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2001 FALL SEASON ROUNDUP

Despite a total lack of rain all fall, our 34th season of fall season went well. We had a record number of participants in the Fall Intramural Program as 1850 players signed up. This number is in addition to the 38 travel teams that played in the Delco Soccer League and PAGS League.

Our Boys Travel Team Program had one of it's strongest seasons ever as a total of five teams were crowned champions, including two of our 'A' teams who won Division One championships. The LMSC Velez, coached by Miguel Nuila won the Under 10 Division One Delco League championship, finishing the season with a record of 12-0-1 and defeating Tredyffrin-Easttown 5-1 in the championship game.

Also being crowned champions were the LMSC Hammerheads. The Hammerheads, our U-11A team, played up an age group and won the Delco League's Under 12 Division One championship, narrowly defeating the LMSC Natural Disasters 2-1 in overtime in the championship game. This marked the first time that teams from the same club played for a Division One Delco League championship. The Hammerheads are ranked #1 in the nation by National Soccer Rankings (www.nationalsoccerranking.com).

Our Girls Travel Team Program had a great year as eight of our teams either made the playoffs (for U-11 and older teams) or placed in their division. The U-9C Rockets, led by coach Stephen Frank, won their division in their first season of play. The U-14A Rage took second place in the highly competitive Cup Division, consisting of the top teams in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Our new Pee-Wee Program for four year old players went well in it's first year of operation. The Pee-Wee Program had 200 participants this year. The program was run by Andy Kelly, manager of Rocket Sports and Physical Education teacher at Montgomery County Community College. Our thanks to Andy for the successful debut of this program.

Our Special Needs Program also had another successful year. The program is geared for youngsters with physical or mental limitations. This year's program consisted of over 30 players. LMSC plans to expand the Special Needs Program to two divisions next fall in order to best serve the players and their needs. Our thanks to Steven Spencer who has been running this program so successfully for many years.

BOYS TRAVEL TEAM ROUNDUP

The Under 9A Roadkill had a tremendous first season, finishing with a record of 29-1-0. The team won all four tournaments they played in, winning the Downingtown Spirit Kickoff Classic (4-0-0), the Gettysburg Blast Tournament (6-0-0), the Cape May, NJ Memorial Day Weekend Tournament (4-0-0) and the Parkwood Thanksgiving Tournament (5-0-0). The Roadkill finished the regular season of Delco League play on top of Division One with a record of 9-0-0.

Their only loss of the season came in the Delco League semifinals when they dropped a hard fought 1-0 decision with the only goal of the game coming on a penalty kick. Despite 100% effort, the boys were unable to get the equalizer and went down to defeat.

The team was led by the fantastic defense of goalkeeper Max Kurtzman, along with defenders David Rosenfeld and Michael Lemonick. In the team's 30 games, the defense gave up only 17 goals. The offense was led by the high scoring trio of Julian Crowther, Alex Beatty and Alec Sowers.

The team finished with 158 goals on the year, an average of over five goals a game. Much of the credit to the team's success goes to the high flying midfield that contributed on offense and defense. The midfield consisted of Ryan Dodds, Robbie Rubenstein, Shawn Murphy, Michael Goldman and Matt Fedder.

The Roadkill web page is: www.lmsc.net/roadkill.htm



The Under 9B Predators enjoyed an undefeated, championship season in Division Two this fall. Led by the constant scoring threats of Daniel Posner, Daniel Kursman and Lorenzo Useche-Rodrigo, the Predators compiled a 7-0-1 record in the regular season. That was the best in the division. The tie came at Hockessin in the final regular season game, in which Teddy Seem scored in the last minute, after the Predators had given up two goals on deflections. The Predators then battled to a hard-fought 3-2 overtime victory against Rose Tree in the semi-finals.

The Predators and Hockessin then met again in the final, and played to a 1-1 tie in 80 minutes of intense play. The teams were declared co-champions. Colin Eisenstaedt, Nick Desatnick and Garrett Baker anchored a solid defense, and Adam Garnick excelled at the keeper position.

The opposition could muster only two goals against the Predators during the regular season. Midfielders Nick Moore, Sam Bowen, Chuck Seltzer and Adam Heller added creativity and strong team play to provide a balanced attack and support on both ends of the field throughout the season and the playoffs.

The Predators also were finalists in preseason tournaments at Marlboro, New Jersey and Fort Dix. In the Fort Dix tournament, the Predators



had an identical record to winner Council Rock, but gave up one more goal against other teams to get edged out for the championship in the tie-breaking formula.

The Predators were coached by George Moore and Rob Taylor, with valuable assistance from George Bowen and Rick Seltzer. "The Predators won all season long because of strong team play and working together," said Moore. "They learned early on never to give up, and to trust in their teammates. As the season progressed, their level of play became so much better. Hockessin had beaten us soundly in the YMS tournament over Columbus weekend, and it was gratifying to see the team focus on improving and come back and actually dominate Hockessin in the final. Even though we could not put that game away, it was truly a victory. Everyone played like champions."

The Under 10A Velez finished the fall season with a record of 12-0-1, winning the Delco League Division One championship. The season was highlighted with a 5-1 win over Tredyffrin-Easttown in the championship game.

The Velez also won three tournaments during the fall season, the West Chester Classic in August, the Kick-off Classic in August and the Ross Haney Memorial Tournament in December.

The Velez is coached by Miguel Nuila. Their web page is: <http://lmsc-velez.com>



The Under 10B Misfits were one of two teams that LMSC entered in Division One in Delco. Although the Misfits were the 'B' team, they won the top flight at the Marlboro Tournament to kick off their season. They also finished as finalist in the 2nd Division in the YMS Tournament.

Against premier teams in Division One, the Misfits scored impressive victories throughout the season. Led by their goalie Daniel Cooper, the Misfits used their defensive strength from players Alex Servetnick, Alex Margolies and J.J. Hoffstein to tire their opponents. Midfielders Andrew Gordon, Ian Smith and Jeff Blechschmidt distributed the ball with amazing accuracy upfield to their speedsters Max Fagan, Mark Krantz and John McCann. Henry Lobb and Slater McCue delivered size and aggressiveness while playing up front and in the middle.

The team was coached by Scott Fagan, Mike Gordon and Billy Horn. Professional training was augmented by ex-professional player (and former LMSC player) Justin Ceccarelli.



The Under 10C Habañeros finished their 2001 Delco League season as finalists in Division Three. The Habañeros boasted a 9-2-0 regular season record and placed first in the Stroudsburg Columbus Day tournament.

In regular season play the Habañeros offense scored 33 goals while their stingy defense, anchored by ace goalie David Ancona-Cole, allowed only 12. Protecting the net along with David was the aggressive play of John "The Wall" Steele at sweeper and fullbacks Adam Sachs and Jake "Get Back" Ailor.

This year, the Habañeros ran a 13-man roster, which afforded them two offensive squads (yellow and red) and back-ups for players on injured reserve. Tirelessly driving up the middle for the yellow squad was Alex Cope. Alex was flanked by lightening fast wings Zach "The Flash" Blumenfeld and the unflappable Pierce Cohen. Mike Fallis' feinting, passing, and shooting rounded out the yellow squad by fortifying the back of the pack at stopper.



The relentless red squad terrorized their opponents with either Mad Man Zac Pryor or dribbling ace Erik Isdaner at striker. Flanking Zac or Erik were big-footed Billy Annesley and fleet footed Michael Rabinowitz.

Bill Fallis rounded out the red squad serving as the first line of defense and punching the ball in from 20 yards out at stopper. Over Columbus Day, the Habañeros went 4-0-1 in the cold, wet, and often-rainy Poconos. Playing with dogged determination they beat a tough Parkwood team for the championship.

The Under 10D Dynamos capped off an undefeated 11-0-1 season with their second straight appearance in the Delco League championship game and a league championship in Division Four. The undefeated season was completed with a 3-1 victory over Interboro Soccer Club, last year's Division Five champion and archrival.

The team was led by Goaltender Sam Greenfield, a returning player, with six league shutouts, supported by a strong defense anchored by Sam Hockfeld and Gerry Smith. The key to the Dynamos success was a strong midfield led by Stephen Prifti and Zack Siegel.



The team enjoyed balanced scoring with veterans Adam Kurtz, Andrew Friedman and Ben Sataloff and was supported throughout the season with four new faces that were instrumental in the team's success: Alex Schade, Michael Lowenstein, Tal Ben-Maimon and Parker Crockett.

The team is indebted to the consistent and valuable support of the following parents: Don Greenfield, Alex Siegel, Stuart Kurtz, Edward Lowenstein, Michael Prifti, Matzi Ben-Maimon and Robert Sataloff.

The Under 11D Chargers capped off a successful first season by winning the Delco League Division Four. Eleven of the players were new to travel soccer this year. The Chargers were led by goalies Danny Wigrizer and Jake Berkowitz, who together allowed only 8 goals in 11 league and playoff games.

