

# LOWER MERION SOCCER CLUB

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The fall season is finally over, the 1080 intramural players have put away their cleats for the winter while many of the 450 Travel Team players are putting on their indoor soccer shoes. We'd like to take a few minutes to update everyone about our fall season and take a look ahead into the upcoming seasons at LMSC.

This fall we started many new programs. Our Senior Women's team made their debut as did our Special Needs program and our Special Olympics program. Our equipment recycling program was a great boost to the inner city soccer programs.

Our travel teams had their best season ever as we had a record number of teams reach the post season playoffs. The intramural program grew by almost 300 players, causing massive headaches for the directors who are now designing a more efficient Divisional setup for the 5 and 6 year old groups. Hopefully the fall season in 1994 will be a lot less hectic.

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Many of you have been using our LMSC Team Hotline to get information about the program. Please be aware that our number will NOT change area codes when most all of us change to 610. The LMSC Team Hotline will still be 215-953-8060.

### BOYS TRAVEL TEAM ROUNDUP

Our fall Boys Travel Team program enjoyed their best season ever in the Delco League as six of the fourteen teams qualified for post season play. Two of those teams, the U-9'A' Derelicts and the U-13'B' Storm were crowned Delco League Champions.

| AGE   | TEAM        | COACH            | RECORD | PLAYOFFS   |
|-------|-------------|------------------|--------|------------|
| U-9A  | Derelicts   | J. Hopkins       | 7-1-2  | Champions  |
| U-9B  | Delinquents | P. Geraghty      | 4-5-1  |            |
| U-10A | Maniacs     | B. Kammersgaard  | 8-3-1  | Semifinals |
| U-10B | Killer Bees | J. Meyerson      | 4-4-2  |            |
| U-10C | Hotshots    | G. Gibson        | 5-1-3  | Finalists  |
| U-11A | Lunatics    | B. Sturla        | 11-1-1 | Semifinals |
| U-11B | Blackhawks  | C. Scott         | 4-3-3  |            |
| U-12A | Sharks      | B. Rock/R Whelan | 3-6-2  |            |
| U-12B | Lightning   | A. Corrado       | 8-2-0  | Finalists  |
| U-12C | Montys      | M. Montgomery    | 4-4-0  |            |
| U-13A | Hurricanes  | A. Keech         | 2-8-1  |            |
| U-13B | Storm       | B. Herman        | 7-0-3  | Champions  |
| U-14A | Tigers      | S. Addis         | 1-9-4  |            |
| U-14C | Woodsmen    | D. Wood          | 3-8-0  |            |

Our boys travel teams finished the Delco League season with an overall record of 71-55-23. Most encouraging was the record of our three youngest 'A' division teams who were a combined 26-5-4. Congratulations to the Derelicts, Maniacs and Lunatics. Considering that our current U-8 team (the Hooligans) are probably the most talented Developmental team we've ever had, the future looks VERY bright for the boys program.

The winter Delco League season is just underway. The winter league is for high school age players (Under 15 through Under 19). As of this writing, both our U-15 team and our U-19 team are 2-0-0. Both teams had a lot of success last season The older team won the U-17 Indoor State Cup while the younger team were finalists in the U-14 Delco League and reached the Indoor State Cup Championship game, losing in sudden death overtime to Nether Providence.

The U-9 'A' Derelicts made a great debut in the Delco League, finishing the regular season 7-1-2. Led by the lightning fast offense of Ryan Kelly, Jared Kahn and Ryan Westman, opponents could not stop the mighty Derelicts. Center midfielder Robert Machnicki, center fullback David Moscow and sweeper back John Sawin were among the very best players in the league.

In the league semifinals, the team defeated Downingtown 2-1 in overtime. Down by a goal with five minutes left, Chris Jones netted the equalizer to send the game into overtime where a Ryan Westman goal gave Lower Merion the win and a trip to the League Championship game against Nether Providence.

