

# LOWER MERION SOCCER CLUB

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With the 1992 fall season finally over, we at LMSC would like to take some time to look back on the past season and talk about what is in store for 1993. Hopefully this newsletter will give all of you a better understanding about all of our programs and activities including:

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### OUR NEW PHONE NUMBER

LMSC is pleased to announce that we will have our own LMSC phone number effective January 1, 1993:

**(215) 953-8060**

This number can be used to request intramural registration forms, summer soccer camp applications, travel team tryout information etc. People not already on our mailing list can use this number to be put on the list.

Please be sure to write this number in your personal phone book. If you know of someone who would like to be put on our mailing list, please have them that number.

Our new number will also be available for people in the intramural program to find out if games have been cancelled due to inclement weather. This number will be connected to several phone lines so that people calling in should not get a busy signal.

We would **greatly** appreciate it if you would use this phone number whenever possible instead of calling the various LMSC directors who are all overworked. Thank you.

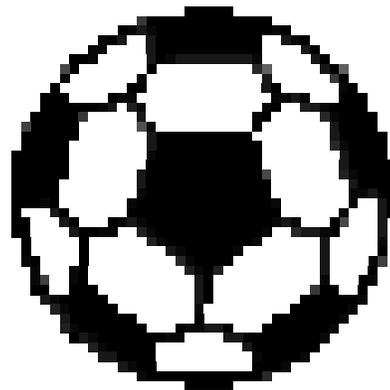
### INTRAMURAL SEASON ROUNDUP

The 1992 season had 791 participants (519 boys and 212 girls) in the intramural program. This was the largest number that we have ever had. The number of girls in the program continues to grow at a rapid pace as girls soccer has become a larger part of the sports community.

For the most part, the program met with a lot of success but the ever expanding number of players has left us with a number of areas where we hope to improve for the 1993 season. Hopefully we will have more people **volunteer to administrate** in the different age divisions and hopefully we will have a **lot** more people **volunteer to coach** in 1993.

Our oldest boys division, the Seniors (ages 9-11) had another very enthusiastic and successful season under the direction of commissioner Craig Stretch. After a nine game regular season, the championship game was played between the top two teams, those being the Arrows and the Hornets.

The two teams were both undefeated during the regular season, each going 8-0-1 (the tie came when the two teams played one another). In the championship game, the two teams finished tied again and were still tied after overtime so the Arrows and Hornets were declared co-champions.



With the rapidly increasing number of girls playing, we are planning to structure our oldest girls division, the Electrons, (ages 9-11) similar to the boys Seniors division for 1993. The Electrons division will play full sided 11 versus 11 soccer next year with a championship game held at the end of the season. A special thanks to Ace Hoyt who served as the Electrons Division commissioner this fall.

The Intermediates Division (advanced boys ages 7-8) and the Protons Division (girls ages 7-8) once again served as a stepping stone for the more advanced boys and girls to progress from the intramural program to the travel team program. Many of the players in these divisions were selected for the developmental Under 8 travel teams which held tryouts in late October.

Many of the other players in the Intermediates and Protons Divisions will likely make one of the fall outdoor travel teams which will hold tryouts in the spring.

A special thank you to Bob Chew and Rich Lawson who served as the Intermediates and Protons commissioners.

This year for the first time ever, an all star game was held in the Intermediates Division. Since the all star game met with a lot of success, we are planning on having an all star game day in 1993 where we will hold all star games for the Intermediate Division, Protons Division and Juniors Division (beginner boys ages 7-8).

The rosters for the Intermediate Division all star game:

RED TEAM

Robert Machnicki  
John Sawin  
Ridge Chew  
Joseph Abel  
Chris Jones  
Ryan Kelly  
Chris Corrado  
David Moscow  
Ross Miller  
Brendan Day  
Matthew Heaton  
Colin Gibson  
David Pritchard  
Jon Lawrence

WHITE TEAM

Peter Feldman  
Ran Matot  
Erik Lambertsen  
Paul Bancroft  
Robby Rotfeld  
Ryan Westman  
Chris Geraghty  
Reed Kendall  
Zac Hiscock  
Tim Mahoney  
Byrne McLaughlin  
Matt Hayes  
Erik Johanson  
Mark Kessler

As has been mentioned many times, our program is made up of volunteers. If we do not get enough volunteers, the program will not run as well as it can. We are always short on coaches and we greatly depend on the parents of the players to volunteer to coach. If your son or daughter will be playing in 1993, please give consideration to coaching. We provide ample coaching material for the coaches, including written, video and clinics.