A tenacious defense was anchored by Michael Ayella-Silver, John Slochower, Brett Richardson and Jake Schutzman. Strong midfield play was headed by Kraig Lunkenheimer, Scott Berman, Scott MacGregor, Jake Karlsruhe, Andrew Mongeluzzi and Kevin Kostyk. Forwards Tyler Joseph, Mark Margulies, Tyler Olsen and Lester Robinson provided speed, skill and scoring touch to finish off the opponents. Above all, the players had FUN!

The Under 11A Hammerheads had another successful year and finished ranked #1 in the nation by National Soccer Rankings (www.nationalsoccerranking.com). With the great success of the Hammerheads over the years, the Delco League allowed the team to play up a year in Delco League's Under 12 Division One. This would prove to be a very tough task as all four of last year's State Cup semifinalists would also be competing in that division. The Hammerheads needed a win against Reading Berks in their last regular season game to make the playoffs. Danny DiLullo scored with five minutes left in the game to give the Hammerheads the victory and another trip to the Delco League playoffs.

In the semifinals, the Hammerheads traveled to Downingtown to play Spirit United, the current State Champions. Spirit had dropped a 1-0 decision to the Hammerheads during the regular season and were looking for revenge. Once again however, the Hammerheads defense proved tough.

Goaltender Matt Dilks recorded another shutout, with the help of defenders Tom Kalpokas, Sean Gillooly, David Dubow, Will Addis and DiLullo. The only goal of the game came from midfielder Colin Fleming who alertly knocked in a rebound from a Will Addis cross into the net.



The championship game saw the Hammerheads play the Lower Merion Disasters, our U-12A team. The Disasters had won the regular season encounter by the score of 2-1. In the finals, Greg Robbins gave the Hammerheads a 1-0 lead only five minutes into the game. The game remained scoreless until two minutes were left in regulation when Jon Fleisher got the equalizer for the Disasters. His goal sent the game into overtime. In the second overtime, Robbins scored his second goal of the game to give the Hammerheads their third straight Delco League championship.

Also during the fall, the U-11 Hammerheads won the 24 team Gettysburg Tournament, again playing up a year at Under 12. During their six games in this tournament, the team allowed zero goals. They won the championship game despite playing down a man for the last 45 minutes due to a red card. The Hammerheads also won the Parkwood Thanksgiving Day Weekend Tournament, again playing up a year in the U-12 age group.

The Hammerheads website is: www.lmsc.net/hammerheads.htm

The Under 11B Spider Monkeys ended an extraordinary fall season finishing third in Delco's U-11 First Division. Adjusting to the 11 v 11 game and to the addition of new players, the team gained momentum as the season progressed outscoring opponents 16-5 during their last six games. The team was led defensively by captains Jason Kass and Stephen Simonian. The offense was led by Nicholas Bibbs and Jeff Calhoun.

The Spider Monkeys played an intense seven games in the last eight days of the season against an awesome array of competition (undefeated teams from the Delco, Inter-County, United Junior, and the South Jersey soccer leagues). Playing five games in forty eight hours at the Turkey Bowl, the Monkeys managed to beat three undefeated teams and reached the finals before fatigue set in and the Monkeys fell 1-0 to Penn Academy.

Altogether, in the twenty two games between Labor Day and Thanksgiving, the Spider Monkeys had fourteen wins, four ties, and six losses. The Monkeys won the YMS Columbus Day Gold Division, finished second in their bracket of the Ross Haney Tournament, and finished second in the Parkwood Turkey Bowl Tournament. Not bad for a bunch of Monkeys.

The Spider Monkeys web site is: <http://spider-monkeys.com>

The Under 11C Menace had a very successful "first" year. The team includes players from last seasons U-10 Lightning and Psychos teams, plus two players from the intramural league, Tim Reagan and Danny Rosner. The Menace opened the season by defending the Kidspeace Tournament title won by the Psychos last year. Although the Menace played well through four games, allowing only one goal, the title was not ensured until goalkeeper Justin Corrado made two huge saves in the second half of the final match, the second on a penalty shot with time expiring. Throughout the weekend, Liam McGrath shared the goalkeeper position and turned in strong performances during three shutout victories.

The Menace followed Kidspeace with a first place finish in the Warminster Labor Day Tournament. The preseason games set the foundation for a solid defense, centered by Ezra Shapiro at sweeper. Outside defenders Chris Allen and Daniel Assiran provided consistent support in back, as well as aggressive play up the sides.

A number of players had the opportunity to lead the transition game from stopper and center midfield positions, but the bulk of the challenge was met by Charlie Hudson, Tim Reagan, and Alex Hails. The team's outstanding group of midfielders also included Josh Millan, James Buckmann, Gabe Streisfeld, and Liam McGrath.



The crisp passing and consistent play in midfield set up many exciting attacks from forwards Joe Holland, Brett Brenner, Danny Rosner, and Drew Peabody. While the team depended on goals and assists from Holland and Peabody off tight inside play, and Brenner and Rosner off longer range opportunities, the midfield and defense contributed to the scoring. Of particular note was Daniel Assiran's equalizer with seconds remaining in the final game of the season versus the division leaders. The tie clinched a playoff spot and sealed the Menace's undefeated regular season at an unusual 5-0-5. Both team and individual play improved throughout the season, and was notably assisted by a supportive parent base. Thanks to all for a fun and successful season.

The Under 12A Disasters finished off a successful Delco League season by reaching the championship game in a very competitive 12 team first division which included the Pa. State Cup champions, finalists, semifinalists, the top three teams from Delaware and the #1 ranked Under 11 team in the nation.

The Disasters made their push for one of the coveted Delco playoff spots by defeating the first place state champion Downingtown Spirit 2-1 on goals by forward Alex Gushner and sweeper Alex Melikian. Defender Reid Whelan preserved the win by sliding across the goal mouth to deflect a Spirit shot that was about to go into the Disasters' open net. Stopper Benny Schwartz and defender / midfielder Ryan Goldman and Ronald Richter were successful in shutting down Spirit's top scorers. Forwards Bobby Pierce-Cooke, Doug Ammon, Martin Goldfarb, Jon Fleisher, and midfielders Nikhil Gregg, Max Maguire, Dan Fedder, Scott Blumenfeld and David Cassanelli repeatedly broke down the Spirit defense creating scoring opportunities. Hustling forward Luke Fitzmyer provided added punch up front to keep the ball in Spirit's defensive end.

The Disasters' momentum was kept alive by an impressive 2-1 win over the eventual league champion LMSC Hammerheads. A head ball goal by Alex Gushner with Dan Fedder assisting gave the Disasters a lead at the start of the second half they would not relinquish. Forward Jon Fleisher provided the second goal with a blast into the upper corner. Martin Goldfarb assisted on the Fleisher goal and provided strong wing play throughout the game along with the speedy Doug Ammon and Bobby Pierce-Cooke. The midfield was controlled by David Cassanelli, Max Maguire, Scott Blumenfeld, and Nikhil Gregg. The tight marking defense was anchored by Ben Rossman, Ryan Goldman, Alex Melikian and Reid Whelan with Ronald Richter doing an exceptional job as the marking back. Gushner and Benny Schwartz split time in the goal for the victory.

The Disasters' playoff spot was clinched the following week with a 2-0 shutout of the tough Parkwood team. David Cassanelli and Alex Gushner provided the scoring punch beating Parkwood's offside trap while the midfield and defense repeatedly shut down Parkwood's offense.

The Disaster's 4-3 semi-final playoff win against the Harrisburg Super Nova Club played on Super Nova's "Next-Turf" field proved to be one of the most exciting play-off games in LMSC history. The Disasters came away with a double overtime penalty shootout victory and a trip to the Delco League championship game. After an early goal by Super Nova, Martin Goldfarb hit the post with a header and Doug Ammon and Nikhil Gregg were robbed by the Super Nova goalie. Late in the second half Alex Melikian connected with Nikhil Gregg who pounded the tying goal into the Super Nova net to send the game into overtime. Despite being triple teamed, David Cassanelli controlled the midfield along with Max Maguire, Scott Blumenfeld, Doug Ammon, Ryan Goldman, and Jon Fleisher. The stellar defensive play of Ron Richter, Ben Rossman, Reid Whelan, Alex Melikian and Benny Schwartz kept the Disasters within striking distance.

In the first overtime, goals by Jon Fleisher and Dan Fedder put the Disasters up 3-1 however Supernova came back to tie the game to force a penalty shootout. Calmly struck penalty shots by David Cassanelli, Ryan Goldman, Dan Fedder, Alex Melikian, and Reid Whelan sealed the win in almost darkness.

