

LOWER MERION SOCCER CLUB

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1997 SPRING INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

Page four of this newsletter contains information about our 1997 Spring Intramural Program which will be held for boys and girls born between August 1, 1989 and December 31, 1991 (mature 1992 births will also be accepted). The program will start on April 20th and run every Sunday through June 22nd, except for Memorial Day Weekend.

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

For the first time ever, we will offer a Girls Premier Division for advanced girls ages 6-7. This was made possible through the efforts of Lower Merion Township Commissioner Brian Rosenthal who was able to obtain an additional field at Haverford College.

TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUTS

Page three of this newsletter lists the dates, times and field locations for our Travel Team tryouts, including names of people to contact if you require additional information. Tryouts are for the 1997 / 1998 Fall Season which will start in late August.

Participants in the Travel Team Program must be at least 8 years of age as of August 1st, 1997. We plan to field boys teams and girls teams in each age group from Under 9 through Under 15. The exact number of teams in each age group will be dependent on the number of players trying out and the number of qualified coaches we are able to identify for each age group.

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

Anyone born in 1984 or later who does not make a travel team will be eligible to play in the Fall Intramural Program. Registrations will be sent out in late June.

MEET THE FREEDOM NIGHT

As written in our Winter Newsletter, LMSC has acquired the Philadelphia Freedom Professional Soccer Team. LMSC Vice President Joe Hopkins is the President of the Freedom and Biff Sturla is the General Manager. The Freedom are now a subsidiary of LMSC.

The Freedom will play a 22 game schedule, competing in the USISL. Opening night for the 1997 season is Sunday, May 4th, 5:00 PM at Marple Newtown Stadium. LMSC is also operating the Women's Philadelphia Frenzy team which plays in the W-League of the USISL.

This will be the fourth season for the Freedom. They played their home games up in Bucks County in previous seasons. Last year the Freedom went 14-8, missing the USISL playoffs by just one point.

One of the purposes of this acquisition was to make LMSC a program that provides soccer from the grass roots level up to the professional level. The acquisition will hopefully provide our youth players with role models as well as aspirations of someday making it to the professional ranks.

With this in mind, LMSC has organized a "Meet The Freedom Night" where local area youth players and adults can come out and meet several players on both the Freedom and the Frenzy.

The date for our "**MEET THE FREEDOM NIGHT**" is **Thursday, April 10th** from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. It will be held at the **Lower Merion High School Cafeteria**. All LMSC players and family members are encouraged to come out and meet the players on both teams.

We are also going to be raffling off various Freedom items, including Freedom tee shirts, hats and balls. This event is being held in conjunction with Spring Intramural Registration Night where players ages 5-7 wishing to play in our Spring Program will come to register.

Also at our "Meet The Freedom Night", we will be selling tickets to Opening Night at 50% off the face value of regular tickets. We hope that we can count on your support for this exciting event.

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INDOOR STATE CUPS RESULTS

For the ninth consecutive year, LMSC has had a team reach the semifinals of the State Cups. Our Under 15 boys team, the Sharks, under the direction of Bob Rock and Rick Whelan reached the semifinals for the third consecutive year.

Competing against some of the best Under 15 premier clubs, the Sharks won its division by beating teams from Deep Run Valley, Downingtown and York. Strong goal keeping by Matt Corrado and stout defense by Josh Hollinger, Blake Stabert, Jordan Parman, Mike Day, Aaron Jaffe and Tom Rock shut down the opposition.

At midfield, the superior playmaking and ball handling of Ted Hart, Tagg Boyle, Matt Ross, Robert Blumberg, Brian Cleary and Ben Fenton created a plethora of scoring opportunities, several of which were converted by the skillful footwork of strikers Jon Payne, Matt Konopka, Dan Erstad and Ricky Whelan.

In the semi-finals, the Sharks lost a closely contested game against Towamencin, a team the Sharks had beaten twice the week before at Woodhaven.

For seven years, the LMSC Sharks have competed successfully against some of the strongest competition in the area, winning championships in several outdoor and indoor tournaments. The bulk of the players have been together from the beginning, making the Sharks a close-knit team. Their success, both on the field and off the field, evidences their commitment to the team and to each other.

