

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

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

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 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 Ardmore Avenue Park, located on Greenfield Avenue in Ardmore, 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 Ardmore 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

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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 Ardmore, 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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