The Disasters played in the first ever Delco League Division One championship game featuring two finalists from the same club: the LMSC Disasters and the LMSC Hammerheads. Although the Disasters had come away with a victory against the Hammerheads during the regular season, the Hammerheads prevailed 2-1 with a goal in the second overtime period. The Disasters score came from Jon Fleisher with Bobby Pierce-Cooke notching the assist. The game was hard fought and well played by both LMSC Delco League finalists. The success of both teams was a credit to LMSC. With their excellent fall season, the Disasters became the #3 ranked team in the state.

The Under 12D Demolishers - After struggling in September (0-2-1 start), the Demolishers caught fire and went on a 5-1-1 streak to finish in third-place in U-12 Division Five. In the playoffs, the team had opportunities, but were victimized by counter-attacks, falling 3-1 to the speed of second-place King of Prussia.

Led by goalie Matt Piltch, the Demolishers allowed the least goals in Division 5, only 11 in 10 games, four goals fewer than any opponent. Charles Baron, Jake Eisenhard, Sam Hollowell, Mikey Pasek, Matt Taylor, and Nate Udren were tough-to-beat defenders. Sam Propper (6 goals), Jeff Gordon (4) and Sean Savett (3) led the offense, with Matt Hyman contributing five assists.

The Under 13B Rebels won four of their last five games, tying the other game against eventual champion East Brandywine, in Division Two of Delco this year. While their overall record of 4-5-1 was disappointing after having won two straight championships in 1999 and 2000, the Rebels' comeback at the end of the season served notice that they will be contenders again next year. "We just had a hard time meshing at the beginning of this season, and maybe we were a little overconfident at first," explained coach George Moore. "We just weren't sharp or focused, and that is a coaching failure. But the boys made us all proud by pulling together and turning it up in the second half of the season. We now have something to prove next year."

The 2001 Rebels consisted of Brandon Yoshimura, Ben Grant, Luke Rappoport, Jeffrey Puklin, Andrew Meinster, Alex Perilstein, Chris Giorno, Chris Gagnier, Sam Moore, Diego Krippner-Martinez, Aaron Gross, Eric Buckmann, Chris Lawrence, Jake Baumohl, Stuart Fleishman, Sam Kessler, Ryan Melvin and Tyler Schwartz. Howard Grant was the assistant coach.

The Under 14A Ocled is recognized nationally as the number three ranked team in the state. They enjoyed a successful fall season following last years Indoor State Cup Championship and Outdoor semi-final State Cup finish. The Ocled started the fall season in August with a second place finish at the Gettysburg Battlefield Blast.

For Columbus Day, they traveled to Hamilton, New Jersey where they took home the first place trophy. At Hamilton, the Ocled had a high scoring attack with 16 goals in their four games. Their offense combined with a rock solid defense that surrendered no goals the entire weekend. Included in their tournament victories was an impressive 2-0 victory over Columbia, one of the top teams in Maryland.



The Oclad competed this fall in the Delco League in the newly formed Under 14 Premier Division. In grueling league play against the top teams from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, the Oclad qualified for the playoffs with a fourth place finish. They lost to eventual champion (and three time State Champion) FC Delco in an exciting semi final match, 3-1. The Oclad was again led by an always-stingy defense, with goalies Zack Weimar and Jimmy Rosato, sweeper Josh Wilson, marking backs Drew Erickson, Brian Boyle and Gareth Jones, and stopper Matt Hittson, a welcome recent addition from North Carolina.

Midfield play was controlled by Martin Dell'Arciprete, Matt Hennessey, Andrew "Schmoo" Conroy, Zach Lieb, and Lee Bissett. The offensive scoring punch was supplied by Mike McCutcheon, Lee Rubenstein, Tommy Connelly and Chris DiLullo. The Oclad is competing this winter in the High School Junior Varsity division at Rocket Sports as they prepare to defend their Indoor State Cup championship and take aim at the Outdoor State Cup title this spring.

The Under 14B Arsenal finished in first place in Delco's Division Two league play this fall. After an opening game loss to Downingtown Spirit, LM Arsenal recorded 7 straight league wins to end up in first place with 21 points, two points ahead of East Brandywine and three ahead of Downingtown. All seven wins were tense, pressure-filled games, with each game decided by one goal in Arsenal's favor.

In the fall season, the play of the Arsenal team demonstrated well the old adage that "goals win games but defense wins championships." Arsenal played strong team defense throughout the season, recording three shutouts and winning two others by 2-1 scores. While Arsenal players gained experience in multiple positions throughout the year, the back line of the defense was often anchored in the middle by Matt Yankowitz in goal, Ben Schutzman and Andy Richardson in central defense, and Dave Eisen, Eric Mustin and Dave Rublin handling outside defending duties. The team adopted a "ball-oriented defense" during the season, requiring strong covering play from workhorse midfielders. In many matches, this play was provided by Matt Byrne, Nick Carter, Dan Escott, Tyler Goldman, Robbie Goldwein, Tim Ichniowski, and Zach Malet. Striker duties were often handled by Erik Abi-Khattar, Matt Levin, as well as the team's leading scorers Max Fennell and Ben Smolen.

Lower Merion Arsenal dropped a very close match in the playoffs to Downingtown, 1-0, decided on a goal in the last minute of regulation. Still, regular season champion Arsenal ran their winning streak to eight games in the preceding playoff game by eliminating Radnor 2-1 on a last second goal in regulation by Tim Ichniowski and the game winner by Matt Byrne in the second overtime.



An All-LMSC Championship game: The LMSC Hammerheads and the LMSC Disasters met in the finals of the Delco League Under 12 Division One championship. Before the game, the referees talked with Hammerheads captains Tom Kalpokas and Wayne Maminski (left) as well as Disasters captains Nikhil Gregg, David Cassanelli and Max Maguire (right).

GIRLS TRAVEL TEAM ROUNDUP

The Under 9A Flame completed their first full season in PAGES with great success. The Flames' first tournament was on Labor Day at Deep Run, where they finished with a 3 win, 1 loss record. Their only loss came to the champion, Penridge, with less than one minute left in the game. On Columbus Day, the Flame traveled to Hamilton, New Jersey where they racked up 2 victories with 1 loss to the first place team.

In PAGES League play, the Flame finished in third place in the always-tough Division One with a record of 6 victories, 3 losses and 1 tie. The Flame defense surrendered only 8 goals over the course of the 10 game PAGES season. Defenders Claire McManus, Lauren Rhodes, and Sloan Warren, along with goalie Sarah Spector anchored their iron-clad defense.



Blaine Steinberg, Carli Sukonik, Jamie Hyman and Tori Mayernick consistently controlled play from midfield. The offensive scoring punch was supplied by Libby Eyre, Megan Rubenstein, Brianna Blumenthal and Jenny Shulkin. The Flame played exciting soccer throughout the fall and clearly established themselves as one of the top Under 9 girls teams in the entire Southeastern Pennsylvania / New Jersey area.

The Under 9B Bee Stars had a great season. They started the season well, winning the Ross-Haney tournament in their very first games together. They followed this by losing a penalty shootout against a very strong A team in the final of the Liberty Belles tournament.

The Bee Stars built a very sturdy defense around two excellent keepers, Caroline Sawin and Caroline Feenane, and the solid play of Dana Myers, Allison Tinfass, and Jennie Wigizer. Only three goals were scored against the Bees during the league season. The midfield, including Loren Blank, Lauren Goldstein, Nadia Kale, and Julia Siegal, played with great spirit, while the strikers - Claire Andrews, Kristin Feinberg, Hilary Gray, and Sami Shein - scored many great goals throughout the season. Way to Bee Stars!



The Under 9C Rockets won the PAGES U-9 Division 5 championship with a record of 6-1-1. This was the first year the girls played together as a team. During the season we scored 16 goals and only allowed 7 goals.

The strength of our team came from the depth of our players. We had nine different goal scorers and played with four different goalkeepers during the season.

During the season we beat teams from Haverford, Rose Tree, Liverpool and Central Delaware. We also played in the Liberty Belles tournament during Columbus Day weekend.



The Under 10A Red Hot Chili Peppers - After a long summer layoff that consisted of pick-up games and a couple of practices, the Red Hot Chili Peppers started their season on August 18th and 19th at the Endless Summer Tournament in Ocean City, NJ. They learned quickly that the competition was not going to be as easy as it was the previous season when they rolled over anyone who stepped on the field. The Chili Peppers had difficulty jelling as a team and putting the ball in the net and consequently didn't place for the first time since they had been playing together.

With the tournament behind them, the Chili Peppers got in gear right away for the first half of the season as they displayed their understanding of the tactical aspects of the game by possessing the ball and dominating play for the majority of every game. Other teams had trouble winning the ball from the Chili Peppers but still managed to keep them off the scoreboard.

Taking a 2-1-2 record into Columbus Day Weekend, the Chili Peppers traveled to Cape May, NJ for the George Pratt Memorial Tournament. The Chili Peppers ran clinics in passing as they possessed the ball extremely well in every game. The Chili Peppers finished with 1 win and 3 ties to give them 3rd place and a fresh start to the second half of PAGES play.