The Derelicts again got off to a slow start as Nether cashed in on a corner kick but once again, they kicked into high gear for a great comeback. Jared Kahn tied the game on a great solo run as he beat three Nether defenders and the goalie. In the second half, Lower Merion again controlled the play. Winger Ryan Kelly rocketed home a ball 10 minutes into the half which proved to be the Championship clincher. Defenders Chris Geraghty, Zach Schildhorn and goalie Jesse Cohen kept Nether from getting the equalizer and the championship trophy went to the Derelicts.

The U-10 'A' Maniacs had another strong year with solid goaltending from Tom Jakobowski and Ted Oberwager. The highlight of the season was a 4-0 win over Radnor. Keith Carroll netted two goals while Josh Rosenfeldt and Trevor Lord netted single goals. The defense was among the best in the league, thanks to the efforts of Dan McAlaine, Willie Frank and Peter Cannon.

In the semifinals, the Maniacs again played Radnor. Keith Carroll scored to offset a Radnor goal and the game went into overtime. Although the Maniacs had the best chances to score in overtime, it was Radnor who netted the only goal and a trip to the finals. Tom Jakobowski and Josh Rosenfeldt made Delco Select.

The U-11 'A' Lunatics had another successful season as they finished 11-1-1. In their 13 games, they scored a league high 53 goals, an average of over 4 goals per game. The scoring was led by "Fuzzy" Zeller and Bernard Horshaw who each scored more goals than three of the teams in the league. Midfielders Matt Skipper and Adam Chesbrough helped add to the barrage of goals while Ben Garber excelled at defense. In the Delco League Semifinals, the team lost to Delaware State Champion Kirkwood 4-2. Kirkwood also handed the Lunatics their only regular season loss. The Lunatics also went 3-0-0 in Columbus Day and 3-1 in a Thanksgiving tournament, playing up a year at U-12.

The U-10 'C' Hotshots had only one loss in the regular season and advanced to the semifinals where they defeated Aldan 2-0. Goals by Colin Gibson and Michael

Freeman, along with an airtight defense earned the locals a trip to the championship game. The Hotshots advanced to the finals against Coventry and lost a high powered game 5-3 with Gibson, Freeman and Matt Heaton scoring.

The U-12 'B' Lightning showed much improvement this year under the direction of new coach Art Corrado. Finishing the regular season 8-2-0, the team played Interboro in the semifinals and defeated them 1-0 on a goal by Luke Knapp who led the offense all season. Goalie Doug Hitchner and defender led the shutout. In the championship game against West Chester, the game was 0-0 well into the second half until West Chester took the lead. In an effort to tie it up, the Lightning pushed most everyone up on offense but the move did not work as West Chester countered for three late goals and the took the championship. Also playing outstanding ball all year for the Lightning was Nick Handler and Peter Berman.

The U-13 'B' Storm finished first in their division, with an undefeated 7-0-3 record. The team led their division in scoring, sparked by strikers Austin Frieman, Peter Groch, Nick McCreary and Nick Ottaviano. They were well supported by the excellent midfield play of Bo Barrickman, Tommy Bernstock, Seth Blumenthal, David Cohen and Steve Herman. The defense gave up only 7 goals during the 10 game regular season thanks to goalie Marc Santomero and defenders Kevin Bradley, Neil Fleishman, Dirk Boden, Chris White and Lee Scovern. The team is under the direction of head coach Bill Herman and assistant coaches Ron Bradley and Dave Barrickman.

In the semifinals against Nether, the Storm was down a goal early in the game but tied it on a cross from Nick McCreary to Steve Herman. There was no scoring in the second half as goalie Santomero came up big on a breakaway to send the game into overtime. Herman scored his second goal of the game, assisted by Bo Barrickman to give the Storm the win and a trip to the championship game against Springfield.

