

LOWER MERION SOCCER CLUB

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The 1994 fall season has ended for the 1350 players in the Intramural Program and the 500 players in the Travel Team Program. This newsletter will discuss some of the highlights and lowlights of the past season and provide a look at upcoming events, including the Spring Intramural Program, the 1995 Fall Intramural Program, the Travel Team Program and our 4th Annual LMSC Summer Soccer Camp.

This season was by far our largest season ever in terms of participation. The program has grown very fast the past several seasons. Unfortunately, the township has been unable to keep pace with us in terms of providing fields for us to use.

Our Fall Intramural Program has grown by over 540 players over the past two seasons. The number of travel teams increased in both the boys program and the girls program. This year, we have 32 travel teams. We entered three teams in almost all the boys age groups in the fall Delco League and two teams in many of the age groups of the girls Tri-County League.

We realize that fields were too crowded at both the travel team level and the intramural level. Practices in most programs saw way too many teams sharing fields. We hope that the township and school district will work with us on getting more fields for next year so that we will not have to turn away children who want to play soccer. The LMSC Directors have made this issue their the number one priority for the 1995 season.

Our boys Travel Team Program had another successful season as six LMSC teams reached the post season Delco League playoffs. Two of those teams were crowned League Champions. We'd like to congratulate the LMSC Hurricanes on winning the U-14 Division 2 championship and the LMSC Flames on winning the U-13 division 4 championship. We'd also like to congratulate the LMSC Gators on finishing second in Delco League Under 10 third division.

As a result of the continued growth in our program, we will be hiring a part time administrator in 1995 to more efficiently handle such things as mailings, computer registration, answering calls on the hotline, ordering equipment, trophies, etc. This will hopefully allow the LMSC Directors to concentrate on improving the quality of soccer in the program.

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LMSC HOTLINE NUMBER

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 on January 1st. The LMSC Team Hotline will still be an area code 215 number. When dialing the hotline, dial 215-953-8060.

BOYS TRAVEL TEAM ROUNDUP

With a new alignment for the Delco League, our fall Boys Travel Team program was able to expand to 17 teams. LMSC had enough players in five of the six age groups to form 'C' teams. Most age groups had four divisions in Delco League. The league placed each team in the division where they were best suited. Our U-13 'C' team won the Division 4 championship while our U-14 'A' team won the Division 2 championship.

AGE	DIV.	TEAM	COACH	RECORD	PLAYOFFS
U-9A	1	Hooligans	D. Zeller	4-2-3	Semifinals
U-9B	2		R. Hurtado	5-4-2	
U-9C	3		B. Payne	3-5-1	
U-10A	1	Derelicts	J. Hopkins	8-2-0	Semifinals
U-10B	3	Gators	E. Urbach	6-2-2	Finalists
U-10C	4		J. Hillsberg	2-6-2	
U-11A	1	Maniacs	K. Lord	5-4-1	1st round
U-11B	3	Killer Bees	J. Meyerson	4-3-2	
U-11C	3	Hotshots	G. Gibson	2-6-1	
U-12A	1	Lunatics	B. Sturla	6-4-1	
U-12B	2	Blackhawks	C. Scott	3-2-4	
U-12C	4	Devils	H. Brown	4-4-2	
U-13A	1	Sharks	Rock/Whelan	2-7-1	
U-13B	2	Lightning	A. Corrado	2-6-1	
U-13C	4	Flames	C. Sheffler-Collins	9-0-1	Champions
U-14A	2	Hurricanes	A. Keech	8-2-0	Champions
U-14B	3	Storm	D. Wood	0-9-1	

Our four youngest 'A' division boys travel teams all finished the fall season with winning records. They had a combined record of 23-12-5. Not coincidentally, these four teams all got their start in the U-8 Developmental Travel Team 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-16 team and our U-19 team are 3-0-0. These two teams feature the top high school players in the area.

The U-19 team LMSC Gorillas team includes the following high school players:

Jon Conway	All State, Del Val League MVP
Adrian Cox	All State, Central League MVP
Todd Davidson	2nd team Central League
Mike Gualtieri	All Del Val League
Jon Hanks	All State, All Central League
Nick Harmelin	All Del Val League
Jobey Hollinger	All Inter-Ac League, State Select
Eric Hopkins	All Inter-Ac League
Nathan Laver	All Central League
Shaun O'Connor	2nd team Central League
Ryan O'Neill	2nd team Central League
Josh Pincus	All Central League

The U-16 team includes many of the top high school sophomores including Andy Gold, Richard Kinderman, Joe Smolen and Mike Tiedeman from Haverford School, Justin Hopkins and James Casey from Episcopal, Bobby Lentz, David Blovman and Jake Miller from Lower Merion and Tim Bradley from Harriton High School.