The last five games of the season were tremendous. The Chili Peppers went 4-0-1, beating and tying Philly SC and West Chester, respectively, who tied for first place in the PAGES first division. The best game of the season came against Philly Soccer Club when the Chili Peppers beat and shut out the Lady Kickers who amassed an incredible 36 goals on the season.

Most impressive was the team defensive effort as Kasey Jakobowski and Kaitlyn McCaffrey posted a combined 6 shutouts in 10 games. Moreover, the solid and consistent play of Hana Chamoun and Bailey Marshall at fullback kept opposing teams from having many scoring opportunities as they led the team to a league record of 5 goals allowed. The midfield responsibilities were shared by the tenacious play of Irene Cavros, Alexa Hoffman, Alexandra Sawin, Elizabeth Schoenberg and Tara Stokes. Leading the attack with speed, creativity and rocket shots at forward were Charlotte Damico, Madison Liss and Katie Walsh.

Watch out for the Chili Peppers next year at Under 11 as they take their game to the next level on a full size field playing 11 v 11. They have their sights set on the State Cup Championship.

The Under 10B Firecrackers finished 2nd in Division Three this year, with a superlative record of 8-1-1, losing only to first place West Chester in league play.

Anayis "Annihilator" Melikian, stellar left wing, led the offense with more than 10 assists and 8 goals, and Bridget "Leftie" Gribbin, from the right wing had 9 goals and 3 assists. The Firecrackers scored more goals (30) than any other team in the division.

The team was also stingy on defense, allowing only six goals, with 8 shutouts in 11 league matches. The defense relied upon the amazing speed of fullbacks Caitlin "Bouncing" Bonney, Devin "Demolisher" Milsop and Julie "Runaway" Rosner, as well as the stalwart goaltending of Molly "Brick Wall" Tow, Kira "Crusher" Goldner and Kristen "Kamikaze" Nehls.

Solid play up top by Leah "Rhino" Greenspan, with 6 goals, Julia "Breakaway" Buckman, Monica "Solid" Stone and Gra-



cie "Godzilla" Pearlman helped drive the Firecrackers' attack, as well as dominating play in the middle by Jessie "Airball" Hall, who also assisted in the nets.

The girls also finished third at the Whitewater Challengers Tournament over Labor Day Weekend (after a wonderful, if not wet day of rafting) and third again at the Hamilton Invitational Tournament over Columbus Day weekend. The team was coached by LMSC Director Harold Goldner with the able assistance of David Buckman.

The Under 10C Heartbreakers — This has been a really fine soccer season for the Heartbreakers. The Heartbreakers faced the challenge of moving up into the PAGSL Division Four despite losing two key players from last year. This spirited team showed its heart and determination by playing stingy defense and opportunistic offense enroute to a marvelous 8-3 record. They finished their PAGSL fall season in a very respectable fourth place, scoring 17 goals and giving up just 5 goals. All three loses were by the score of 1-0 and to the top three Division Four teams.

Every season has it's peaks and valleys and the good teams keep working hard through the tough times and refuse to become complacent during the good times. The Heartbreakers kept their faith in their teammates and their focus on their individual responsibilities.



Our season opened at the Radnor Red Devils' field where the four newest Heartbreakers made their positive presence felt on the field. Amy Blum and Courtney McKinney scored our 2 goals. Olivia Arronson and Bonnie McFarland were very strong at fullback and keeper.

The 2-0 victory would become the first of our six shutouts this season. The next opponent was the Rose Tree Sting and Danielle Lindheim found the back of the net for her first time of the season. Courtney Cines, our number one goalie and our outstanding defense earned the shutout. Our strong fullback play by Rachel Howard and Eileen Kenny took away any striker's hopes. The next two games were our bump in the road. The Heartbreakers lost two straight 1-0 games to the Ridley Jaguars and the West Chester Chill and our record went to 2-2. Those losses inspired the coaches to abandon our 2-3-2 formation in favor of a more creative 3-1-3 formation. It opened up the field and gave Jenny Haines and Maddie Whitehead a chance to create from the center-mid position. Rachel Cohen emerged as a formidable striker with a hat trick to her credit in our last game. The flank fullbacks were encouraged to overlap and work give and go's, while the outside forwards, Ava Goodman, Lindsey Adelman and Melissa Phillips worked well in keeping the ball in our offensive third of the field.

The girls really excelled in our new 3-1-3 and went 6-1 in the remaining league games. The Heartbreakers played in the Liberty Belle Invitational where they earned a second place finish. They played in the Deep Run Turkey Tournament, where they played their most inspiring effort of the season against the strong Deep Run Superchargers, losing 2-0. A great 2001 season Heartbreakers!

The Under 11A Stingrays were off to a great start even before the official fall season started. They participated in three tournaments at the end of the summer and came in to their fall season ready to move up to the big field. Newcomers Mia Vallet, Julianne Vecere, Christina Haack and Jenny Gangl quickly found ways to become very valuable additions to the team. Forwards Sarah McGovern and Haley Pearlstein used their quickness to break apart other teams defenses, while center midfielders Jenny and Ali Rosenberg also fired rockets at the opposition's net. Playing both forward and getting lots of time in the net was Megan Trainer, who steamrolled past too many players to remember.

Covering lots of ground and creating great opportunities were our hardworking outside midfielders, Abbie Rosenberg, Mia Vallet, Julianne Vecere and Anna Currier. Working together as a tight group were our stalwart defenders, Caroline Gunderson, Amy Woods, stopper Hannah Newman and sweeper Hanni Blindenbacher. Filling in the goalie position was a talented group of athletes: Blindenbacher, Woods and McGovern. Secondary player

Caroline Keating has also been a tremendous addition to the team, both on the field and off the field with her tremendous sense of humor and hardworking play every game.

The Stingrays had a fun and successful season, going 8-2 and placing second in the regular season. They scored many more goals than they allowed thanks to a great sense of teamwork and hard work! The Stingrays finished up their season with a great party and are already having fun playing indoor soccer. Coaches Karin Sturla, Robert Pearlstein and newcomer Pete Gangl had a wonderful time coaching all the young women on the Stingrays and look forward to our next season together.

The Under 11B Sharks posted a season record of 8 wins, 1 loss and 1 tie, finishing in 2nd place at the end of the regular season. Another win in the quarter-final playoff round made it even sweeter. Although we would lose the semi-final playoff game, a winning season and all the memories will hold us through the winter.

The Sharks scored 22 goals while only allowing 8. The team's core came from returning midfielders, Caroline Keating, Lindsay Blitstein and Emily McCarthy along with Jean Brown, Rebecca Lefkoe and Lauren Hanak. The offensive line led by Elana Sears, Hannah Spiegel and Clemens Cox consistently scored with the help of wings Lauren Nolan and Kara Silberthau serving the ball inside.

The Sharks defense was solid. Led by Monika Zaleska, Mira Moskowitz, Danielle Frank and Sarah Camitta, this foursome stopped many attacks cold in their tracks. Assistant coaches Rick Camitta and Alan Sears made my job easier, and of course all the players parents. Their commitment to help the players love the game of soccer.....as they say, is priceless. Go Sharks Go!



The Under 12 B Red Dragons - From the PAGS opener to the playoff semifinal, the Red Dragons enjoyed an 11-4-2 record scoring 26 goals while allowing only 10 goals. The team placed second in its division with a 6-2-2 record (11 goals scored, 5 goals allowed).

While reaching their goal of doubling last year's scoring, the Red Dragons also cut its goals allowed in half. Kelly Higgins led all scorers with 9 goals, followed by Lauren Morgan with 7 goals. Jocelyn Eisenstadt and Michele Lockhart each netted 3 goals, while Jodie Eichel and Kate Stevenson tallied one goal each. Laura Dormans dominated the center midfield, scoring twice and assisting on 10 goals.

Our two center defenders, Ileana Betancourt and Roseann Day, organized a defense that shutout the opposition 10 times. Mara Penne, Ashley Rosenthal, and Elissa Cohen shut down the opponents' offensive threats on the wings. Our goalkeepers were phenomenal. Cayla Huppert, Kelly, Isa, and Ileana shared time in the net, combining for a 0.59 goal against average. Of note, Cayla never allowed a goal in 215 minutes of play. Finally, the role of team utility players fell upon Becky Porter and Isa Betancourt, who proved they have the required intelligence and tenacity to play any position on the field.

The team's success has exposed its weakness - PKs and shootouts. After dominating pool play at our Columbus Weekend tournament and playing a great championship game through double overtime, the team fell short in the shootout. In the PAGS semifinal, the Red Dragons had the better of the scoring chances in an exciting scoreless game, only to lose the PKs 4-3. When this team improves its PKs like it improved its scoring this year, they will be champions for sure. So beware of the Red Dragons!