#### LMSC DERELICTS - 1993 U-9 'A' DELCO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

|                 |                   |                  |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Cohen, Jesse    | Kendall, Reed     | Rotfeld, Robby   |
| Corrado, Chris  | Lichtman, Andrew  | Sawin, John      |
| Geraghty, Chris | Machnicki, Robert | Schildhorn, Zach |
| Jones, Chris    | Miller, Ross      | Stitt, Andrew    |
| Kahn, Jared     | Moscow, David     | Westman, Ryan    |
| Kelly, Ryan     | Rosner, David     |                  |

Head Coach: Joe Hopkins

#### LMSC STORM - 1993 U-13 'B' DELCO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

|                  |                 |                     |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Barrickman, Bo   | Cohen, David    | McCreary, Nick      |
| Bernstock, Tom   | Fleishman, Neil | Ottaviano, Nicholas |
| Blumenthal, Seth | Frieman, Austin | Santomero, Marc     |
| Boden, Dirk      | Groch, Peter    | Scovern, Lee        |
| Bradley, Kevin   | Herman, Steven  | White, Chris        |

Coaches: Bill Herman, Ron Bradley, Dave Barrickman

## **GIRLS TRAVEL TEAMS**

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The U-12 Energizers had a turnabout season for the record books. In 1992 they were 0-8-0, this fall they went 7-0-2. The team scored 37 league goals, the most by any Tri-County team at any age in the last 3 years. Led in scoring by Rachael Garrett, Ashley Siembeda, Julie Woldow and Robin Seidman, the overall team effort was demonstrated by the fact that 13 of the 15 girls had at least one goal.

The Energizers rotated four players at goalie, Morgan Dissin, Suzie Grech, Amy Twaddle and Dana Klinghoffer while fullbacks Amanda Dennis, Nicole Frattaroli and Diana Hofstein anchored a defense that only gave up 5 goals in 9 games. Center halfback Danielle Hensil was the spark plug at both ends of the field, never far from the ball on offense or defense. Coached by Matt Siembeda and Richard Woldow, the team placed six players on the divisional all star team.

The U-13 girls team finished the season on a very successful note, winning the Hockessin Invitational Tournament in Delaware. The team went 2-0-1 during the tournament and were led on offense by Findley Davidson, Leah Greenspoon, Zoe Freeman and Kylee Jakobowski. Making the Tri-County Select team were Greenspoon, Jakobowski and Aryn Fleegler.

The U-14 girls also had a terrific season, finishing 3rd out of 11 teams in the regular season. In the semifinals the girls destroyed Lansdowne, the second place team. In the championship game, the girls lost to regular season champion Brookline despite holding a brief lead in the first half.

The team was led by goalies Catherine Eleey and Elizabeth Hein who combined for 5 shutouts with the help of defenders Maureen Delaney, Christa Gutzler, Kyra Siembeda, Sarah Weston and Katie Yonkin. The midfield was led by Hillary Zeller and Sarah Rosen who once again made the Tri-County Select Team and was the team's leading scorer.

## **UNDER 8 DEVELOPMENTAL TRAVEL TEAMS**

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Each winter, LMSC has tryouts for the top 7 year old players in the intramural program and forms Under 8 Developmental Travel Teams (one boys team, one girls team). This years team was open to players born between August 1, 1985 and July 31, 1986. Both teams practice indoor during the winter, the boys team plays in five indoor tournaments during the winter.

During late October and early November, tryouts were held for the two teams. The boys team had over 60 players trying out. Congratulations to the following 22 boys who were chosen for the Boys U-8 team:

|                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Anakwe, Toby    | Leto, F.J.              |
| Block, Kevin    | Luongo, Michael         |
| Campbell, Chris | Miller, Blake           |
| Cantor, Brad    | Partridge, Bryan        |
| Cooper, Noah    | Passarelli, Chris       |
| Havens, Robert  | Pearlman, Eric          |
| Howley, Matthew | Shilcock-Elliott, Keith |
| Hurtado, Bryan  | Stein, Eddie            |
| Kendall, Mak    | Walling, Chris          |
| Krotec, Nick    | Witte, Ryan             |
| Laury, Leland   | Zeller, Luke            |

The following players were selected to play on the girls Under 8 Developmental Travel Team:

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Alderman, Holly   | Hoops, Shannon     |
| Bailey, Caroline  | Kelly, Alicia      |
| Bassman, Rosie    | McKenna, Audrey    |
| Bobzin, Lauren    | Narvaez, Katherine |
| Carson, Emily     | Newcombe, Caroline |
| Cicoski, Allie    | Schiller, Maggie   |
| Eyre, Ashley      | Sebolka, Jennifer  |
| Greenspoon, Carly | Sukoneck, Tracy    |
| Hatza, Ani        | Wasserson, Laura   |

The boys U-8 team kicked off their season with a very impressive showing at the Hulmeville Invitational Tournament in late November. The boys opened up with a 3-0 win over Horsham Soccer Club as goalies Bryan Partridge and Matt Howley shared the shutout.