The U-9 'A' Hooligans served notice early in the season that they were a team to be reckoned with as they won the very prestigious Marlboro, N.J. Tournament in late August. Mak Kendall was outstanding, leading the team in scoring in the tournament. Eric Pearlman and Chris Passarelli made strong contributions at both goalie and in the field positions.

The Hooligans continued their momentum with an outstanding Delco League season finishing 4-2-3 and earning a birth in the playoffs. The defense was very strong all year, giving up only 8 goals in 9 games. The defense was anchored by sweeper Luke Zeller, stopper back Nick Krotec and wing backs F.J. Leto and Ryan Witte. Midfielders Jacob Sack, Chris Walling, Pat McDermott and Chris Campbell not only assisted in shutting down the opposition but frequently started the offense and contributed several goals at key times. Noah Cooper was quite versatile, splitting time between fullback and midfield.

The Hooligans closed the season by following up a disappointing loss in the league playoffs to eventual champion Philly Soccer with an outstanding showing in the Emil Schillinger Thanksgiving Tournament. The forward line, strong all season, exploded in leading the team to three consecutive victories by a combined score of 14-2. Wingers Blake Miller and Verdi DiSesa worked well with striker Mak Kendall to keep constant pressure on the opposition. Passarelli and Pearlman again did double duty, splitting time between forward and goalie. In the semifinals, the team lost in freezing weather to Langhorne in double overtime. The team finished their fall season with a record of 14-5-3.

The U-10 'A' Derelicts finished the regular season at 8-2 in first place in the Delco League's first division. Last year, the Derelicts won the League Championship but they were unable to repeat this year as they went down 4-3 to Parkwood in the playoffs. The team was led all season by Jared Kahn, Robert Machnicki and Ryan Kelly on offense along with John Sawin on defense.

The team took second place in three tournaments this fall, including the Redlands Tournament, the Delco Columbus Day Tournament and the Thanksgiving Mohinder Tournament. The team is hoping to raise their play a notch and turn all their recent second place finishes into championships in the near future.

The U-10 'B' Gators reached the finals of the Division 3 championship against Marple Newtown. The Gators

went into the championship with a five game winning streak, beating Downingtown 1-0 and Springfield 2-1 in earlier playoff games to reach the finals. The game against Marple was played in the pouring rain. It was very close but Marple prevailed 2-0.

In the first half, the Gators midfield carried the play, led by Jesse Cohen, Ben Goldberg, George Mayer and Justin Ingerman. The only goal of this half came on a penalty kick. Goalie Ross Miller stopped the initial penalty kick but the referee called for a rekick which Miller got a hand on but was unable to stop.

In the second half, the Gators continued to put pressure on Marple and had several shots by Billy Conry, Doug Avart, Jon Morgan, Reed Kendall and Max Blum either go just wide or off the goal post. Doug Rosenberg and Ted Hill both played well in the second half. Marple managed to score an insurance goal in the last minute of play after the Gators pushed everyone up on offense in an attempt to get the equalizer.

The fullbacks were strong throughout the playoffs, keeping the ball in the opponents half of the field. The defense was led by Christos Panidis, Ed Silverman and Andy Hayward.

The U-11 'A' Maniacs had another great fall season. Under new head coach Kip Lord, the team finished the Delco season tied for third place with Tredyffrin Easttown. The two teams played each other to determine who would have the final playoff spot in post season play. The Maniacs dominated the first half with goals from Keith Carroll and Josh Allison along with strong play from Alex Shuptar. T/E roared back in the second half, forcing overtime. With three minutes remaining in the second half, T/E scored on a direct kick to win.

The defense played outstanding all season, anchored by Willie Frank, Danny McAlaine, Ted Oberwager and Peter Cannon.

The Maniacs' offense learned a new system this year and really improved their level of play. The front line of Carroll, Allison, Shuptar, Trevor Lord, Jeff Kivitz and Josh Rosenfeldt greatly improved their goal production over last season.

As the season progressed, the midfield play of Jon Gold, Michael Greenspoon and Alex Cook was outstanding and controlled the flow of the game. Goalie Tom Jakobowski was outstanding all season long, no doubt the best U-11 keeper in Delco League. This past season, the Maniacs were represented on the Delco League Select team by Jakobowski and Rosenfeldt.

The U-12 'A' Lunatics finished a very successful year. They entered nine tournaments in 1994 and came away

with a very impressive 7 tournament championships. The highlight of the year of course was their winning the State Cup Championship last spring.