Congratulations to Laura Dormans and Isa Betancourt for making PAGS Select, and congratulations to all the Red Dragons for playing so well all season long.

The Under 14A Rage team had an extremely successful season playing against some great teams. We played in the MAPS National League and the Cup Division in PAGES. We played 18 games and only lost 3 all season playing against excellent competition each week. We won our first two MAPS games of the season. Eva and Alida played exceptionally well in those two games. Eva scored a total of 4 goals and Alida had one. We tied our next MAPS game 1-1 and Lauren scored our solo goal. This was a great start for us.

Our first PAGES game started off with a 2-0 win against our rivals T/E who we never beat until this year. The captains came up big and both scored one goal (Myra and Christie). Next we played Rising Star in the PAGES league and tied 1-1, Eva scored! We did not play too well. Our next MAPS game was against Yardley. We lost 2-1, and had trouble. Myra scored the goal, but we had other chances and so did they. Our sweeper, Kristen, was injured in this game, and we suffered from that.

Our next PAGES game was against Super Nova. We won 2-0. We played well and could have won by more. Kristin and Courtney scored great goals. Meme played sweeper and played very well. We won't say much about the Westmont game. The game was evenly matched (0-0) and Lauren and Sara played very well holding the middle. Our next MAPS game against SCC Dolphins we won 1-0. Christie scored the goal. We had a lot of chances but could not finish. In the first half we were just kicking the ball in the second half we started to pass to each other and play well. Everyone had a great game. Standouts being Liz, Meme, and Christine. Following this was a MAPS game against Kirkwood. We lost 1-0 on a soft goal. We controlled most of the game and should have won easily. We were unable to finish. Callye played great in this game, and saved many opportunities.

We played a big PAGES qualifying game against Manheim in which we tied 2-2. We were unable to finish but played very well. Colleen and Eva scored but everyone played well. We should have one this game easily. Courtney, Callye, Christine, Meme and Rosemary (goal keeper) were standouts. On November 18 we played a PAGES game against Penn Academy. We won easily 3-1. Eva scored 2 goals and Christie scored. We could have scored more goals. Amanda, Lauren, and Myra played well in the middle and came up big for the team. By winning this game we tied Westmont for first place in PAGES. Next game is the playoffs...

We played in the PAGES semi-final game against Rising Star. We won 2-0. Eva and Myra each scored nice goals and it was a great win for us. Everybody came up big especially Rosemary (goalkeeper), Amanda, Myra, Christie and Lauren. The championship PAGES game was against Westmont. It was very competitive but we lost 1-0. This game could have gone either way. We scored a goal but it was called back because of offsides. Even though we lost, we had an amazing season, came a long way, and really stepped up our level of play.

We all thank our coaches, members of the team, and our captains for a great fall season and hope to continue getting better in the future.



Former LMSC player Jon Conway (blue jacket) and San Jose Earthquakes teammates celebrate their Major League Soccer championship.



The LMSC Chargers - Delco Soccer League Under 11 Division Four Champions. Head coach Bryan Richardson, assistant coach Fred Robinson.

INTRAMURAL PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

Blackburn wins Cosmos Division - It was an exciting playoff weekend in the Cosmos Division. There were upsets, double overtime and come from behind victories combined with good, clean and outstanding play to thrill the parents and supporters on the sidelines.

In the first semi-final game Blackburn, the 4th place finisher in the regular season upset the 1st place team Liverpool 2-1. After Liverpool scored the only goal in the first half to take a 1-0 lead, Blackburn came back with two second half goals by Maggie Lucas to win the game 2-1 and advance to the championship game.

The second semi-final was even more exciting as it took two overtimes for Chelsea to secure a 1-0 victory over Tottenham. Chelsea (the third place team in the regular season) and Tottenham played a very tough defensive battle with Chelsea's Amy Rosenblum finally scoring after 20 minutes of overtime was played to send her team to Sunday's championship.



After two electrifying battles on Saturday, Sunday's championship game was equally thrilling. Chelsea, one of the division's better defensive teams, scored early to take a 1-0 lead and was able to hold that lead until halftime. But once again, Blackburn displayed its toughness and determination by battling back early in the second half with goals by Maggie Lucas to tie the score and Emily Labowitz for the game winner. Blackburn then played an excellent team game controlling the ball at midfield combined with a tight defense to secure the victory 2-1.

The members of Blackburn's championship team include: Emma Ferguson, Grace Ferguson, Meg Ferguson, Fiona Flanagan, Allie Goldstein, Caroline Labe, Emily Labowitz, Maggie Lucas, Anne McGibbon, Elise Ongirski, Emily Rittenberg, Sara Ritterband, Elana Silberstein, Kyra Sutton and Corrine Zucker.

Giants win Seniors Division - Congratulations to the Giants on winning the Seniors Division championship.

Front Row: Lucas Chambers, Conor Ferguson, Kyle Peters, PJ Brogan, Anthony Dinardo.

Second Row: Peter Johnston, Philip Martinez, Curtis Gage, Alex Chambers, Joe McCallion, Duncan Becker.

Third Row: Ethan Moritz, Ben Ferber, Noah Levin, Danny Levin, Mike Bonney, Griffin Becker, Andrew Acker.

Back Row: Coach Scott Peters, Coach Marcia Johnston.



INDOOR SOCCER AT ROCKET SPORTS

This winter, many of our LMSC players are again staying active with soccer by playing indoors. The first House League at Rocket Sports has already started. Rocket Sports will offer a second session house league for grades K - 12 which will start in early February. Information on the Rocket Sports House Leagues, including registration material, can be found on their web page: www.rocketports.com

Many of our travel teams also play there in the winter. Rocket Sports offers two sessions of league play during the winter, as well as tournament play to travel teams.

LMSC would like to thank Rocket Sports for again making their facility available for our Annual Intramural All Star Games. Also, an extra special thanks for offering their facility and organizing the first ever Special Needs games with Greater Chester Valley. Rocket Sports' generous donation of their facility for both of these events was greatly appreciated by the many participants from LMSC.

2002 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 those players who wish to compete at higher levels of play in the future (high school, college and beyond.)

Tryouts for the fall season travel teams are held each spring, just before Memorial Day. We will mail tryout notices to all people on our mailing list in our Spring Newsletter, which will arrive in mid-March. Information about out tryout dates, times and locations will also be posted on our web page in early March.

Teams will be formed for ages Under 9 (Aug. 1, 1993 - July 31, 1994 birth) up through Under 15 (Aug. 1, 1987 - July 31, 1988).

The primary season for the teams is in the fall. Most travel teams play a limited amount of indoor soccer during the winter months. Our 'A' travel teams play in several spring and early fall tournaments.

*** Tryouts for our 2002 / 2003 Under 8 Developmental Travel Teams will be held in November. To be eligible, players MUST be born between August 1, 1994 and July 31, 1995, no exceptions. Information on the Under 8 Developmental Travel Team Tryouts will be mailed to all eligible players.

ADULT WOMEN'S PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GROW

The Tri-County Women's Soccer League, under the leadership of President Karin Sturla, has grown to include three divisions and lots of talent at all levels. This fall, Lower Merion fielded four teams in the three divisions, headed up by a group of dedicated team representatives. Our Division 1 team representatives, Rebecca Ward and Meghan Noone led their team to success through out the season. Meghan was a long time player in the LMSC Travel Team Program as a youngster. Her father John was a coach in the program for many years.

Our newly formed Division 2 team was headed up by Suzanne Eckel, who did a terrific job of blending some familiar LMSC faces such as Nancy McKenna, Robin Abi-Khattar and Sandi McCool with lots of new talent joining the teams this season. The team would like to thank coach Sertac Cakim for his excellent leadership this season.

Our two Division 3 teams, which welcome players newer to the sport of soccer, are organized by LMSC veterans, Devany Penne and Maryellen Koenig. Veteran player Mimi Halligan led the team on the field with her outstanding play. Special thanks to Nancy Worby for stepping in as goalie several times during the season. Also, a special thanks to Gene Strikwerda for his outstanding dedication as volunteer coach.

2002 LMSC SPRING INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

Once again, LMSC will be running the Spring Intramural Program for younger boys and girls. The program is tentatively set to run every **Sunday** afternoon from April 7 through June 17 (except Memorial Day Weekend).

Divisions will be formed as follows:

Boys 1997	Atoms	Girls 1997	Neutrons
Boys 1996	Bantams	Girls 1996	Microns
Boys 94 & 95	Intermediates	Girls 94 & 95	Protons
Boys 92 & 93	Seniors	Girls 92 & 93	Electrons

Registration material is available on the LMSC web site: www.lmsc.net

Registration material will also be available in our Spring Newsletter which we will mail out in mid-March to everyone on our mailing list.