In the second game, LMSC demolished Morningstar by the lopsided score of 11-0 as Mak Kendall, Ryan Witte, Eric Pearlman and Chris Passarelli all had multiple goal games. Goalies Bryan Hurtado and Luke Zeller only had to make two saves in the game. Earlier in the tournament, Morningstar lost 8-0 to Hulmeville.

Morningstar then dropped out of the tournament before playing their third game. The Hulmeville Tournament, director Mike Farrell, vowed to never let Morningstar return to the tournament. Not long after this, Morningstar was fined \$1800 by the Delco League for using illegal players in league competition.

In the third game of the tournament, Lower Merion went up against host Hulmeville. With both teams 2-0 and the winner heading to the playoffs, the spectators were treated to excellent play by both teams. LMSC got some great play from Nicky Krotec, Brad Cantor and Eddie Stein and another goal from Mak Kendall goal, but came up short 3-1. The excellent play of the team makes us believe this will be the most talented LMSC team to come along in many years.

The boys will be playing in five indoor tournaments this winter and will play in one or two spring tournaments.

# FALL INTRAMURAL SEASON ROUNDUP

## SENIORS DIVISION ROUNDUP

The Seniors Division (9-11 year old boys) is the only intramural division where standings are kept and a championship is held. Run by Division Commissioner Craig Stretch, the 10 teams played each other once in the regular season with the top four teams advancing to the playoffs.

This season, a championship trophy was made which will have the championship team and coach inscribed on it each season.

We are pleased to announce that the trophy has been named the "Enrique Guzman Trophy", named after a long time Seniors Division coach who passed away earlier this year. Enrique's enthusiasm and love for the game and for the children was sorely missed this year but we were glad that his two children Rebecca and Jacob again played in the program this fall.

This fall, the Enrique Guzman Trophy was presented to the Forty-Niners, led by head coach Rick Skerrett and assistant coaches Rick Hole and Jim Leigh.

1993 SENIORS DIVISION CHAMPIONS - FORTY-NINERS

|                 |                  |                    |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Aiken, David    | Dreyfuss, Philip | Leigh, Jim         |
| Allen, Toby     | Fox, Michael     | Mayernick, Michael |
| Brown, Brian    | Fuller, John     | Riddell, Bob       |
| Caputo, Michael | Hole, Ned        | Schneider, Josef   |
| DiCicco, Bobby  | Kennedy, Tyson   | Schneider, Scott   |
| Dougherty, Adam | Keyser, Matthew  | Skerrett, Craig    |
|                 |                  | Stretch, David     |

## ATOMS, BANTAMS AND NEUTRONS ROUNDUP

Our 5 and 6 year old divisions are structured as informally as possible to allow for maximum enjoyment of the game by the players. With players not on set teams, they can be free to enjoy the game and not worry about winning seasons, team records, etc. It is our hope that this structure enables the parents to adhere to the same philosophy.

As mentioned, our intramural program saw an increase of almost 300 players this fall. Much of this increase came in our 5 and 6 year old divisions, in both the boys and the girls divisions. This unexpected growth caused some overcrowding on the fields. One of the highest priorities for the LMSC Directors this winter will be to redesign the structure of the 5 and 6 year old programs to allow for a less crowded setup.

With the huge increase in girls participation, we plan to "split" the Neutrons into two divisions next fall. The new division will tentatively be called the Microns although other suggestions are welcome.