This fall, the Lunatics won their last three tournaments, capturing the Marlboro, N.J. Tournament (Matt Skipper, MVP), the Delco Columbus Day Tournament (Ron Lewis, MVP) and the Emil Schillinger Thanksgiving Tournament where "Fuzzy" Zeller scored in the last fifteen seconds of the championship game against Barrington, New Jersey for a 2-1 win. Zeller was awarded MVP by the tournament directors.

Dan Geraghty, Drew Delaney, Andrew Brass and goalie David Hanlon provided an excellent defense all season. The Lunatics opened up the indoor season with another Woodhaven Tournament championship. Since their inception five years ago, the Lunatics have won 19 of the 31 indoor tournaments that they have entered.

The U-13 'C' Flames finished a near perfect season by going 10-0-1 and defeating the Radnor Razors to win the U-13 Division 4 championship. The Flames won the championship in convincing style, winning 3-0. The two teams met twice in the regular season with the Flames winning 2-0 and then drawing 2-2.

In the championship game, Radnor took early control of the game but goalie Etan Horowitz and sweeper Cam Johnson kept the ball out of the net. As the match continued, the Flames midfielders Marc Eimer and David Hillsberg stepped up and began to control the game's tempo by keeping the ball in the opposition's end of the field. Just before halftime, a Flames corner kick was booted into the net by Geoff Henisee to give Lower Merion a 1-0 lead at the half.

The second half saw the Flames continue to control the game by keeping the ball in Radnor's end of the field. Strong play from the fullbacks and midfielders prevented Radnor from making a serious comeback. Striker Seth Sheffler-Collins knocked in a second goal for Lower Merion, followed by a third goal from David Hillsberg to give the Flames a 3-0 win and the championship trophy.

The U-14 'A' Hurricanes had never had a winning fall season until 1994. The year began at the Marlboro, N.J. tournament where the Hurricanes finished tied for second place. Tim Lord and Bill Kornberg led a very strong offensive attack in the tournament.

The Delco League season began with a win over West Chester where Billy Rock recorded a hat trick. The Hurricanes kept up their winning ways all fall as they finished the regular season 8-2-0. The defense was excellent all season, thanks to strong play by Ben Levit and Todd Zamzow. Also helping the defensive effort

were Dirk Boden, Greg Fowler, Nick McCreary, Mike Bickell and Steve Herman.

Luke Coyle, in his first year as goalie, was outstanding, allowing only 8 goals in the 10 regular season games, recording 6 shutouts along the way. Scoring was not a problem this year as they put in 52 goals during league and tournament play. Tim Lord led the team with 11 goals followed closely by Billy Kornberg with 10, Brett Furber with 9 and Billy Rock with 7. Sean Keech, Luke Ogelsby and Terry Coghlan all excelled at midfield.

In the Hurricanes' first ever league playoff game, they defeated Aston 5-0. Defender Ben Levit opened the scoring followed by two from Tim Lord and single goals by Furber and Rock. With two players sidelined for the final game against West Chester, the team did not have its usual firepower but still fought hard throughout regulation and two overtimes where the scoreboard read 2-2. A penalty shot shootout in the pouring rain would decide the championship which the Hurricanes won 5-3 to earn them the league championship.

LMSC FLAMES

1994 U-13 Division 4 DELCO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Blum, Ethan	McCarthy, Paul
Diamond, Sean	Messeder, Daniel
Eimer, Mark	Murphy, Brien
Gould, Alex	O'Connell, Chris
Henisee Geoff	Prince, Justin
Hillsberg, David	Schleinkofer, David
Horowitz, Etan	Sheffler-Collins, Seth
Johnson, Cam	Ueltzen, Miles
Lerario, Steve	Weiss, Alex

Head Coach: Craig Sheffler-Collins

LMSC HURRICANES

1994 U-14 Division 2 DELCO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Bickell, Michael	Kornberg, Billy
Boden, Dirk	Levit, Ben
Coghlan, Terry	Lord, Tim
Coyle, Luke	McCreary, Nick
Fowler, Greg	Ogelsby, Luke
Furber, Brett	Rock, Billy
Herman, Steve	Zamzow, Todd
Keech, Sean	

Coaches: Andrew Keech, Bruce Kornberg

GIRLS TRAVEL TEAM ROUNDUP

(NOTE: We apologize for the lack of articles on the Girls Travel Team Program but only one girls team submitted articles for this newsletter. Hopefully other teams will contribute articles in future newsletters.)

The U-9 Fireballs ended their season playing their best soccer of the year, only to lose their playoff game against Nether Providence in a shootout after a scoreless regulation and overtime.

The teams' first season together was a success, not only in the final standings, but also in the improvement shown by each and every player on the team. Katherine Narvaez was outstanding in goal all season, allowing one goal or less in all but one game. Maggie Schiller was a goal scoring machine and had the best foot on the team.