In addition to those already mentioned, LMSC would like to thank Greg Bancroft (Juniors), Glenn Brooks (Bantams), Ray Hurtado (Atoms), Susan Reynolds (Neutrons) for their work as division commissioners this fall.

On a very positive note for next season, we are pleased to announce that Frank Leto has agreed to take on the job of referee commissioner for 1993. Frank will be responsible for ensuring that we have referees for all games, something that I'm sure everyone agrees will be greatly appreciated.

One problem that we had this year in the intramural program was players trying to register after the deadline. **We had to turn away over 40 youngsters** this year because their registrations were received well after our stated deadline. We were only able to accommodate a few people who registered late since rosters, coaches and field schedules had already been set.

In an attempt to alleviate this problem, we will be modifying our registration policy for fall of 1993. Although we do not anticipate the need to increase fees for 1993, we will only apply the current \$40 fee for those who register before **August 1st**. Since applications will be mailed out in early June, people should have **plenty** of time to process them.

People who register **after** August 1st will be charged \$55. We will still have a registration deadline of August 25th and we will **not** guarantee placement of any player who registers after that date. We are doing this strictly to encourage people to register on time so we can get the season off to a smoother start than in previous years.

For the benefit of players in our youngest divisions, the boys Atoms (5 year olds) and Neutrons (girls 5 and 6 year olds) who may not be aware of our program, we will **not** enforce the extra late fee although we would still appreciate it if you register in a timely fashion. The extra registration fee will not apply to people who have just moved into the area.

**PLEASE REGISTER ON TIME NEXT SEASON!!!!**

Registrations will be sent out to all people on our mailing list in early June. If you know of someone who would like to get on our mailing list, have them call our LMSC phone number (953-8060) and leave their child's name, date of birth and address.

### **DEVELOPMENTAL U-8 TRAVEL TEAMS**

As has been often stated, one of the primary functions of our intramural program is to develop the more athletic and competitive players for our travel team program. The travel team program is much more extensive than the intramural program. It provides the players with a higher level of competition as well and a better chance to develop their soccer skills. In addition, the program offers the players more experienced and better qualified coaches.

Each winter, LMSC holds tryouts for our developmental boys and girls Under 8 travel teams. Players on this year's teams were born between August 1, 1984 and July 30, 1985. Each of these teams practice several times during the winter months. In addition, the boys U-8 team participates in one outdoor tournament and five indoor tournaments (at this time, there are no tournaments available for U-8 girls).

The players who made this year's Developmental Under 8 boys travel team (known as 'The Derelicts') are:

Ridge Chew	Ryan Kelly	David Moscow
Chris Corrado	Reed Kendall	Robby Rotfeld
Connor Cox	Brian Lacey	John Sawin
Tim Gaulton	Alex Lafountain	Zach Schildhorn
Chris Geraghty	Erik Lambertsen	Michael Weinberg
Chris Jones	Robert Machnicki	Ryan Westman
Jared Kahn	Ross Miller	

Coaches: Biff Sturla, Joe Hopkins

Members of the Developmental Under 8 girls::

Jenna Berman	Sara Erstad	Kirsten Lawson
Abby Blum	Kate Gould	Lucy Mason
Bridget Campbell	Rebecca Guzman	Elisa Payne
Emily Carson	Emily Hofstein	L. Pearlman-Storch
Luciana Colapinto	Martha Kelley	Ilene Price
Julia Cramer	Carley Kursman	Margaux Viola
Courtney Deviney	Lauren Lattif	Lydia Williams

Coaches: Chris Campbell, Max Mason

Next years Under 8 developmental travel team tryouts will be held in late October. Eligible players will include those born between August 1, 1985 and July 30, 1986. Letters about tryouts will be sent to all eligible players in September.

