle for her work and hope that she will continue to be a part of LMSC for many years. Our Intramural Coach Of The Year Award for 1997 goes to a person who is actually a very valuable administrator in the program, Dan Sutton. For many years, Dan has run the oldest girls divisions, the Cosmos and Electrons.

In addition, he has been a coach in the Girls Travel Team Program for many years.

Thanks to Dan's excellent ability to organize and lead, the Cosmos and Electrons Divisions have both greatly increased in numbers of participants. Dan has been a great leader in the growth of girls soccer and has helped to make soccer one of the largest participation sports for girls in Lower Merion Township.

We'd like to thank Dan for his excellent work over the years as both a Division Commissioner and as a Travel Team coach.

### **LMSC Coach Of The Year Award Winners**

1997	George Moore	(Boys Travel Program)
	Danielle Fagan	(Girls Travel Program)
	Dan Sutton	(Intramural Program)
1996	Ray Hurtado	(Boys Travel Program)
	Traci Brody	(Girls Travel Program)
	Joe D'Orazio	(Intramural Program)
1995	Dan Grauman	(Travel Program)
	Marty Rubenstein	(Intramural Program)
1994	Kip Lord	(Travel Program)
	Susan Reynolds	(Intramural Program)
1993	Chris Campbell	
1992	Chris Scott	
1991	Lance Laver	

## **1998 LMSC SPRING INTRAMURAL PROGRAM**

Once again, LMSC will be running its Spring Intramural Program for younger boys and girls. The program is tentatively set to run every **Sunday** afternoon from April 19 through June 21 (except Memorial Day Weekend).

Younger divisions will be held for youngsters born between January 1, 1991 and December 31, 1993. These will be the same format as the Neutrons and Atoms Divisions where players are NOT on set teams.

For advanced players, there will be a Boys Premier Division and a Girls Premier Division. These divisions will be open to youngsters born between August 1, 1990 and December 31, 1991. Players will be placed on set teams of 10-12 players for the season.

More information, including registration forms, will be sent to all eligible players in our Spring Newsletter. You should receive this in late March. If you know of anyone not on our mailing list who might want to play, have them phone in their name, address and date of birth.

## **SOCCER COACHING COURSES**

As mentioned several times, we are in big need of having MANY more people to coach in the intramural program. You do not need to have a significant background in soccer, many of our coaches have never played the game. We need people with an interest in working with children. Our program is run by volunteers and we need parent volunteers to continue making the program a success.

This spring, we again plan to offer the United States Soccer Federation's six night 'E' level coaching course. This course is recommended to those planning to coach in the 6 - 10 year old divisions. LMSC will pay the full cost of the course for any coach in our program.

The course covers the following topics: Coaching Methodology, Team Management, Care and Prevention Of Injuries, Technique, Tactics and Laws Of The Game. All courses are taught by a member of our State Association's coaching staff.

Most all of our Travel Team coaches have completed the 'E' course or higher, many of our intramural coaches have also completed the course.

Information on the spring "E" level coaching course will be sent out to all current LMSC coaches at a later date. **Anybody who has not coached before but who would like information about the coaching course should call our hotline (215-953-8060).**

## **U.S.S.F. 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. Many adults referee games to earn extra income, in addition to their regular job.

Referees must be at least 13 years of age. Some of the referees currently doing games are adults, some are teenagers.

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

The course is six nights long. If you are interested in getting more information about the upcoming referee certification course, please call Dan Sutton at 664-4890.

## **ADULT WOMEN'S PROGRAM TO CREATE NEW LEAGUE**

Now in it's third year, the LMSC Moonlight Ladies, thanks to the efforts of program founder Karin Sturla, are in the process of forming a new soccer league for adult women. The league will eventually have both an Open Division and a 30 and Over Division.

The program was originally created for adult women with little or no previous soccer experience. There are about 40 women who regularly participate in the program which runs in stages, almost 12 months a year.