We greatly need help in one particular area, that being in coaching. We had a major shortage of coaches in our youngest divisions this year. We need MANY more people to volunteer as coaches. You do not need to be a soccer expert, you do not need to have played the sport before. You just need to have an interest in working with children and an ability to stay one or two steps ahead of them in learning the game. We always put a large part of our budget into coaching materials, including coaching manuals, videos, newsletters, etc. to help our coaches do the best job. Again, we strongly depend on volunteers, especially player's fathers and mothers to serve as coaches.

## END OF SEASON TROPHIES

For those of you who did not pick up your end of the season intramural trophy on the last day of the season, we will be distributing them one last time. You may pick them up at the Ardmore Gym at Lower Merion High School on Wednesday, December 22nd from 7:45 - 8:00. This is just to the left of the Lower Merion High School swimming pool. This will be the same time that we will be running our equipment recycling program to collect used equipment for underprivileged children in the inner city soccer programs.

## INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAMES

On Sunday, October 24th at Gladwyne Elementary School, five all star games for various intramural divisions were held. Each participant was given an All Star Game Tee Shirt and printed lineup form with the players' names on it.

One of the purposes of the All Star games was to allow the Travel Team coaches to evaluate players in a pressure free environment. One of the standout players in the all star games, Andrew Lichtman was noticed by the Under 9 'A' Derelicts coach and offered a spot on the team, of which he is now a rostered member. Many other players in the all star games later made the Under 8 Boys and Girls Developmental Travel Teams.

The two Intermediates Division games saw an M.V.P. selected for each team. In the East Division game, Andrew Samitz was the white team M.V.P. while Andrew Lichtman was the red team M.V.P. In the West Division game, Toby Anakwe won the honors for the red team while Mak Kendall won it for the white team.

# INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAME ROSTERS

## INTERMEDIATES WEST DIVISION

### RED TEAM

Toby Anakwe  
Bryan Partridge  
Paul Barrett  
Chris Campbell  
Trey Steidle  
Jason McDonald  
Brendan Cannon  
Will Connor  
F.J. Leto  
Chris Passarelli  
Brad Cantor  
Morgan Frank  
Jeff Sawin  
Eric Pearlman

### WHITE TEAM

Bryan Hurtado  
Eddie Stein  
Tom Pittman  
Noah Cooper  
Matt Howley  
Nick Krotec  
Andrew Green  
Kevin Block  
Luke Zeller  
Chris Sergott  
Daniel Sachs  
Robert Havens  
Dan Ritterman  
Mak Kendall

## PROTONS DIVISION

### RED TEAM

Carly Greenspoon  
Katherine Hamilton  
Emily Carson  
Maggie Schiller  
Katherine Narvaez  
Brittany Diamond  
Caroline Bailey  
Ashley Eyre  
Laura Dennis  
Kate Conaboy  
Perri Devon-Sand  
Erica Adler  
Jennifer Borck-Hadley  
Olivia Hamilton

### WHITE TEAM

Allie Cicoski  
Jennifer Sebolka  
Rebecca Josowitz  
Ani Hatza  
Corey Brader  
Caroline Newcombe  
Rosey Bassman  
Lauren Bobzin  
Jayne Barrickman  
Carly Kursman  
Julia Cramer  
Judy Lavi  
Lucy Mason  
Asheley Powers

## INTERMEDIATES EAST DIVISION

### RED TEAM

Brian Brooks  
David Berg  
Michael Luongo  
Matt Solomon  
Robert Fox  
Joshua Payne  
Edward Owsik  
Jacob Sack  
Lee Levine  
Josh Raff  
Peter Feldman  
John O'Rourke  
Andrew Lichtman  
Adam Yaari

### WHITE TEAM

Eric Goldstein  
Andrew Samitz  
Danny Leigh  
Sammy Spiegel  
Kyle Adelman  
Robby Weisburg  
Isaac Katz  
Ryan Witte  
Sam Stabert  
David Gevurtz  
Josh Baer  
Ron Silverberg  
Carey Kellerman  
Christos Panidis

## ELECTRONS DIVISION

### RED TEAM

Jennifer Vanett  
Amy Federman  
Amanda Hass  
Jamie Meltzer  
Jill Bassman  
Cheryl Goldstein  
Angela Williams  
Liane Serinsky  
Elizabeth Rosenthal  
Christina Perez  
Mia Hamm