### **1993 SPRING INTRAMURAL PROGRAM**

Once again, LMSC will be running its spring intramural program for the younger boys and girls. The program is tentatively set to run every Sunday afternoon from April 25 thru June 27 (except Memorial Day Weekend). The site will most likely again be Ardmore Avenue Park, located on Greenfield Avenue in Ardmore, just down the street from the old Kiddy City store on Lancaster Avenue.

Eligible participants will be boys and girls born between August 1, 1985 and December 31, 1988. Information, including applications, will be sent to all eligible players sometime in February.

### **FALL 1992 TRAVEL TEAM ROUNDUP**

LMSC enjoyed its finest travel team season in many years. A record six of our 14 boys travel teams made the Delco League playoffs while several of our girls teams made the Tri-County League playoffs.

Our best success came in the Under 10 divisions as LMSC teams won the girls U-10 'A' division championship, the boys U-10 'B' division championship and were finalists in the boys U-10 'A' division.

The girls U-10 'A' team, the Firebirds, coached by Lance Laver won the Tri-County championship, finishing the season 9-0-1. In the semi-finals, the Firebirds defeated Lionville 4-0 with all four goals coming from star striker Elizabeth Pillion.

The championship game saw the team go up against a powerful Downingtown squad. Down 1-0 at halftime, Lower Merion dominated the second half as Claire Laver, Pillion and Lauren Herman all scored. Goalie Livia Barton played flawless to give Lower Merion the championship.

The Firebirds also won three tournaments this year, starting with the Neptune, NJ tournament. Pillion and Katy Heusler each had four goals in the tournament while Katie Block scored the game winner in the championship game.

The Firebirds swept the Warrington tournament, going 3-0-0 while scoring 14 goals and allowing 0. Pillion had 6 goals and Ruth Kelley had 3 goals. Their last tournament was the Parkwood Thanksgiving tournament where they won all five games. Pillion again led the way with 7 goals while Kelley, Herman and Johanna Gelber each had three goals. Overall for 1992, they went 21-3-2, outscoring the opposition 90-21 and recording 13 shutouts.

Our boys U-10 'B' team, the Blackhawks, coached by Chris Scott and Joe Kutys, became the first LMSC team in seven years to finish with a perfect season, going 11-0-0 and outscoring the opposition 41-1 in the 11 games. The high scorer for the team was Jon Ounjian who had 21 goals,

followed by Kevin Cleary with 7 goals. Speedy winger Fred Epstein led the team in assists along with team captain and center midfielder Malcolm Pryor. Sean Rose, Eric Burns and goalie Topher Grossman anchored a rock solid defense that allowed only 1 goal in 11 league games.

The team capped off its season by defeating West Chester in the Delco League 'B' division championship game, winning a thrilling shootout after the teams played to a 0-0 tie through two overtimes. The hero of the game was goalie Topher Grossman who made several key saves during the game and in the shootout. The winning goal of the shootout was scored by Eric Burns while Tim Cox, Ounjian and Ben Singer-Scott also converted their shots.

The Blackhawks also won the 'B' division of the Delco Columbus Day Tournament, going 3-0-1 in their games.

Members of the 1992 LMSC Championship teams:

LMSC FIREBIRDS, U-10 'A' TRI-COUNTY CHAMPS

Livia Barton	Ruth Kelley	Elizabeth Pillion
Katie Block	Rebecca Kornberg	Rachel Prowler
Johanna Gelber	Claire Laver	Angel Schleinkofer
Lauren Herman	Elizabeth Leonard	Tracy Semanyk
Katy Heuisler	Emily Moore	Jamie Sundheim

Coaches: Lance Laver, Rich Gelber

LMSC BLACKHAWKS, U-10 'B' DELCO CHAMPIONS

Eric Burns	Jamie Hunt	Jonathan Ounjian
Kevin Cleary	Brian Isen	Malcolm Pryor
Tim Cox	Mark Kendall	Sean Rose
Fred Epstein	Tommy Kutys	Ben Singer-Scott
David Goody	Langston Laury	Josh Weiser
Topher Grossman		

Coaches: Chris Scott, Joe Kutys

In the boys U-9 division, the 'A' team Maniacs finished with a 5-4-1 record. The team needed a win in their last game of the season to earn a spot in the championship game but were unable to come through. The team was led by the solid offensive play of Trevor Lord, Josh Rosenfeldt, Jeff Kivitz and Mike Greenspoon while Tom Jakobowski and Dan McAlaine were the stars of the defensive unit. Our U-9 'B' team made it to the semi-finals based on their 6-3-0 record but lost in a shootout to Aston after the two teams played to a 1-1 tie after two overtimes.