This year, the Moonlight Ladies hired a new coach, Michael Mark. Many people know Mike from either the Spring Intramural Program or the Fall Program's Atoms and Neutrons (5 year old) Divisions which he heads up. Mike also works at Sports Rink Indoor Soccer and as an Account Rep. for the Philadelphia KiXX Indoor team.

Through the efforts of both Karin and Mike, the team had many games this fall against other local teams such as Tredyffrin-Easttown and Swarthmore. This winter, they have entered two teams in the Rocket Sports Indoor League and will be playing in two tournaments at Sports Rink Indoor Soccer.

This spring, the Moonlight Ladies will plan to be playing in the soon to be completed new league

The Moonlight Ladies always welcome new players. No prior soccer experience is needed to participate. New players are always welcome to the program and taught the basic skills and tactics of the game. Anyone who would like more information about the program should call the LMSC Hotline (215-953-8060) and leave their name, phone number and address.

## **SPORTS RINK INDOOR SOCCER STARTS 3RD SEASON**

Sports Rink Indoor Soccer has just started their third year of operation. Under the direction of LMSC and run at The Haverford School's Parker Gymnasium, the program organizes leagues for over 500 kids ages 6-10. In addition, Sports Rink runs 14 tournaments for local area travel teams.

Sports Rink Indoor Soccer runs on Saturdays and Sundays during January and February.

Due to the popularity of indoor soccer in recent years, and the demand from people to form older divisions for indoor soccer, Sports Rink will be looking to expand to a second sight for 1999. We were hoping to expand this year to a second gym, but we were unable to negotiate a workable deal with the other school in question.

## **1998 TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUTS**

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 players who wish to compete at higher levels of play in the future (high school, college and beyond.)

Please remember that in 1998 our Fall Intramural Program will only be open to players born between 1985 and 1993. The only soccer that we will be providing to players born before 1985 is the Travel Team Program.

Tryouts for the fall season travel teams are held each spring, just before Memorial Day. We will send tryout notices to all people on our mailing list in our Spring Newsletter (early March). Boys teams will be formed for ages Under 9 (Aug. 1, 1989 - July 31, 1990 birth) up through Under 15 (Aug. 1, 1983 - July 31, 1984). Girls teams will be formed for Under 9 through Under 16. The exact number of teams is dependent on the number of players attending tryouts and qualified coaches being identified for each team. In 1997, we had as many as eight teams in each boys division and as many as three teams in each girls division.

The primary season for the Under 9 through Under 15 travel teams is in the fall.

Our U-8 Developmental Teams will again have tryouts in October. Next year's Under 8 teams will be open to children born between August 1, 1990 and July 31, 1991. There will again be a boys team and a girls team.

## **PERSONAL ONE-ON-ONE SKILLS TRAINING OFFERED**

One of the questions we are frequently asked is if there is a way for a child to receive personalized individual skill training.

Such training will now be available through LMSC Associate Director Allan Greaves. Allan has been an active soccer player for over 24 years. In 1997, Allan was a member of the Philadelphia Freedom Professional team. Many of you saw him score the winning goal late in an exciting home game vs. the Delaware Wizards.

Allan is an assistant coach with the Radnor High School boys varsity, head coach for the Under 13 Delco League Team and head coach for our U-9 'A' boys Rovers team.

For more information about this new program, please call Allan at 215-477-3099.

## **EQUIPMENT RECYCLING FOR INNER CITY SOCCER**

Each year, LMSC makes a major contribution of soccer clothing and equipment to the Philadelphia P.A.L. Our contributions help them run youth soccer for over 200 youngsters. They are always in need of soccer shoes, shinguards and most of all, soccer balls which are given to the children to practice with on their own.

PLEASE save outgrown soccer items. We will have our annual collection drive in early June at the Lower Merion High School cafeteria during Travel Team Registration night or leave them at the main table at Sports Rink Indoor Soccer. Information about this will be given out in our spring newsletter.

For more information about this program, please call our collection drive chairperson, Marilynne Rose at 664-5260.