Emily Carson, the teams center halfback, was always a bundle of energy, never tiring and playing her best soccer in the important games.

Despite being outsized most games, our wings Allie Cicoski, Jennifer Sebolka and Shannon Hoops made up for their lack of size with extreme quickness and good ball handling skills. Playing at halfback, Tracy Sukoneck, Caroline Newcombe and Carly Greenspoon were always up and down the field and were never afraid to throw their bodies into the action.

Hillary Turner, the "Flash" of the team, always put pressure on the other team's defense with her speed. The steady defense kept our games close all season. The middle of the defense was anchored by Kathy Hamilton and Johna Hoey. Also playing a key part to the defense were Holly Alderman and Rosie Bassman.

Caroline "Cricket" Bailey was always willing to play at any position and had the best scoring chance in the playoff game. Newcomer Bari Leven was a welcome addition to the team, coming to us from New England and playing consistently good defense and helping out at goalie.

The Fireballs, under the direction of head coach John Carson and assistants Chris Cicoski, Steve Hamilton, Ron Sebolka and Erin Harley are looking forward to continued success as they head into the indoor season.

UNDER 8 DEVELOPMENTAL TRAVEL TEAMS

Each winter, LMSC has tryouts for the top 7 year old players in the intramural program to form Under 8 Developmental Travel Teams (one boys team, one girls team). This year's teams were open to players born between August 1, 1986 and July 31, 1987. Both teams practice indoor during the winter, the boys team plays in five indoor tournaments during the winter (there are no indoor tournaments available to girls teams at Under 8).

During late October and early November, tryouts were held for the two teams. The boys team had 63 players tryout, the girls team had a record 38 players try out.

Congratulations to the following 20 boys who were chosen for the Boys U-8 team, The Delinquents:

Adler, Alex	Kahn, Alex
Calvello, Stefano	Mayernick, Steven
Day, Tim	Munabi, Tunji
Fairman, Alex	O'Rourke, Corey
Frank, Morgan	Panidis, Panos
Goldberg, Michael	Schildhorn, Brett
Goldmann, Jon	Shaw, John
Grauman, Zach	Switkay, Tyler
Hayward, C.J.	Weiss, Danny
Heusler, Tim	Westman, Max

Coaches: Biff Sturla, Richard Dahl

Congratulations to the following 19 players who were selected to play on the girls Under 8 Developmental Travel Team:

Berschler, Samantha	Nahikian, Jennifer
Cohen, Amanda	Overhiser, Sarah
Colestock, Hannah	Pillion, Alexandra
Eckrich, Elizabeth	Powers, Asheley
Feldman, Caroline	Rotfeld, Carly
Friedman, Bess	Shafer, Francie
Hamilton, Olivia	Slott, Dara
Haxter, Deannie	Tintenfass, Jennifer
Lawson, Gretchen	White, Ashley
Lurio, Madeline	

Head Coach: Julie Kessel

The boys U-8 team kicked off their season by placing 2nd out of 16 teams in the Hulmeville Invitational Tournament in late November. This is the best showing for a U-8 team in the 5 years we've participated in this tournament.

The team opened up with a 3-1 win over Fairless Hills as Alex Kahn, Morgan Frank and Michael Goldberg all scored. In the second game, LMSC won 9-0 over Hatboro. Stefano Calvello, Danny Weiss, Tyler Switkay and Alex Fairman led the attack while Max Westman, Brett Schildhorn and Tim Day helped earn the shutout.

In the third game against Montgomery, LMSC needed a tie to advance to the playoffs. LMSC was down 1-0 at the half but came storming back as Tunji Munabi and Panos Panidis each barely missed scoring by just inches. With only three minutes left in the game, Max Westman scored the equalizer to send The Delinquents into the playoffs.

In the semifinals against Upper Makefield, the defense was flawless as goalies Brett Schildhorn and Tim Day were impossible to beat. In the second half, Morgan Frank gave Stefano Calvello an excellent pass. Calvello beat the goalie to give LMSC a 1-0 win and a trip to the championship game against Hulmeville.

The first half of the championship game was very tight as both teams had excellent chances. Michael Goldberg and Danny Weiss each came close to scoring for LMSC. In the second half, Hulmeville began to mount a strong attack but could not get past the tough goaltending of Tim Day. Hulmeville finally put two goals in to take the championship. Max Westman was voted MVP of the tournament for LMSC.

This winter, the boys team will be playing in five indoor tournaments and hope to play in one or two outdoor tournaments in the spring.

INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAMES

On Sunday, October 26th at Gladwyne Elementary School, six 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. An MVP was picked from each team and awarded a game ball.