### WHITE TEAM

Lindy Peskin  
Emma Benn  
Katie Hoyt  
Sarah McCafferty  
Morgan McLaughlin  
Amanda Baker  
Luciana Colapinto  
Rebecca Reibstein  
Sydney Wilson  
Monika Sutton  
Tara Filoon

## JUNIORS DIVISION

### RED TEAM

Charles Gehret  
Jesse Schwab  
Ben Zilber  
Robbie Kunz  
Sam Korff  
Matthew Lundy  
Ben Rosenfield  
Phillip Jackson  
C.J. Hayward  
Brad Cohen  
Peter Wright  
Gregory Milstein  
Jamie Snider  
Alan Borowsky

### WHITE TEAM

Eric Kaplan  
Edward Linden  
Aaron Stein  
Sean Benner  
Jacob Goldberg  
Matthew Cohen  
Jonathan Goldmann  
Shane Ferguson  
Jesse Greenberg  
Andrew Meehan  
Jay Wolfe  
Ed Riddell  
Adam Zucker  
Matthew McMonagle

## SENIORS DIVISION

### NATIONAL DIV.

Bobby DiCicco  
Ned Hole  
Craig Skerrett  
Scott Schneider  
Daniel Carvallo  
James Kulesher  
Gunnar Knopf  
Miles Ueltzen  
Jon Bronson  
Ben Waber  
Adam Dougherty  
Jim Leigh  
David Stretch  
Eric Broad  
Alex Weiss  
Taylor Beacham  
Brian Shy  
Eric Yeager  
David Brownstein  
Michael Fox

### AMERICAN DIV.

Alex Allan  
Anthony Wilson  
Zac Carson  
Geoffrey Oxholm  
Jacob Guzman  
Seth Sheffler-Collins  
Joseph Lozano  
Patrick Pettit  
Don Munro  
Tim Klein  
George Edwards  
Ryan Broderick  
David Hillsberg  
Daniel Colameco  
Clayton Powers  
Joseph Kelly  
Torrey McGowan  
Rick Horn  
David Sokoloff  
Hugo Perez

## COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

Each year, the LMSC Directors honors one 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."

We are pleased to announce that the 1993 winner of the award is Chris Campbell, head coach for the U-9 'A' Girls Travel Team and head coach for the intramural Sharks Team in the Intermediates Division. Both of Chris's teams had a lot of success this year and the players on both teams always seemed to enjoy being on a soccer field. Congratulations to Chris.

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

|      |                |
|------|----------------|
| 1993 | Chris Campbell |
| 1992 | Chris Scott    |
| 1991 | Lance Laver    |

## THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS

Each of our eight intramural divisions is headed up by one volunteer who runs the program with guidance from the LMSC Directors. The Commissioners of the older divisions are responsible for making teams, switching players to different teams, handling problems, making lots of phone calls, etc. Their work helps to make the program a major success each fall. We would like to thank the following people who served as Division Commissioners this fall:

### Boys Divisions

|         |                    |                   |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Seniors | (1984, 83, 82s)    | Craig Stretch     |
| Inters. | (Advanced 86, 85s) | Steve Luongo      |
| Juniors | (Beginners 86,85s) | Glenn Brooks      |
| Bantams | (1987 births)      | Justin Ceccarelli |
| Atoms   | (1988 births)      | Frank Leto        |

### Girls Divisions

|           |                   |                                     |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Electrons | (1984, 83, 82s)   | Dan Sutton                          |
| Protons   | (1986, 85 births) | John Carson                         |
| Neutrons  | (1988 births)     | Susan Reynolds and<br>Bob Overhiser |

Their work during the fall was much appreciated and was a significant part of the success we enjoyed. Also, a special thanks to referee assignor Dan Grech whose hard work enabled almost every game to have had a referee this fall.

We are looking for Division Commissioners for 1994. If you are interested, please let us know. Your help will be a big part in the success of the program and a big part in the happiness of the children.