## **KiXX PROFESSIONAL INDOOR SOCCER AT THE SPECTRUM**

The Philadelphia KiXX Professional Indoor Soccer team are currently in first place in their division in the NPSL. The KiXX play their home games at the Spectrum from mid-October through March. Most of their home games are on Saturday nights.

LMSC ran two special "LMSC Goes To The KiXX" Nights in December, both of which were well attended. The KiXX will home games on the following dates:

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
9th - Friday	7th - Saturday	1st - Sunday
10th - Saturday	21st - Saturday	14th - Saturday
17th - Saturday	27th - Saturday	25th - Wednesday
23rd - Friday		28th - Saturday

All remaining games start at 7:35, except the March 1st game which starts at 4:00 PM. Tickets are available by phone or at the ticket window before the game.

The KiXX hope to again reach the NPSL playoffs in April. Last year the KiXX made the playoffs in their first season of play. The KiXX are currently among the league leaders in attendance, averaging just under 10,000 people per game.

The owner of the KiXX is Ed Tepper, a resident of Lower Merion Township.

For more information on KiXX tickets, call them at 1-888-888-KiXX.

## LMSC / FREEDOM PART WAYS

The Lower Merion Soccer Club has ended its foray into professional soccer by terminating its association with the Philadelphia Freedom Soccer Team. Due to the hard work and commitment of the dedicated staff, the enthusiastic players and the untold volunteers, we experienced an exciting 1997 season. However, LMSC is without the support necessary to repeat in 1998. We would like to thank all of you who supported our attempt to bring professional soccer into our community.

## SUMMER CAMPS UPDATE

After reviewing the LMSC Pre-Season Travel Team Camp Program, the Board of Directors has decided that attendance at these camps will no longer be mandatory for 'A' level travel team players. We do however urge all LMSC travel team players to attend at least one camp during the summer months. We will make every effort to keep all of you advised as to the summer soccer programs that are available in our area.

LMSC will continue to hold their Pre-Season Travel Team Camp in late August. It will be open to any and all travel team players who are interested in signing up.

LMSC will again sponsor a camp for younger players in late June and early July. At the present time, we have not decided which organization we will be hiring to run the camp. As always, this camp will be geared toward players ages 6-11.

An excellent camp for both travel team players and older intramural players is **National Olympic Soccer Camp**, held in July and early August at Eastern College in St. Davids. To get a brochure, please call camp director Mike Gorni at 215-230-9575. They also have what is considered to be the very best goalkeeper specialty training found anywhere.

One other camp that has been well attended over the years by LMSC intramural and travel players has been the **Haverford College** Soccer Camp. The camp is run by Joe Amorim, head coach at Haverford College. It is for children ages 6-16. For a brochure, call them at 610-896-1123.

Our spring newsletter will contain more information about soccer camps. We will also add a list of local camps to our web page in the near future.

## SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...

Each of our intramural divisions is headed up by one or more volunteers to run the program with guidance from the LMSC Directors. Their work helps to make the program a major success each fall. We would like to thank the following people who served as Division Commissioners this fall:

### Boys Divisions

Majors	(1984-86 births)	Mark Berman
Seniors	(1987, 88 births)	Chris Hopwood
Intermediates	(Advanced 89, 90s)	Steve Kay and Jim Vagnoni
Juniors	(Beginners 89, 90s)	Brian Kunz
Bantams	(1991 births)	Tom Pillion
Atoms	(1992 births)	Michael Mark

### Girls Divisions

Cosmos	(1984-86 births)	Dan Sutton
Electrons	(1987, 88 births)	Dan Sutton
Protons	(1989, 90 births)	Noah Gorson and Brad Bernstein
Microns	(1991 births)	Jim Jakobowski
Neutrons	(1992 births)	Michael Mark
Special Needs	(1985-1989)	Susan Reynolds

A special thanks to Suzie Grech, our intramural referee assignor who did an excellent job ensuring that most all of our younger intramural games had referees this fall.

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