Travel team players will NOT be allowed to register for the Spring Intramural Program.

Unlike the fall program, there are no midweek practices in the older divisions of the Spring Intramural Program.

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

Registrations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis in the Protons, Electrons, Intermediates and Seniors Divisions. Once we have received the maximum number of registrations, we will not be able to accept any additional registrations for those divisions.

If you know of anyone not on our mailing list who would like to play, please have them forward their name, address and date of birth or have them visit our web site.

RACHEL SAVETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

To honor the memory of Rachel, LMSC created a Scholarship Fund in Rachel's name. This scholarship is awarded each year to a former LMSC player, referee or field crew person who is currently in college. Last year's scholarship was given to Tag Boyle, a long time player, referee and field crew worker in LMSC. Tag is currently a sophomore at Connecticut College.

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

People who would like to contribute to this year's scholarship award are asked to write a check to "The Rachel Savett Memorial Scholarship Fund" and mail it to: LMSC, Box 469, Gladwyne, PA 19035.

We would like to thank all of you who donated to this worthy cause in 2000. As always, our prayers go out to Rachel and her family. We miss you Rachel.

LMSC PLAYERS IN THE PAGS LEAGUE SELECT PROGRAM

Congratulations to the following girls in our Travel Team Program who made the Philadelphia Area Girls Soccer (PAGS) League Select Program. These players were judged by the league to be among the top players in their age group for the entire league. League Select starts at the Under 11 age group.

Under 11: Hanni Blindenbacher, Jennie Gangl, Haley Pearlstein, Allie Rosenberg

Under 12: Lauren Bernstein, Isa Betancourt, Juliette Gorson, Andrea McGovern

The Delco Soccer League, which our boys teams compete in, no longer offers a League Select Program.

The PAGS Select teams will play against the League Select teams of other leagues from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and other states during the spring. The players will train together during the spring.

LMSC PLAYERS IN THE EPYSA STATE SELECT PROGRAM

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

1987 birth boys: Alex Fairman, Zach Weimar

1988 birth boys: Lee Rubenstein, Jimmy Rosato

1989 birth boys: Danny DiLullo, Alec Weiss

Note: Both DiLullo and Weiss were selected to the 1989 birth State Select pool playing "up" a year in age. Both boys are actually born in 1990.

The State Select teams play in the spring and summer against the other State Select in Region One which extends from Maine through West Virginia. Traditionally, our state is one of the strongest in the country, along with California, Texas, Virginia and Maryland.

LMSC MAKES DONATION TO THE RED CROSS

The fall, after the tragedy of September 11, LMSC made a donation of 50 cents per player to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. With 2800 kids participating in Lower Merion Soccer Club in the year 2001, our donation to the Relief Fund came to a total of \$1400. Hopefully our efforts, and those of numerous individuals in our club, will help ease the pain in some way of those people who suffered horrible losses.

A question had been raised back in September about whether or not we should have canceled the games on Saturday, September 15. It was the decision of the club that it was in the best interest of the players to have their lives proceed as normal and that playing the games was best for the players' needs. The two travel leagues that we participate in, the boys Delco League and the girls PAGS League, each asked players from both sides to gather together with the referees before their games that weekend and observe a moment of silence.

LMSC also made a donation of \$150 to a scholarship fund for the children of a Port Washington, New York coach who was killed in the Flight 587 crash earlier this fall.

AN LMSC COACH AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER

The following article was written by Bob Overhiser, a long time coach at LMSC. On the morning of September 11, 2001, Bob was inside the World Trade Center when terrorists crashed planes into both towers.

The following is a brief account of what I experienced on September 11. My sincere condolences to any of you who suffered loss.

I am a Financial Advisor in Philadelphia. Circumstances came together to put me at ground zero. Our group of 300 people from all over the country had been on the 61st floor of the south tower of the World Trade Center since 7 am. We were taking a break from training sessions at 8:45. I had gotten a cup of coffee and was looking south over the harbor. Amidst the din, I was vaguely aware of a hum and what sounded like distant rumble of thunder. Suddenly there were multi-colored office papers fluttering about in the sunlight. Why would there be papers way up here? I guessed that a fire had started in a trashcan and had blown out a window. This was going to be international news and a big aggravation caused by a minor accident. How could it be anything else?

People on our floor who had been looking north came into our area and said that bodies and debris had been flying by. I did not believe them. Then one of those in charge of our floor called out. "This is much more serious than it looks. Exit the building via the stairwell. Do not get your belongings." I was walking to get my belongings when I breathed a whiff of smoke. Now I hustled to put down my coffee and head for the stairs. The building is on fire or so I thought. It was a long way down.

From the first steps in the stairwell there was a surprising order to the process. I will forever thank the people who shared our trip down those stairs for knowing what to do, staying one notch below panic, intelligently handling bottlenecks and, most of all, for not falling down! The lights were on, sirens were mute and that dreaded message on the public address system you all heard about went either unheard or unheeded. But our progress seemed slow: two flights for every floor; four floors for each chance to exit out of the stairwell should we become like sardines. And where were all of the people who would flood the stairs and cause a standstill? We saw only three the whole way down.

I was on the stairs at about the 18th floor when the stairwell pitched more than a foot from an explosion somewhere above us. "This is it," I thought. I am about to learn what it is like to have a building come down upon me. With every step feeling like it might be the last, we continued — at a faster clip — urging others to stay calm, as smoke began to enter the stairwell. When I got to the fifth floor, I felt I would make it out.

Once out of the stairwell, we were in the bowels of the building but had help, tragically as it would turn out, all along the way from Trade Center personnel. At last we came back up and out of the building and were told by the many amassed rescue personnel, "Don't look up. Move away from the building." When we were several hundred feet away, we looked up at the inferno of our tower but saw for the first time that the north tower was on fire as well. I, along with one other fellow, headed northeast where we could see some open space. Get me away from buildings and bombs!

When we were about four blocks away at the City Hall Park we tried to call our wives. It would be more than half an hour before I could get through to my wife Sharyl on the phone — and she like many of you saw it all in real time! She explained that planes had hit both buildings and elsewhere as well. My friend and I were stunned and really unable to move. Sharyl called the schools to have them advise our daughter Sarah and our son John that I was okay. The schools handled it well. We saw the collapse of our building from there and were a few blocks further away when the north tower collapsed.

I am, like all of you, still trying to absorb what happened. I have been back to ground zero to try to get closure. At this point I am very thankful for having survived and having been spared many of the horrific images first hand. I also feel guilt and anger. But most of all, I feel compassion for those who must live within the literal and figurative acrid smell of this event every day for the rest of their lives. We are so safe and fortunate here in Lower Merion.

Our LMSC U-13 boys soccer game on the first Saturday after the Attack was symbolic for me for many reasons: the moment of silence; the first opportunity to express to kids how safe I felt here in Lower Merion; my emotional statement that to play this game is both a right and a privilege; the beauty of the day; and the military aircraft flying overhead. I was very impressed by the maturity and purposefulness of the players on both teams. Now, more than ever, I cherish the values and purpose of the club and the growth of the players in so many ways.

2001 INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAME ROSTERS

BANTAMS

Aronchick Jake
 Blumenthal Sam
 Bredt Jimmy
 Buckman Daniel
 Buckmann Alex
 Chou Travis
 Cohen Alex
 Copeland Trevor
 Corbey Dariusz
 Dadourian Gregory
 Dickler Spencer
 Epstein Jack
 Flannery Kevin
 Fuchs Alex
 Goldstein Chuck
 Gordon Blake
 Havenga Brandon
 Heller Evan
 Henderson Dylan
 Herman Zachary
 Hinz Corentin
 Johnson Lucas
 Keenan Justin
 Kendall Sam
 Lawson Kevin
 Lindheim Matthew
 Lurie Julian
 Mack Alex
 Marks Jacob
 McCaffrey Colin
 Nagaraj Gautam
 Northern Kelly
 Patrizio Vincent
 Pillion Harry
 Regillo Grant
 Rosenberg Harry
 Rosenberg Jake
 Salzer Josh
 Silver Sammy
 VanDenHooff Wouter
 Vecere T.J.
 White Joshua
 Williamson Matthew
 Yaron Ari
 Zalesne Alex
 Zimmer Elias