One of the purposes of the All Star games was to allow the Travel Team coaches to evaluate players in a pressure free environment. Players selected for the all star games should give serious consideration to trying out for the Travel Team Program when they are old enough.

INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAME ROSTERS

INTERMEDIATES WEST DIVISION

<u>WHITE TEAM</u>	<u>BLUE TEAM</u>
2 Alex Adler	2 Jarett Banks
3 Stefano Calvello	3 Alex Fairman
4 Morgan Frank	4 Michael Goldberg
5 Jon Goldmann	5 Zach Grauman
6 C.J. Hayward	6 Alex Kahn
7 Kevin Kelly	7 Matt Mason
8 Steven Mayernick	8 Tunji Munabi
9 Fitz Nowlan	9 Panos Panidis
10 Patrick Pasquariello	10 Ben Rosenfield
11 Brett Schildhorn	11 Tyler Switkay
12 Danny Weiss	12 Taney Willcox
13 Thomas Wurfel	13 Ricky Horshaw
14 Andrew Richardson	14 Ben Smolen
15 Alex Stitt	15 Robby Weisberg

MVPs: Brett Schildhorn, Tyler Switkay

BANTAMS EAST DIVISION

<u>WHITE TEAM</u>	<u>BLUE TEAM</u>
2 Chris Colameco	2 Michael Conry
3 Sam Kessler	3 Alex Perilstein
4 Julian Fishon	4 Lee Rubenstein
5 Evan Gibson	5 Josh Goldman
6 William Devon-Sand	6 Nicholas Schoenfeld
7 Tavid Bingham	7 Robert Blumenthal
8 David Bershad	8 Peter Richter
9 Eric Mustin	9 Chris Sheldon-Dante
10 Andrew Ritterman	10 Alex Hurtado
11 Danny Ruggieri	11 Scott Schneider
12 Chris Lawrence	12 Michael Marks
13 Alex Terzian	13 Nikolai Tymkiw
14 Tyler Goldman	14 Ryan McKenna
15 Chris Levine	15 Chris Leto
16 Jordan Limor	16 David Jacobson

MVP's: David Bershad, Chris Leto

INTERMEDIATES EAST DIVISION

<u>WHITE TEAM</u>	<u>BLUE TEAM</u>
2 Tim Day	2 Shane Ferguson
3 Philip Jackson	3 Jesse Greenberg
4 Gregory Luehrs	4 Kevin Howley
5 Corey O'Rourke	5 Daniel Kaufman
6 John Shaw	6 Alec Schoenfeld
7 Max Westman	7 Jacob Tulsy
8 Peter Vale	8 Jonathan Glass
9 Alex Adkins	9 Tim Ivory
10 Matt Dobbins	10 Sean Barker
11 Griffith Gyde	11 Peter Cannon
12 Nathan Pritchard	12 Shane Ortale
13 Adam Rappoport	13 Sam Pemberton
14 Dan Ritterman	14 Jesse Schwab
15 Dean Granoff	15 Chris Dorbian
16 Billy Keffer	16 Jack Hartman

MVP's: John Shaw, Chris Dorbian

BANTAMS WEST DIVISION

<u>WHITE TEAM</u>	<u>BLUE TEAM</u>
2 Brett Toran	2 Maxx Vitiello
3 Joshua Goldfine	3 Dustin Steerman
4 Chris Aitken	4 Drew Erickson
5 Joey D'Orazio	5 Seth Lieblich
6 Erik Abi-Khattar	6 Chadd Citron
7 Josh Broderson	7 Adam Conston
8 Ross Wolfe	8 Todd Ruth
9 Evan Weiss	9 David Wille
10 Austin Weinerman	10 Jake Rogers
11 Anthony Griffith	11 Rob McCallion
12 Max Maeder	12 Logan Snyder
13 Josh Abel	13 Tim Walling
14 Michael Lundy	14 Seth Broderson
15 Jordan Cooper	15 Marc Leven
16 Baci Blindenbacher	16 Ryan Giggs

MVP's: Josh Broderson, Seth Broderson

INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAME ROSTERS

PROTONS DIVISION

WHITE TEAM

2 Sarah Bernstein
 3 Hannah Colestock
 4 Caroline Feldman
 5 Olivia Hamilton
 6 Gretchen Lawson
 7 Jennifer Nahikian
 8 Melissa Perez
 9 Asheley Powers
 10 Francie Shafer
 11 Ashley White
 12 Amanda Schwab
 13 Dana Moosburner
 14 Bridget English
 15 Meredith Braverman