Our U-10 'A' team, the Lunatics won the regular season for the second straight season, finishing 9-1-2 (21-1-2 over two seasons) but fell to Downingtown in the league championship

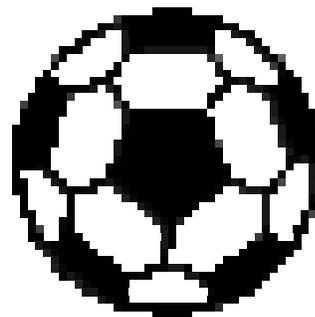
game. The team led the league in both offense (Bernard Horshaw, Matt Skipper, and Ryan Gutzler, leading scorers) and defense (led by Drew Delaney, Ben Garber, Dan Geraghty and Noah Chesbrough).

The Lunatics won the Redlands tournament, outscoring the opposition 31-0. They were finalists in the Kirkwood, Del. tournament, losing to the host team in a shootout after two overtimes, as well as the Yardley-Morrisville Columbus Day tournament, losing to the host team in double overtime. The team started off the indoor season by winning down in Kirkwood Delaware, defeating the host team (and Delaware State Champion) in the championship game in sudden death on a goal by Ryan Gutzler.

The U-11 'A' team had a lot of success in tournament play as they won the Yardley-Morrisville Columbus Day tournament and were semi-finalists in the Bethlehem Tournament. The Sharks started slow in league play but won their last two games to finish 3-5-2. Their offense was led by standout play from forwards Josh Hollinger and Tommy Rock along with midfielders Tagg Boyle and Brian Cleary. The defense was anchored by Blake Stabert and Ricky Whelan. The team is looking forward to the addition of super goal scorer Jonathan Payne who will be moving down from the U-12 'A' team.

The boys U-12 'A' team, the Hurricanes, had their third straight winning season, finishing 6-4-2. The team scored a very impressive 31 goals thanks to the efforts of Billy Rock, Luke Coyle, Tim Lord and Aaron Brill along with midfielders Todd Zamzow and Jonathan Payne. The defense was led by Brett Furber, Terry Coghlan and Mike Bickell, along with Fran Sutter and Jeff Porter.

The Hurricanes also recorded winning records in the Philadelphia Memorial Day Tournament, the Downingtown Tournament and the Delco Columbus Day tournament. The team is now preparing for the Indoor State Cup where the team finished a very impressive **second in the state** last year, losing to Neshaminy in the State Championship game.



In the boys U-13 'A' division, state select goalie Dan Pangrazio held the opposing teams to under a goal a game with help from defenders Mike Iannacone, Michael Wilhoite and Patrick Wolfington. The team finished the season with six shutouts during the season. They also were second in their bracket at the Downingtown tournament.

LMSC had a lot of success in the boys Under 14 division as the 'A' team went 7-2-1 in league play before losing in the semi-finals. The Dragons defeated Delaware State Champion Kirkwood 1-0 during the season and tied York United, the current PA state champions. The team was led by goalie Mike Keating, midfielders Richard Kinderman and Mike Tiedeman and forwards Justin Hopkins and David Bloovman. Also playing standout soccer were James Casey, Andy Gold and Sean McLaughlin.

The U-14 'B' division team finished league play with a 7-3-1 record, reaching the semi-finals. They were also finalists in the Chester County Classic Thanksgiving Tournament. The team was led by high scorer Trevor Gallagher and goalkeeper Brendan Pettit.

The girls Under 12 team, the Red Foxes, had yet another winning season, going 7-4-1 in league play and winning the Manalapan, NJ tournament and the Fort Dix tournament. The team was led by standout play from Colleen O'Hara, Samantha Stock and Anjali Vaidya. In all, the Red Foxes placed an amazing nine players in the Tri-County League Select program, a tribute to the hard work of the players and the dedicated coaching they have received from Jo Grech.