INTERMEDIATES

Arronson Nathan
 Becker George
 Blumenthal Max
 Boni Gabe
 Borowsky Sammy
 Bronstein Danny
 Bruner-Henning Jaimeson
 Carabasi Cary
 Clauson Matthew
 Cohen Noah
 Cooper Matthew
 Derman Blake
 Diehl Nate
 Dubow Alex
 Farrell Jay
 Fitzgerald Stephen
 Fleming Blaine
 Foust Shane
 Freedman Aaron
 Gagnier Michael
 Garino Jonathan
 Geaneotes Zachary
 Goodman Jake
 Gordon Daniel
 Green Jeffrey
 Green Michael
 Haab Connor
 Harris Ben
 Hauser Beau
 Henderson Sam
 Herrine Oliver
 Hoffman Drew
 Hutchins Brett
 Kaplan Alan
 Kendall Harrison
 Kleiner Zachary
 Kocent Matthew
 Koven Eli
 Lucoff Jordan
 McAvoy Billy
 McConnell Emmett
 McGibbon Ian
 McLaughlin Devin
 Moltz John
 Morgan Aron
 Niles Tyler
 Norcini Shea
 Normile Nicholas
 Ochroch Jake
 Opall Evan
 Pontecorvo Matthew
 Posner Steven
 Rubenstein Daniel
 Santora Jordan

Schimpff Paul
 Schoenberg Noah
 Schwartz Jonathan
 Shein Jason
 Smith Ryan
 Stein Sam
 Teed Brian
 Terruso Gregory
 Ward Tyler
 Weinberg Charles
 Weker Richie
 White Anthony

SENIORS

Acevedo Miguel
 Becker Griffin
 Berman Neal
 Berson Myles
 Block Michael
 Bonney Mike
 Chawaga Peter
 Cohen Ethan
 Conn Matthew
 Cutler Ben
 Dupre Sam
 Farook Kyle
 Gagnier Matthew
 Gallagher Dane
 Gerrity Jimmy
 Goldberg Ben
 Golden Harry
 Gross Sam D.
 Gross Sam E.
 Havenga Shawn
 Hupfeldt Hup
 Johnson Daniel
 Johnson Connor
 Kostyk Andrew
 Kunz Dan
 Lanza Sergio
 Lengel Matt
 Levin Danny
 Levin Noah
 Moses Richard
 Olsen Brandon
 Rosengard Michael
 Rothenberg Jesse
 Sacerio Daniel
 Segall Daniel
 Spencer Chris
 Spooner Mark
 Thomas David
 Trichon Matthew
 Van Adelsberg Jack

Weinstein James
 White Andrew
 Wimmer Joel
 Zelouf Zachary

MAJORS

Berrettini Jack
 Blistein Jonathan
 Block Andrew
 Boggia Thomas
 Brown Bayard
 Burgio Stephen
 Castelli Will
 Cohen Ian
 Cullina Luke
 DePasquale Andy
 Deasey Michael
 Dob Andrew
 Eckhart Derek
 Feingold Avraham
 Force Omid
 Goldberg Louis
 Haack Ben
 Hannaway Jack
 Hearn Alex
 Henwood Chris
 Hornung Cody
 Laken Matthew
 Lauersen Anders
 Lerman Alex
 Lipson Casey
 Lucas Ben
 Marshall John
 McConnell Devlin
 Meiers Andrew
 Menko Raphael
 Moran Kenneth
 Morrison Jack
 Murphy-Trotzky Isaac
 Pizzutillo Alex
 Prince Adam
 Rieder Nathan
 Selarnick Alex
 Shaver James
 Sokolic Matthew
 Tanenbaum Jack
 Teran Tyler
 Tyler Jeffrey
 Weinrott Julien
 Witkes Alex

2001 INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAME ROSTERS

JUNIORS

Barron	Zack
Cooper	Alex
Dagit	Gregory
DeBruin	Alexis
Fairman	Connor
Freundlich	Max
Frey	Max
Friggle	Zachary
Gilboy	Timothy
Hollin	Sam
Holmes	Jack
Howard	Dmitri
Koren	Ron
Lane	Jack
Maggio	Mario
Maggio	Michael
Settle	Alex
Shecter	James
Shiffraw	Emery
Shoemaker	Andrew
Siegelman	Matthew
Trainer	Cameron
White	Jacob
Yodh	Jeremy

MICRONS

Adams	Mackenzie
Berger	Sydney
Bunn	Laura
Burke	Mary
Carp	Julia
Coyle	Anne
Curtis	Darcy
D'Orazio	Julianne
Daly	Kiersten
Foust	Caleigh
Fox	Lauren
Garnick	Rachael
Goldman	Callan
Lavelle	Claire
Liu	Jessica
Marx	Darby
Moran	Shannon
Patrizio	Alessandra
Pizzini	Maria
Posusney	Sara
Shrestha	Reeta
Smith	Rachael
Tolosa	Cristina
Wurth	Ella
Zeller	Martha
Zeller	MaryGrace

PROTONS

Adler	Sara
Auerbach	Lindsay
Badin	Sarah
Blank	Samantha
Blistein	Lenna
Blumenthal	Marni
Burke	Regina
Carroll	Shaina
Chapin	Kendall
Chou	Chloe
Crossan	Casey
Currier	Alexandra
Dahle	Becca
Frank	Sydney
Hyman	Sara
Ichniowski	Carly
Kocent	Caroline
Levyn	Emely
Lewis	Julie
Liu	Alessandra
MacManus	Leslie
McLaughlin	Allison
Neckowicz	Patricia
Newell	Rachel
Newman	Rachel
Neylan	Elizabeth
Noteware	Madison
Olsen	Brooke
Penaherrera	Gabriella
Pernot	Viviana
Puklin	Leah
Quinn	Chelsea
Rappoport	Emily
Reiff	Julie
Rizzo	Claudia
Robert	Gwenaelle
Roseman	Hallie
Rosenbaum	Cecilia
Saul	Julia
Schwab	Jessica
Selig	Nanci
Several	Alexi
Smith	Julia
Unkovic	Clare
Utkus	Audrey
Voluck	Rikki
Winkler	Rebecca
Wojdak	Madelyn

ELECTRONS

Adkins	Kathryn
Bargiora	Nina
Baumstein	Hannah
Benjamin	Lauren
Berkowitz	Shelby
Birnbaum	Julia
Carson	Julie
Chitester	Clare
Dash	Rachel
Dinneen	Madison
Ebeling	Cara
Fox	Candace
Goldberg-Morse	Hannah
Heyman	Rachel
Hyman	Leah
Johnson	Beverly
Koppelman	Nora
Lagos	Katie
Lashner	Nora
Levy	Samantha
Lewis	Amanda
Matthai	Alice
McDevitt	Kylie
Meehan	Caroline
Mezochow	Gabrielle
Moosburner	Elizabeth
Murray	Casey
Nunez	Natalie
Ortmeyer	Katherine
Partridge	Emily
Peterson	Laura
Randel	Jessica
Rescorl	Sasha
Rizzo	Madelena
Rosen	Charlotte
Rosenzweig	Danielle
Sax	Emily
Spagnola	Kelly
Sutton	Leah
Tolosa	Monica
Votto	Taylor
Weinstein	Hannah
Zakheim	Lauren
Zuzelo	Victoria

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Acker	Emily
Berman	Jennifer
Boggia	Catherine
Burch	Chloe
Butler	Johanna
Citron	Chelsea
Cutler	Samantha
DellaPorta	Aimee
Dworkin	Leah
Egolf	Taylor
Flanagan	Fiona
Formica	Nicole
Gindin	Molly
Golec	Sylvie
Green	Brittany
Greulich	Katy
Gross	Stephanie
Heyman	Brooke
Jaffe	Shaina
Kamis	Danielle
Krain	Jennifer
Kunz	Hadley
London	Rachel
Lucas	Maggie
Lynch	Erin
McGibbon	Anne
Morse	Hannah
Murtagh	Paige
Ongirski	Elise
Reiff	Alison
Rittenberg	Emily
Rosenblum	Amy
Ruben	Kelsey
Rutstein	Beth
Saam	Kelly
Schneider	Samantha
Soehngen	Augusta
Spagnola	Megan
Stabert	Nora
Stanton-Ameisen	Olivia
Stevens	Sera
Viola	Meredith
Zucker	Corinne
Zug	Kelly

2001 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 **Walt Einhorn**, head coach for the LMSC Gunners, our Under 13 'C' team. This is Walt's fifth season with the Gunners.

During Walt's time as head coach for the Gunners, the team has reached the playoffs four times. In 1999, the Gunners were crowned champions of their division. In 2000, the Gunners reached the semifinals of their division. Over the years, many of Walt's players were able to develop and move up to higher divisions of play. One of his former players moved up from the 'C' team to the 'A' team, thanks to Walt's coaching and knowledge of the game.

For his many years of service, and his tremendous job with the Gunners, LMSC would like to honor Walt as our Coach Of The Year.

Our Girls Travel Team Coach Of The Year Award goes to **Gabe Betancourt**, head coach for the Under 12 LMSC Red Dragons. Gabe has been coaching in our program for many years. This year, Gabe guided the Red Dragons to a 6-2-2 record before losing to Spirit United in a tough, hard fought game that was ultimately decided by penalty kicks.

We at LMSC are very fortunate to have Gabe coaching. For all his work, we are happy to honor him as 2001 Coach Of The Year.