## BEGINNERS SOCCER COACHING COURSE

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

In the spring, we will again be offering the United States Soccer Federation's 'F' level coaching course designed to help adults new to soccer or new to coaching.

LMSC will pay the full cost of the 'F' level coaching course for anyone who coaches in our program. The course is three nights long, three hours each night and covers the following topics: Team Management, Care and Prevention Of Injuries, Technique, Tactics, Laws Of The Game and Coaching Methodologies.

Please let us know if you are interested in getting involved as a coach or if you are interested in signing up to take the USSF 'F' level coaching course.

## TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUTS

One of the primary goals of our intramural program is to develop the top players for the highly prestigious Travel Team Program. This program is where the vast majority of our most talented players wind up playing. The Travel Team Program is essential for players who wish to compete at higher levels of play in the future (high school, college, etc.)

Tryouts for the fall season travel teams are held each spring, just before Memorial Day. We will send tryout notices to all eligible players on our mailing list in early March. Boys teams will be formed for ages Under 9 (Aug. 1, 1985 - July 31, 1986 birth) up through Under 14 (Aug. 1, 1980 - July 31, 1981). Girls teams will be formed for Under 9 through Under 19. There will be a minimum of two boys teams in each age group and a minimum of one girls teams in each age group.

The primary season for the travel teams is in the fall, except for our older boys teams (U-15 and above). Our U-8 Developmental Teams will again have tryouts in October. Next year's teams will be open to children born between August 1, 1986 and July 31, 1987.

## **1994 LMSC 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 24 thru June 26 (except Memorial Day Weekend). The sight will most likely again be Ardmere Avenue Park, located on Greenfield Avenue in Ardmere, just down the street from the old Kiddy City store located on Lancaster Avenue. This is NOT the same field where the Neutrons Division played during the fall. That is South Ardmere Park in Wynnewood.

The program will be structured similar to the Atoms, Bantams and Neutrons Divisions, i.e., they will not be placed on permanent teams for the season. Veteran players who already have a red LMSC jersey from these divisions will not be required to purchase another red jersey for the spring program.

Eligible participants will be boys and girls born between August 1, 1986 and December 31, 1989. Information, including applications, will be sent to all eligible players in late February or early March. If you know of anyone not on our mailing list who might want to play, have them phone in their name, address and date of birth.

If your child is planning to play in the spring program, please give some consideration to coaching.

## **OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER**

The LMSC Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Frank Leto has joined the Board. This past fall, Frank was Division Commissioner for the 5 year old boys Atoms Division where he was at the Gladwyne Playground from 8:30 AM until 12:45 at which time he dashed over to Gladwyne Elementary School to coach his Intermediates Division team, the Penguins.

Last spring, Frank was very active in running the Spring Intramural Program. Frank has brought many good new ideas to the program. He will be overseeing our youngest intramural divisions in both the spring and fall intramural programs.

## **INDOOR AND OUTDOOR STATE CUPS**

Each year our travel teams Under 11 and up are eligible to compete in both the Indoor and Outdoor State Cups. Last year, our U-17 boys (the Psychos), coached by Joe Hopkins, won the fourth State Championship trophy for LMSC in the past five seasons.

In 1990, the U-13 Gorillas won the Indoor and Outdoor State Cups in the same season. They are one of only five teams in the state to ever accomplish that feat.

In the past five seasons, LMSC has had ten teams make it to the semifinals of State Cups, including the four State Champions:

|      |                      |            |                    |
|------|----------------------|------------|--------------------|
| 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  |

# LMSC

## **SOCCER EQUIPMENT**

There are many sporting goods stores in the area that carry the necessary soccer equipment, including soccer shoes, shin guards, game shorts and socks. We are pleased to announce that beginning with our spring intramural program, Sneaky Pete's (49 W. Lancaster Avenue in Ardmere, 642-4470) will carry logoed LMSC navy intramural game shorts and white game socks. Sneaky Pete's carries a full range of soccer shoes, both indoor and outdoor.

Many other local sporting goods stores throughout the local area carry a full line of soccer shoes, shin guards, shorts and soccer socks.