### **COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Each year, LMSC presents an award to the top coach in the program based on player development, team enthusiasm, sportsmanship and dedication. Last year's winner was Under 10 girls coach Lance Laver whose team once again was the talk of the Tri-County League and now serves as a role model for all our younger girls teams.

This year's Coach Of The Year Award winner is Chris Scott who in the span of one year turned his team around from having a losing record to being Delco League Champions. A former collegiate player, Chris coached at Haverford College for several seasons. His players have shown excellent skill development, a love of the game and great sportsmanship so we are very proud to present Chris with this award for the 1992 season.

### **LEAGUE SELECT PROGRAM HONORS**

One of the goals of the travel team program is to develop players for higher levels of play. Over the years, several of our players have made it to league select, state select and regional USA select.

Two years ago, Will Kohler (now at Lower Merion High School) played for the Under 17 National Team and represented the USA in the Junior World Cup.

Last spring, both Trevor Walker and Dan Pangrazio were selected for the boys Under 13 State Select team.

This fall, LMSC again placed several players in the boys Delco League Select program and the girls Tri-County League Select program. The Select teams are composed of the top players from the league and compete in the spring against the league select teams from other leagues around Eastern United States.

League Select starts at Under 10 for boys teams and Under 11 for girls teams. LMSC players making league select:

#### **Under 10 Boys**

Adam Chesbrough	Ted Domers	Bernard Horshaw
Noah Chesbrough	Dan Geraghty	Matt Skipper
Drew Delaney	Ryan Gutzler	Fuzzy Zeller

#### **Under 11 Boys**

Tagg Boyle	Matt Ross
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#### **Under 13 Boys**

Andrew Addis	Mike Iannacone	Dan Pangrazio
Joey Smolen	Trevor Walker	

#### **Under 14 Boys**

Andy Gold
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#### **Under 11 Girls**

Suzie Grech
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#### **Under 12 Girls**

Aaron Fleegler	Tamara Johnson	Samantha Stock
Leah Greenspoon	Colleen O'Hara	Anjali Vaidya
Kylee Jakobowski	Abby Scott	

#### **Under 13 Girls**

Sara Rosen
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**INDOOR AND OUTDOOR STATE CUPS**

Each year our travel teams Under 11 and older are eligible to compete in the State Cups which determine a state champion.

Indoor State Cups are held in January while outdoor cups are held in the spring. Last year, our U-11 boys (the Hurricanes, now U-12) finished second in the Indoor State Cup.

In the past four season, LMSC has had seven teams make it to the semi-finals of State Cups. Three of those teams have won state championships:

1992	U-11 boys (80/81s)	Hurricanes	indoor finalists
1991	U-14 boys (77 birth)	Gorillas	outdoor semi-finals
1991	U-12 boys (79 birth)	Dragons	indoor semi-finals
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 semi-finals

**LMSC SUMMER SOCCER CAMP**

We are pleased to announce that LMSC will again be running its successful summer soccer camp in June and July of 1993. The camp will again be run by Mr. Bob Davidson, head coach at Lower Merion High School.

Last year's camp was open to boys and girls ages 9-11 and ran for one week. This year's camp will expand the age groups. It is anticipated that there will be two sessions for the 1993 season.

Last year's staff included many local high school coaches and local high school stars. Mailings for the camp will be sent out sometime in March.

**'E' LEVEL COACHING COURSE**

One of the reasons that our program has enjoyed a lot of success in recent seasons in the fact that we have had a lot of our coaches complete various level coaching courses offered by our State Association. Last year we offered the beginning 'F' level coaching course (9 hours) two times and had 47 coaches complete the course.

The spring we are planning on offering the more advanced 'E' level course which will be held over six evenings (18 hours). The tentative dates for the course are March 22 and 29, April 5, 14, 19 and 28 (all Mondays) from 6:00 - 9:00.

While the course has a fee involved, LMSC reimburses the entire fee of any coaching course completed by anyone who coaches in our program. All travel team coaches are expected to have at least an 'E' level course. We'd also like to have coaches in our intramural program complete a minimum of the 'F' level.

We will send out information and applications to all people who coached in LMSC (travel and intramural) later in the winter. Anyone else who would like more information about he course should call us (953-8060) or write to us.