PHILADELPHIA FREEDOM SOCCER CAMP AT LMSC

The Philadelphia Freedom will be running numerous one week soccer camps throughout the greater Delaware Valley this summer. Two of the camps will be run at Welsh Valley Middle School. Other camps sites for this summer will include Valley Forge, West Chester and Newtown Square.

The "Philadelphia Freedom Professional Soccer School" will be geared towards intramural players and non 'A' level travel team players. Their focus will be on skill development, tactical development and most important, enjoyment of the game of soccer.

The camps will be run by Mr. Dave Roy, Assistant General Manager for the Freedom. Dave is a former player for the Freedom and a coach for Conestoga High School, LMSC and F.C. Delco.

Assisting Dave will be Rich Finneyfrock, assistant coach for the Freedom. Rich played for many years in the NASL with the Ft. Lauderdale Strikers and in the ASL with the Nashville Diamonds and Charlotte Lightning. He has been involved with youth soccer camps for over 16 years and is the head coach for New Hope - Solebury High School.

Also among the staff will be several Freedom players. The goalkeeping staff will be headed up by Dave Urbach, starting goalie for the Freedom. Dave is also an EPYSA State Coach who trains the goalies on many of our State Select teams.

The first Philadelphia Freedom Soccer School camp will be run at Welsh Valley Middle School June 23 through June 27. The second camp will be June 30 - July 4. The camps will offer full day sessions (9:00 am - 4:00 pm) and half day sessions (9:00 am - 1:00 pm).

The costs for each week are \$170 for full day and \$115 for half day. Each camper will receive a Philadelphia Freedom soccer ball, Freedom tee shirt and a pair of tickets to a future Freedom home game. Individual awards will be given at the end of each camp session.

Brochures for the Philadelphia Freedom Professional Soccer School will be sent out in late March. For more information about the camps, please call the Freedom office at 610-896-9683.

LMSC 1997 / 1998 TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUT INFORMATION

Each year, LMSC holds tryouts in the spring for their fall season travel teams. The 1997 fall team lineup will include boys and girls teams from Under 9 up through Under 15.

The number of teams formed in each age group will be dependent on the number of players trying out as well as the number of qualified coaches that we can identify for the age group.

Boys U-16 teams and older will play in the winter season. Tryouts for those teams will be held in October.

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

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

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

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

All players making one of the LMSC Travel Teams will be expected to attend Travel Team Registration Night on Thursday, May 29 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at the Lower Merion High School cafeteria.

AGE GROUP	ELIGIBLE BIRTHDATES	AGE GROUP CONTACT	TRYOUT DATES AND FIELDS
Boys Under 9	Aug. 1, 1988 - July 31, 1989	Biff Sturla 964-9024	May 9, 16, 23 6:00 Welsh Valley
Boys Under 10	Aug. 1, 1987 - July 31, 1988	Marty Rubenstein 664-6553	April 23, 28 6:00 Welsh Valley
Boys Under 11	Aug. 1, 1986 - July 31, 1987	Dan Grauman 668-9904	April 25, May 1 5:30 Welsh Valley
Boys Under 12	Aug. 1, 1985 - July 31, 1986	Ray Hurtado 527-0651	May 12, 15, 20 6:00 Welsh Valley
Boys Under 13	Aug. 1, 1984 - July 31, 1985	Joe Hopkins 525-0700	May 1 6:00 Bryn Mawr Polo
Boys Under 14	Aug. 1, 1983 - July 31, 1984	Kip Lord 667-6533	May 15, 16 5:30 Bryn Mawr Polo
Boys Under 15	Aug. 1, 1982 - July 31, 1983	Chris Scott 617-0189	May 13, 20 6:00 Bryn Mawr Polo
Girls Under 9	Aug. 1, 1988 - July 31, 1989	Nancy Worby 668-0947	May 7, 14 6:00 Welsh Valley
Girls Under 10	Aug. 1, 1987 - July 31, 1988	Rich Schwab 667-1043	May 2, 22 6:00 Welsh Valley
Girls Under 11	Aug. 1, 1986 - July 31, 1987	Steve Hamilton 667-3288	April 24, 30 6:00 Welsh Valley
Girls Under 12	Aug. 1, 1985 - July 31, 1986	Traci Brody 667-3807	May 4 6:00 Welsh Valley May 17 9:00 Welsh Valley
Girls Under 13	Aug. 1, 1984 - July 31, 1985	Chris Campbell 664-0979	May 5, 8 6:00 Welsh Valley
Girls Under 14	Aug. 1, 1983 - July 31, 1984	Roger Lane 649-0556	April 30 6:00 Welsh Valley
Girls Under 15	Aug. 1, 1982 - July 31, 1983	Lance Laver 668-9844	May 14 6:00 Bryn Mawr Polo

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

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

YOUTH COACHING COURSE

We are pleased to announce that we will be sponsoring an Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association 'E' level coaching course. The eighteen hour course will be geared towards adults who will be coaching a team of players in the age range of 7-13 years of age.