Please remember that 5 and 6 year olds use a size 3 soccer ball, 7-11 year olds use a size 4 ball and players 12 years old and up use a size 5 soccer ball. All players in LMSC are strongly encouraged to have the proper size soccer ball and bring it to both practices and to games.

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

Over the summer, LMSC made a major contribution of soccer clothing and equipment to the Philadelphia P.A.L. Our contribution assisted in the formation of two inner city soccer programs in South Philadelphia. These programs involve 200 youngsters in U-6 and U-8 coed and U-10 and U-13 boys divisions.

As their programs grow, so will their need for shoes, clothing and other soccer equipment. Balls are especially needed because they are given to the children to practice with on their own. PLEASE save outgrown soccer paraphernalia, these programs can put the equipment to good use.

If you have any equipment that you would like to donate, our next collection will be at the Ardmore Gym at Lower Merion High School (just to the left of the swimming pool) on Wednesday, December 22nd from 7:45 - 8:15 PM. We will also have a collection drive in the spring at Travel Team Registration.

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

## **SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM**

This fall, for the first time ever, LMSC established a low key soccer program for youngsters with various forms of physical limitations. Under the direction of Susan Reynolds, the program offers soccer to children who would not be able to compete against the other program. If you know of a child who would like to get involved in this program in the future, please call or write to us as soon as possible.

## **3RD ANNUAL LMSC SUMMER SOCCER CAMP**

In late June, early July, LMSC will run its third annual summer soccer camp. The camp will again be run by Mr. Bob Davidson, head coach of the boys varsity team at Lower Merion High School.

The camp will be open to boys and girls ages 7-11. For 1994, we anticipate having a separate advanced division for travel team players.

The camp staff includes many local high school coaches and local high school and college players. Mailings for the camp will be sent out in late March to all eligible participants.

## **WORLD CUP 94 UPDATE**

After two years of qualifying play by over 150 countries, the 24 finalists for World Cup 1994 have been decided. This event will take place in the USA in nine different cities, the closest being New York and Washington. Below is a list of teams and the latest odds given the team to win (teams marked with a star will be the seeded teams when the final pairings are determined at the December 19 drawing):

| <u>EUROPE</u> |       | <u>SOUTH AMERICA</u> |      |
|---------------|-------|----------------------|------|
| *Germany      | 3-1   | *Brazil              | 7-2  |
| *Italy        | 9-2   | *Argentina           | 6-1  |
| Netherlands   | 10-1  | Columbia             | 12-1 |
| Spain         | 20-1  | Bolivia              | 20-1 |
| Russia        | 20-1  |                      |      |
| *Belgium      | 22-1  |                      |      |
| Norway        | 25-1  |                      |      |
| Sweden        | 25-1  | <u>AFRICA</u>        |      |
| Ireland       | 30-1  | Cameroon             | 50-1 |
| Switzerland   | 40-1  | Nigeria              | 75-1 |
| Romania       | 50-1  | Morocco              | 75-1 |
| Bulgaria      | 50-1  |                      |      |
| Greece        | 75-1  |                      |      |
|               |       | <u>CONCACAF</u>      |      |
|               |       | Mexico               | 30-1 |
|               |       | *USA                 | 40-1 |
| <u>ASIA</u>   |       |                      |      |
| Saudi Arabia  | 100-1 |                      |      |
| South Korea   | 100-1 |                      |      |

In the biggest shock of qualifying, Bulgaria advanced over France on the last day of qualifying with a 2-1 win. The winning goal came with only 10 seconds to play. Other soccer power houses not to qualify were England, Portugal and Denmark.

## **THANK YOU!!!**

The LMSC Directors would like to thank all of you for your participation in the program. Like all our coaches, we are volunteers and do not get paid for our time. We hope that you enjoyed the past season, and many more seasons to come. We also look forward to having the parents of the younger players joining our coaching staff in the near future.

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LMSC President, Girls Travel Team Director

Joe Hopkins  
Vice President, Treasurer, Boys Travel Team Director

Biff Sturla  
Vice President, Director of 7-8 Year Old Intramurals

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