BLUE TEAM

2 Amanda Cohen
 3 Elizabeth Eckrich
 4 Emily Gilbert
 5 Jessica Kahn
 6 Rebecca Maller
 7 Sarah Overhiser
 8 Alexandra Pillion
 9 Carly Rotfeld
 10 Elyse Siegel
 11 Kimberly Siembieda
 12 Myra Sack
 13 Ani Hatza
 14 Reb. Dorey-Stein
 15 Jessica Bloomfield

ELECTRONS DIVISION

WHITE TEAM

Alexandra Burch
 Laura Dennis
 Perri Devon-Sand
 Ashley Eldredge
 Sarah Freudberg
 Lucy Mason
 Dora McFarland
 Alexa Miller
 Chelsea Nader
 Elizabeth Nahikian
 Leila Orchin
 Caroline Pemberton
 Julia Pudlin
 Britt Rabinovici
 Lynn Rabinovici
 Jessica Tomlinson
 Hadley Wilmerding

BLUE TEAM

Heather Barrie
 Jennifer Borck-Hadley
 Miriam Bowring
 Kim Brown
 Katie D'Orazio
 Mary Ann DeHoratius
 Aimee Frank
 Kate Gordon
 Megan Hayes
 Debbie Japko
 Allison Marotta
 Sarah Pittman
 Julie Pizzutillo
 Ilene Price
 Darah Sipe
 Kathryn Willcox

JUNIORS DIVISION

WHITE TEAM

2 Adam Blitzer
 3 Stephan Connelly
 4 Joshua Isenberg
 5 Sean Benner
 6 Lateef Cannon
 7 David Shochat
 8 Andrew Unterburger
 9 Ian Dworkin
 10 Maton Silberstein
 11 Michael Evian
 12 Jake Shapiro
 13 Ben Schutzman
 14 Andrew Herman
 15 Matthew Yankowitz

BLUE TEAM

2 Aindriu Colgan
 3 Robert Stanbrook
 4 Jeff Mendelman
 5 Kevin Friedlander
 6 Jonathan Richter
 7 Perry Kaplan
 8 Douglas DiSesa
 9 Brett Milstein
 10 Jimmy McFadden
 11 Nathan Krahn
 12 Sean Edler
 13 Greg Warshaw
 14 Brad Cohen
 15 Kareem Estefan

COSMOS DIVISION

Meredith Belzak	Katie Hoyt
Emma Benn	Ashley Karel
Allison Betansky	Jenny Luehrs
Laura Connor	Morgan McLaughlin
Jane Cullina	Lindy Peskin
Joelle DeChaderavian	Liane Serinski
Amy Federman	Emily Smith
Tara Filoon	Monika Sutton
Cheryl Goldstein	Angela Williams

(Note: The Cosmos Division had only one all star team. This team competed against the LMSC U-12 Lazars Travel Team).

SENIORS DIVISION ROUNDUP

The Seniors Division (9-10 year old boys) championship saw the National Division champion Cowboys (6-1-2) play the American Division champion Packers (7-0-2). Both teams won their semifinal matches the day before, against the Rams and the Eagles.

For 60 minutes, the championship game was a hard fought defensive struggle. At the end of regulation, it was still 0-0 thanks to great goaltending by the Cowboys Ben Waber and Evan Coppersmith and the Packers' Erik Johanson and Jesse Weber. Strong defensive play was turned in by the Packers' Dan Colameco and Zack Hiscock while the Cowboys' Miles Rich held his team's defense together.

The game went into sudden death, first team to score wins. After five minutes of play, the Packers were awarded a free kick just outside the penalty area. Center forward Sean Sheffler-Collins took the kick and buried it in the net to give the Packers the championship.

In the post game ceremony, Packers coach Bob Colameco was presented the Enrique Guzman Trophy, given annually to the winning team in the Seniors Division. The trophy is named after the beloved LMSC coach who passed away in 1992.

ELECTRONS AND COSMOS DIVISIONS ROUNDUP

The Electrons Division played two exhibition games and then a seven game schedule. At the end of the season, a championship game was held between the Freedom and the Wolves. The game ended in a tie with the championship being awarded to the team that had the best record in the regular season, that being the Freedom, coached by Ash Eldredge. The division also had a very successful all star game.

The new Cosmos Division got underway with four teams playing a nine game schedule. Going into the last week, there was a three way tie for first place. Australia broke out of the pack and won the division.

On November 20th, the Cosmos All star team played the LMSC Lasers, a U-12 travel team. The game was played 11 versus 11, (travel team format). The game was extremely close with the Cosmos All Stars scoring the first goal but the Lasers coming back for a 3-2 win. Although the Cosmos All Stars did not have the experience of a seasoned team, their individual skills, speed and strength proved to be a tough challenge for the well coordinated Lasers.