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

The six night course will be held as follows: Tuesday evenings April 1, 8, 15 at Welsh Valley Middle School, Wednesdays April 16 and 23 at Lower Merion High School and Tuesday April 29 at Welsh Valley. Each evening will run from 6:15 - 9:15.

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

The cost for the course is \$35, payable to Lower Merion Soccer Club. Those people taking the course who coach within LMSC will be reimbursed the full amount by LMSC upon successful completion of the course.

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

Anyone interested in attending the course should call the LMSC hotline and request registration material for the course.

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

STATE CUP HONOR ROLL

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

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

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

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

TRAVEL LEAGUE REFEREE CERTIFICATION COURSE

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

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

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

Wednesday	April 2
Thursday	April 3
Wednesday	April 9
Tuesday	April 10
Wednesday	April 16
Thursday	April 17

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

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

The cost for the course is \$50, payable to EPSARC. This is a nonrefundable fee. Neither LMSC nor the associated leagues will not reimburse you for this. The money earned while reffing will quickly cover the cost. Referees earn from \$8.00 to \$45.00 per game.

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

Anyone interested in this course should send their check, before March 1st to Dan Sutton, 401 Kent Road, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004. For more information, call Dan before 10:00 PM at 664-4890. The registration will take place at the first night of the course. Fifteen applications are required for the course to be held.

EQUIPMENT RECYCLING FOR INNER CITY SOCCER

During the past nine years, LMSC made several major contributions of soccer clothing and used equipment to the Philadelphia P.A.L. Our contributions have assisted in the formation of several inner city soccer programs in South Philadelphia involving several hundred boys and girls.

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

UPCOMING COLLECTION EFFORTS: We will accept donations to this effort on two different nights this spring. The first will be at the combined "Meet The Freedom" Night and Spring Intramural Registration Night on Thursday, April 10.

The second will be at Travel Team Registration Night on Thursday, May 29.

Both events will run from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at the Lower Merion High School cafeteria.

For more information about the equipment recycling program, call our collection drive chairperson, Marilynne Rose, 664-5260.

UNDER 8 BOYS TRAVEL TEAM

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

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

Coaches: Biff Sturla, Allan Greaves

SPRING INTRAMURAL REFEREES AND FIELD CREW

Experienced soccer players ages 11 through 18 are invited to apply for positions in the Spring Intramural Program as referees and / or field crew workers. You do not need to have prior reffing experience. The program will run on Sunday afternoons starting on April 20th and continue every Sunday through June 22nd except for Memorial Day weekend.

Games for most age groups will be at the Vernon Young Memorial Field on Greenfield Avenue in Ardmore, just past Recreation Station.

In addition to reffing games, referees will be expected to help coach the players and teach them the rules of the game as they go along. Referees will be expected to ACTIVELY participate in the 15 minute skills clinic at the beginning of each session. They will be expected to work with the program commissioners in teaching the players the fundamental skills of dribbling, passing, receiving, shooting, goalkeeping, etc.

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

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

We will need five Junior Referees at Ardmore Avenue Fields from 12:15 until 5:45. Referees at these fields will be paid \$8.00 per hour. Referees who work the entire afternoon will be paid \$50.

Senior Referees will be responsible for doing the Boys and Girls Premier Divisions (advanced 7 year old players). To qualify as a Senior Referee, you must be at least 14 years of age and have at least one year of reffing experience. The Boys Premier Division will play at Merion Elementary School. It is anticipated that the Girls Premier Division will play at Haverford College, a new field site for us which was obtained through the hard work of Township Commissioner Brian Rosenthal.

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

Each Thursday, LMSC referee assignor Suzie Grech will call referees until she has enough referees to cover all games for the upcoming Sunday. If you are able to referee that Sunday, let her know. If you are not available that weekend, let her know that. There is no penalty for not being available to referee.