Our Intramural Coach Of The Year Award for 2001 goes to **Casey Ichniowski**, head coach for the Protons Division Angels team, and the Division Commissioner for the Protons Division. During the fall, Casey also coached the Under 14 LMSC Arsenal in the Boys Travel Team Program.

Serving as coach for two different teams, as well as serving as Division Commissioner for our 18 team Protons Division is a lot of work. Casey did a great job in all of these positions. The LMSC Directors would like to thank Casey for all of his work this year, and recognize him as our 2001 Coach Of The Year.

PREVIOUS LMSC COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

2001	Walt Einhorn Gabe Betancourt Casey Ichniowski	Boys Travel Program Girls Travel Program Intramural Program
2000	Art Corrado Will Haines Fred Robinson	Boys Travel Program Girls Travel Program Intramural Program
1999	Miguel Nuila Chris Dennis Steven Spencer	Boys Travel Program Girls Travel Program Intramural Program
1998	Rick Whelan Rose Miller Stephan Axelrod	Boys Travel Program Girls Travel Program Intramural Program
1997	George Moore Danielle Fagan Dan Sutton	Boys Travel Program Girls Travel Program Intramural Program
1996	Ray Hurtado Traci Brody Joe D'Orazio	Boys Travel Program Girls Travel Program Intramural Program
1995	Dan Grauman Marty Rubenstein	Travel Program Intramural Program
1994	Kip Lord Susan Reynolds	Travel Program Intramural Program
1993	Chris Campbell	Travel Program
1992	Chris Scott	Travel Program
1991	Lance Laver	Travel Program



LMSC Hammerhead Will Addis and LMSC Disasters Doug Ammon congratulate each other after their Under 12 Division One Delco League Championship game.

SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM

The Lower Merion Special Needs Soccer Program concluded another successful year. More than 30 children, ages 5 to 14 participated in the program. The team met every Saturday morning from 9:15 A.M. until 10:30 A.M. at Penn Valley Elementary School. The members of the team have a wide range of special needs, including physical and mental disabilities. Team members came from Lower Merion, Haverford, Upper Merion, Radnor, Upper Darby and Lansdowne.

The success of the team is due in large part to our five core volunteers. Once again Alexis Reynolds and Lauren Fine worked with the younger children under the supervision of Robert Schwarz. After four years of volunteering their Saturday mornings, Alexis and Lauren will be graduating. They will be missed next year. Matt Fine and Brian Hillsberg were back coaching the older children. We hope that Matt and Brian will be back next year.

The program has followed an intramural format. However, in response to requests from all of the kids, we reached out to other leagues to see if we could establish an inter-league game with other Special Needs teams. Just as it appeared that the season would conclude without an inter-league game, Rocket Sports came to the rescue.

Rocket Sports donated time at their indoor facility and set up a game between Lower Merion and Chester County. I wish you could have seen the smiles on the faces of the members of each team. Briana, a member of the Lower Merion team for several years, told me that she had been to Rocket Sports to watch her sister play, but now her sister was at Rocket Sports to watch her play. When Briana fell from her walker, we all held our breath. When she came up smiling and asking to be put back in the game, there was not a dry eye in the house. When the game concluded both teams were exhausted, but the fun was not over.

To everyone's surprise, Charlie Dodds and Andy Kelly, managers of Rocket Sports, distributed trophies to every child. They capped the evening off with free pizza and soft drinks for everyone and promised to make the event a permanent one. We all went home exhausted and with smiles on our faces.

We are looking forward to next year. If you would like to volunteer to help in the Special Needs Program next fall, please send an e-mail to the Lower Merion Soccer Club. The Special Needs Program is always looking for additional volunteers.

RECENT LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

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

This year, LMSC was the only club in the Delco Soccer League that had two Division One champions.

DELCO LEAGUE (BOYS)

2001	U-9	2	Rebels	G. Moore
2001	U-10	1	Velez	M. Nuila
2001	U-10	4	Dynamos	K. Smith
2001	U-11	4	Chargers	B. Richardson
2001	U-12	1	Hammerheads	B. Sturla
2000	U-9	2	Misfits	S. Fagan
2000	U-10	1	Hammerheads	B. Sturla
2000	U-10	4	Lightning	A. Corrado
2000	U-11	5	Demolishers	R. Savett
2000	U-12	2	Rebels	G. Moore
2000	U-13	5	Dynasty	G. Gibson
1999	U-9	1	Hammerheads	B. Sturla
1999	U-10	5	Demons	A. Macia
1999	U-11	2	Rebels	G. Moore
1999	U-12	4	Gunners	W. Einhorn
1999	U-12	5	Aliens	A. Escott
1998	U-12	4	Marvels	R. Kaufman
1997	U-13	3	Gators	M. Avart
1997	U-14	2	Maniacs	K. Lord
1997	U-14	3	Banshees	J. Rose
1997	U-15	2	Blackhawks	C. Scott
1996	U-9	2	Heat	B. Richardson
1996	U-9	4	Hurricanes	F. Leto
1996	U-9	5	Aliens	A. Escott
1996	U-10	5	Marvels	G. Steinberg
1995	U-11	1	Derelicts	J. Hopkins
1995	U-9	1	Delinquents	D. Grauman
1995	U-14	2	Sharks	R.Whelan/B.Rock

PAGS LEAGUE (GIRLS)

2001	U-9	5	Rockets	S. Frank
2000	U-9	5	Heartbreakers	W. Haines
2000	U-15	2	Devils	R. Miller
1999	U-12	3	Red Storm	D. Sutton
1999	U-14	2	Devils	R. Miller
1999	U-14	4	Chili Peppers	M. Malloy
1999	U-15	2	Red Hawks	C. Dennis
1997	U-14	2	Hawks	R. Lane
1997	U-15	1	Mandrills	L. Laver

Summary of the Boys Travel Team Program

DIVISION	TEAM	COACH	LEAGUE	PLAYOFFS
U-9A	1 Roadkill	B. Sturla	9-1-0	Semifinals
U-9B	2 Predators	G. Moore	8-0-2	Champions
U-9C	3 Boltz	R. Pearlstein	3-5-1	
U-9D	5 Thunder	P. Svigals	7-1-2	Finalists
U-10A	1 Velez	M. Nuila	12-0-1	Champions
U-10B	1 Misfits	S. Fagan	4-5-2	
U-10C	3 Habaneros	J. Ailor	10-3-0	Finalists
U-10D	4 Dynamos	K. Smith	11-0-1	Champions
U-11B	1 Spider Monkeys	T. Pillion	6-3-2	Semifinals
U-11C	3 Menace	G. Buckmann	5-1-5	
U-11D	4 Chargers	B. Richardson	8-2-1	Champions
U-12A	1 N. Disasters	R. Whelan	8-5-0	Finalists
U-12A	1 Hammerheads	B. Sturla	8-2-3	Champions
U-12B	3 Stingers	L. Real	7-4-0	
U-12C	4 Demons	A. Macia	9-2-0	Semifinals
U-12D	5 Demolishers	R. Savett	5-4-2	Semifinals
U-13A	2 Rebels	G. Moore	4-5-1	
U-13B	4 Gunners	W. Einhorn	4-5-0	
U-14A	1 Oclad	C. Dodds	3-4-3	Semifinals
U-14B	2 Arsenal	G. Smolen	8-2-0	Semifinals
U-14C	5 Dynasty	G. Gibson	3-4-3	

**** Note: The U-11A Hammerheads played up a year in the U-12-1 Division and won the championship.**

Summary of the Girls Travel Team Program

DIVISION	TEAM	COACH	LEAGUE	PLAYOFFS
U-9A	1 Flame	S. Blumenthal	6-3-1	3rd Place
U-9B	3 Bee Stars	R. Gregg	5-1-4	3rd Place
U-9C	5 Rockets	S. Frank	6-1-1	Champions
U-10A	1 Chili Peppers	D. Fagan	6-1-3	3rd Place
U-10B	3 Firecrackers	H. Goldner	9-1-1	2nd Place
U-10C	4 Heartbreakers	W. Haines	6-3-0	
U-11A	1 Stingrays	K. Sturla	8-3-0	Semifinals
U-11B	5 Sharks	R. McCarthy	8-2-1	Semifinals
U-12A	1 Fireballs	N. Gorson	0-6-4	
U-12B	3 Red Dragons	G. Betancourt	6-3-2	Semifinals
U-13A	1 Force	J. Chagan	1-7-2	
U-13B	3 Cool Cats	K. Kraus	1-8-0	
U-13C	5 Storm	J. Bowring	3-4-2	
U-14A	Cup Rage	R. Schwab	4-1-4	Finalists
U-14B	3 Red Storm	D. Sutton	0-9-1	
U-15A	4 Hot Shots	S. Ritner	5-4-1	
U-16A	1 Devils	R. Abrahams	0-6-0	

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