Electrons Division Champions: The Freedom

Alexandra Burch	Lauren Fishbein
Izzie Burch	Rebecca Fox
Laura Dennis	Caitlin Goodman
Ashley Eldredge	Alexa Miller
Ashley Eyre	Carolyn Pemberton
Avery Eyre	Hadley Wilmerding

Head Coach: Ash Eldredge

Cosmos Division Champions: Australia

Meredith Belzak	Melissa Krahn
Emma Benn	Lisa Mendelman
Anna Egoille	Erica Polsky
Amreet Gluck	Florencia Rolandelli
Emily Irving	Lauren Spiegel
Ashley Karel	Angela Williams

Coaches: John Williams, Rolando Rolandelli

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."

This year we are pleased to present the award to two people, one in the Travel Team Program and one in the Intramural Program. Our Travel Team Coach Of The Year Award goes to Kip Lord. This season, Kip took over a somewhat disorganized U-11'A' Boys Travel Team and turned it around, giving them some excellent leadership and a great time. The U-11'A' Maniacs got to the first round of the Delco League 1st Division playoffs before losing 3-2 in overtime to Tredyffrin Easttown.

Our Intramural Coach Of The Year Award goes to Susan Reynolds who has run the 'Special Needs Program' for boys and girls 7-10 who have physical limitations. Through the hard work of Susan, these children, who would have difficulty competing in our other divisions, have had the opportunity to play soccer the past two seasons.

Congratulations to both Kip and Susan and thank you for the excellent work you have both done.

LMSC Coach Of The Year Award Winners

1994	Kip Lord	(Travel Program)
	Susan Reynolds	(Intramural Program)
1993	Chris Campbell	
1992	Chris Scott	
1991	Lance Laver	

ABOUT OUR OVERCROWDED FIELD SITUATION

As mentioned, our biggest priority for the 1995 season will be to give each team more space for practices. We were way too crowded this year due to the tremendous growth of the program. To give you an idea of the size of this growth, we have printed the number of participants in the Fall Intramural Program (no travel team players) for the past seven years:

1988:	382
1989:	440
1990:	578
1991:	749
1992:	790
1993:	1077
1994:	1350

Considering that we have about 500 travel team players, we are in need of enough fields for over 1850 players in the fall. This fall, we had games going from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Gladwyne Elementary (two fields), Merion Elementary (two fields), McMoran Playground, Gladwyne Playground, South Ardmore Park, Bryn Mawr Polo Field and General Wayne. Not only were the fields too crowded but the heavy usage made for excessive wear and tear.

At our recent directors meeting, we talked about the need to improve the quality of the program. We concluded that we needed to offer more field space to teams. We discussed many ideas about how to do this. Among the ideas discussed were:

- Elimination of the oldest intramural divisions and encouraging those players to move to the Travel Team Program.
- Elimination of the 'C' teams in the boys Travel Team Program.
- Not accepting late registrations for the fall intramural program.
- Limiting the number of teams in each division of the intramural program.

We have not yet made a decision on how to prevent the overcrowding situation. Our first hope is that the township will be able to provide more fields next year so we don't have to close down any programs. We are going to do everything possible to not eliminate any programs. We know that the 'C' travel teams have been very successful the past two years and we also know that the oldest intramural divisions have been quite successful.

At this point in time, we are leaning towards rejecting fall intramural registrations in the 7-12 year old divisions which are received after the registration deadline. This will keep the size of the program to a workable level although it will mean turning away the 150 or so players that always send in applications late.

We will keep you up to date about this situation. We hope that we'll have more fields made available. For those of you planning on playing intramurals next fall, be advised that we will most likely reject registrations received after the August 15 deadline. We are VERY serious about this, be sure to register on time to assure participation in the program.

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OTHER PROBLEMS THAT WE NEED TO DEAL WITH

Two other problems plagued us this year, both of which will be dealt with in the immediate future.

For the past fifteen years, the school district has put up goal posts on both fields at Gladwyne Elementary School. This year they decided not to. Had they informed us of this decision, we would have been able to purchase goal posts of our own. The school district did NOT tell us of this so we found ourselves two sets of goals short for the season. Goal posts generally take a couple months to order so we had to make do with some very poor goals.

We will have a sufficient supply of goals for future seasons. We apologize for the inconvenience of having to use substandard goals at some fields this fall.

The second problem we had was with the company that we hired to do team photographs for some of our intramural divisions. Many of you know that we selected Alan Howe Sports Photos from Harleysville, PA for this task. We have gotten countless complaints that the photographers were extremely rude and decided to leave one of the sites before eight teams had their photos taken.

Needless to say, we will NOT be hiring them again. We would like to try someone new for the 1995 fall season. If any of you know of someone who can handle this job at a reasonable price, please give us a call.