If you do commit to reffing and then fail to show up, you will be removed from the referee list for the remainder of the season and all of the 1997 Fall Intramural Season.

All referees will be expected to wear soccer attire including a soccer tee shirt, soccer flats and soccer

shorts. Basketball sneakers, heavy metal tee shirts, etc. will not be tolerated. Referees will be expected to provide their own whistle each time that they referee.

Field Crew workers will be responsible for setting up the goals, taking down the goals, loading and unloading equipment, etc. They will be expected to work in the morning at the Vernon Young Memorial Field, before the first group arrives, and work in the early evening, after the last group leaves. They will be paid \$10 / hour for their work. Referee / Field Crew assignor Suzie Grech will be in charge of calling people for field crew.

If you are interested in reffing or being on the field crew, fill out the enclosed application form and return to our post office box. Applications are due by April 10th at the latest. If you require additional information, please call the LMSC Hotline.

SPORTS RINK FINISHES THEIR SECOND INDOOR SEASON

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

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

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

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

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

FREEDOM OPPORTUNITIES

Many of our older LMSC players have inquired about being able to work at Freedom games and / or Frenzy games this year. The Freedom is making work opportunities available to LMSC players ages 13 and up. This includes some pre-season office work during the spring as well as game day opportunities for the eleven Freedom home games and the eight Frenzy home games during the summer.

If you would like to be considered for a position working for the Freedom of Frenzy, please send a letter, stating your name, address, age, soccer background (player, referee, field crew work, etc.) and your availability during the summer. This should be sent to: Philadelphia Freedom, Box 469, Gladwyne, PA 19035.

If you are interested in working for the Freedom or Frenzy, please send this information in right away. We will furnish further details to those players who respond.

FREEDOM SPONSORSHIP

The Philadelphia Freedom will be offering a limited amount of business sponsorship opportunities. If you have a business or product that you would like to have advertised in the Freedom yearbook, the Freedom newsletter, at the field, etc. please let them know. The team's goal for the season is to average 2000 spectators per game. For more information about this, please call the Freedom office at 610-896-9683.

FREEDOM PRACTICE SESSIONS OPEN TO PUBLIC

As an incentive to youngsters at LMSC and other soccer programs, the Freedom will be making one practice session a week open to the public during the season.

Youth players will enjoy watching a professional team prepare for upcoming matches and will definitely learn a lot about the game watching high level players in action.

There is no charge to watch the team practice.

Travel team coaches are encouraged to bring their entire team out to one of the practices. Youth players and their families are also welcome.

To get a complete, up to date, practice schedule for the Freedom, including field locations and directions, please call the Freedom office at 610-896-9683.

ADULT WOMEN'S SOCCER (NEWCOMERS WELCOME)

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

The Moonlight Ladies finished a very successful indoor season, hosting two tournaments against other local area indoor teams at Sports Rink in Haverford. The team also held indoor practices several times during the year at Sports Rink and other local area gyms.

The Moonlight Ladies are now looking to expand their program to offer practices and instruction to other women who would like to play but have never played before. Several of the "veterans" are interested in putting together a program this spring for first time players. **NO SOCCER EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED** to play in this program.

If you would like to get more information about the Adult Women's Program, please call the LMSC Hotline at 215-953-8060.

The "Newcomer" Program is tentatively set to start in mid-April although exact dates, times and fields have yet to be determined.

FALL INTRAMURAL LINEUP

For those of you who are already looking ahead to the fall season, LMSC will be offering the following intramural programs in 1997:

BOYS DIVISIONS

Atoms:	1992 births
Bantams:	1991 births
Juniors:	1989, 90 births (novice)
Intermediates:	1989, 90 births (advanced)
Seniors:	1987, 88 births
Majors:	1984, 85, 86 births

GIRLS DIVISIONS

Neutrons:	1992 births
Microns:	1991 births
Protons:	1989, 90 births
Electrons:	1987, 88 births
Cosmos:	1984, 85, 86 births

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

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Matt Ogelsby - A star player at Gladwyne - Penn Valley for many years, Matt went on to be an All American lacrosse player at Duke University and was ACC Player Of The Year in 1995. Matt now plays professional lacrosse for the Philadelphia Wings.

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

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

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

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

SENIOR WOMEN'S TEAM

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

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

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

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

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