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-12 boys team, the LMSC Lunatics won the U-11 Outdoor State Championship, giving LMSC its fifth State Championship in the past six years. The Lunatics defeated the Hulmeville Rowdies, from Bucks County, 6-0 in the finals. The Lunatics also took 2nd in the Indoor State Cup.

Also having a lot of success last year were the LMSC Firebirds who took second place in both the girls U-11 Indoor State Cup and Outdoor State Cup, placing behind Council Rock in both events. This was the best showing by any LMSC girls team ever.

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 14 teams make it to the semifinals of State Cups, including the five State Champions:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Age group</u>	<u>Birth year</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Result</u>
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

1995 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 23 thru June 25 (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. NOTE: This is **NOT** the same field where the Neutrons and Microns Divisions played during the fall. That is South Ardmore Park in Wynnewood.

Most divisions will be structured similar to the Atoms, Neutrons and Microns 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.

We will once again offer an advanced Boys Premier Division for those born between August 1, 1987 and December 31, 1988. This division will be open to boys with above average athletic ability who are considering playing in the Travel Team Program in future seasons. This division will most likely play at Merion Elementary School. Players will be placed on teams of 12 and play a regular league schedule, playing 7 versus 7.

Eligible participants for the Spring Intramural Program will be boys and girls born between August 1, 1987 and December 31, 1990. More 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.

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, 1986 - July 31, 1987 birth) up through Under 14 (Aug. 1, 1981 - July 31, 1982). Girls teams will be formed for Under 9 through Under 19. It is anticipated that there will be three boys teams in each age group and a one or two 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 Under 8 teams will be open to children born between August 1, 1987 and July 31, 1988.

SOCCER COACHING COURSES AND A REFFING 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.

This spring, we plan to again offer the United States Soccer Federation's three night 'F' level coaching course designed to help adults new to soccer or new to coaching. This course is recommended to those planning to coach in the 5-6 year old divisions.

Also in the spring, we again plan to offer the United States Soccer Federation's six night 'E' level coaching course. This course is recommended to those planning to coach in the 7-12 year old divisions.

LMSC will pay the full cost of either coaching course for anyone who coaches in our program. Each course covers the following topics: Team Management, Care and Prevention Of Injuries, Technique, Tactics, Laws Of The Game and Coaching Methodologies.

Also in the planning stage is a six night referee course. This course leads to certification that will allow you to referee Travel Team games. These referees make between \$16 and \$35 per game. You must be 14 years of age to take the course. A final exam will be given. If you are interested in more information about this, please call Dan Sutton at 664-4890.

4TH ANNUAL LMSC SUMMER SOCCER CAMP

In late June, early July, LMSC will run its fourth 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 7-12.

The camp staff includes many local high school coaches and local high school and college players. The camp maintains a very high counselor to camper ratio.

Mailings for the camp will be sent out to all eligible LMSC players in late March. Player not associated with LMSC may also attend the camp.

SOCCER EQUIPMENT AND OTHER LMSC ITEMS

Many of you may already know this, but Sneaky Pete's Discount Sneakers (49 W. Lancaster Avenue in Ardmore, 642-4470) are now the official supplier of LMSC apparel. Along with soccer shoes and shin guards, they carry the official LMSC shorts and socks (used for both travel and intramurals). Sneaky Pete's also sells our LMSC windbreaker, logoed soccer ball, sweatshirts, equipment bags and hats (by Game).

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 encouraged to have the proper size soccer ball and bring it to both practices and to games.

THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS

Each of our intramural divisions is headed up by one volunteer who runs the program with guidance from the LMSC Directors. 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

Majors	(1982/83 births)	Craig Stretch
Seniors	(1984/85 births)	Craig Stretch
Inters.	(Advanced 86, 87s)	Gary Smolen Juniors
(Beginners 86,87s)	Mary Beth Gehret	
Bantams	(1988 births)	Frank Leto
Atoms	(1989 births)	Justin Ceccarelli

Girls Divisions

Cosmos	(1982/83 births)	Dan Sutton
Electrons	(1984/85 births)	Dan Sutton
Protons	(1986, 87 births)	Steve Hamilton
Microns	(1988 births)	Glenn Brooks
Neutrons	(1989 births)	Jim Van Dusen
Special Needs	(1988-1985)	Susan Reynolds

Also, a special thanks to referee assignor Dan Grech whose hard work enabled almost every game to have had a referee this fall.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE LMSC DIRECTORS

Bruno Ceccarelli, President, Girls Travel Director
Joe Hopkins, Vice President, Boys Travel Director
Biff Sturla, Vice President, Intramural Director
Frank Leto, Associate Intramural Director