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The 1995 fall season has ended for the 1557 players in the Intramural Program and the 550 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 1996 Spring Intramural Program, the 1996 Fall Intramural Program and tryouts for the 1996 Travel Team Program.

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This season was by far our largest season ever in terms of participation. The program has grown very fast the past several seasons. Early in the season we did not have enough fields for our 2100 players. Fortunately, three weeks into the season the township gave us three new fields, including Penn Valley Elementary School, Bala Cynwyd Middle School and the Welsh Valley baseball field. Assuming that we get these fields again, our overcrowded field situation should be lessened.

Our Fall Intramural Program has grown by over 760 players over the past three seasons. The number of travel teams increased in both the boys program and the girls program. This year, we have 36 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.

Our boys Travel Team Program had another successful season as eight LMSC teams reached the post season Delco League playoffs. Six of those teams (an all time high for LMSC) reached the championship game in their division. Our U-11 'A' team, the Derelicts were crowned co-champions after battling through 4 overtimes against West Chester in a 2-2 draw.

Unfortunately, four other boys teams that reached the championship game will have to wait until the fields are again playable to determine their outcome. Two weekends in a row saw bad weather and unplayable field conditions so they will have to wait indefinitely.

Starting with the 1996 fall season, the United States Soccer Federation has mandated that ALL travel team games Under 9 and Under 10 will be played 8 versus 8 instead of 11 v 11. This fall, the girls Tri-County League instituted this policy at the U-9 level. Each team fielded two Under 8 teams which played simultaneously, thus giving each player more playing time and each player more touches on the ball.

Starting next fall, per USSF policy, all of our U-9 and U-10 travel teams (both boys and girls) will play 8 v 8. We do not yet know how this will be structured. We might have single teams of 11-12 players or have teams of 18 or more players that play simultaneous games like Tri-County did last year. These decisions will be made later by the USSF. We will pass the information to you when we get it.

BOYS TRAVEL TEAM ROUNDUP

In 1995, LMSC had more boys travel teams than ever before. We had 19 teams play in the fall Delco League, more than any other club except West Chester United.

The Delco League places each team in a division where they are best suited. Almost all age groups in the Delco League's fall season have four or five divisions.

As mentioned, we had eight boys teams reach the Delco League Playoffs including the U-11 'A' Derelicts who were crowned co-champions with West Chester. Our U-11 'B' team, the Gators, reached the finals of the Division 3, losing to King Of Prussia by a goal. The other 4 teams to make it to the championship will be eagerly waiting their chance to claim championships. These games are currently scheduled for mid-January but will only be played when field conditions permit.

AGE	DIV.	TEAM	COACH	SEASON	PLAYOFFS
U-9A	1	Delinquents	D. Grauman	9-1-1	In Finals
U-9B	2	Slammers	B. Hayward	6-3-2	
U-9C	4	Gary's Boys	G. Steinberg	4-3-3	
U-10A	1	Hooligans	J. Krotec	4-5-0	
U-10B	2	Flames	R. Hurtado	4-4-1	
U-10C	3	Taz. Devils	B. Payne	3-6-0	
U-11A	1	Derelicts	J. Hopkins	8-2-2	Co-Champs
U-11B	3	Gators	E. Urbach	8-1-1	Finalists
U-11C	5	Crushers	J. Hillsberg	3-3-2	
U-12A	1	Maniacs	K. Lord	3-3-3	
U-12B	3	Banshees	J. Rose	9-1-0	In Finals
U-12C	4	Hotshots	G. Gibson	7-1-2	In Finals
U-13A	1	Lunatics	D. Zeller	3-7-1	
U-13B	2	Blackhawks	C. Scott	3-4-1	
U-13C	4	Red Devils	H. Brown	2-7-1	
U-14A	2	Sharks	Rock/Whelan	7-1-2	In Finals
U-14B	3	Lightning	A. Corrado	5-2-1	Semifinalists
U-14C	4	Flames	D. Horowitz	5-4-0	Semifinalists
U-15A	1	Hurricanes	A. Keech	1-4-4	

The winter Delco League season started in mid November. The winter league is for high school age players (Under 15 through Under 19). Last year, both our U-16 boys team, F.C. Joe and our U-19 boys team, the Gorillas, were crowned Delco League First Division champions. The U-16 team also won the Indoor State Cup Championship.

This year, the F.C. Joe team is playing in the U-17 Division. Last year's head coach, Joe Hopkins has stepped down to be assistant coach. The team has brought in George O'Neill to run the team. George is head coach at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a former U.S. National Team player and played in the Scottish Professional League's First Division for many years.

The team consists of many of the best high school juniors in the area, including Haverford School players Andy Gold, Richard Kinderman, Joe Smolen, Craig Cowperthwait and Mike Tiedeman, Episcopal Academy players Justin Hopkins and James Casey and Lower Merion High School players Bobby Lentz, David Bloovman, Jake Miller and Tim Bradley.

The U-9 'A' Delinquents had a tremendous first season, going 9-1-1 in the regular season, capturing their Thanksgiving Day Weekend Tournament and defeating West Chester in the league semifinals 5-0. They will play Downingtown in the championship game someday.

The team was led by speedster Tunji Munabi and sweeper Mad Max Westman. The Delinquents did not give up a goal in their final 5 league games. Much credit for this goes to goalie Dan Shuptar who was the team's MVP in the Thanksgiving Tournament. Brendan Cannon's penalty kick proved to be the winning goal in the tournament. Center midfielders Stefano Calvello and Alex Kahn, along with stopper Timmy Day controlled the play and were a big part of the team's success all season long.

The U-10 'A' Hooligans had a new coach and several new players. They got off to a slow start as the coaches developed a new concept of team play. The team went 3-1-0 in the Kirkwood Fall Tournament despite having many players getting sick due to the heat and injuries, leaving them to play with 9 or 10 players during their one loss. At the Hooligan's next tournament, up in Marlboro, NJ, the team again went 3-1-0.

During the fall season, the team lost five games by one goal. The team finished off very strong, winning their last four games of the season, all by several goals. The highlight of the four game run was when they destroyed a very powerful Kirkwood team and then beat West Chester on their field.

The team received standout goaltending from Eric Pearlman and Jacob Sack. The leading goal scorer was Mak Kendall who finally learned that a hard low shot to the far goal post was the best way to score. New players Trent Tatter and Sammy Korff also excelled on the front line. Chris "Pass The Jelly" Passarelli was injured for a good part of the season but played his usual hard nosed effective style when he was able.

Pat "The Machine" McDermott used his bulk well and ran over opponents at will. Verdi DiSesa overcame a slow start due to inactivity and became a real force at midfield. Nicky "Buzzhead" Krotec showed improved ball handling and passing skills at his new center midfield position. F.J. Leto played wherever needed and did a solid job at defense.

Chris Campbell continued to show great ball handling skills and also filled in at many positions with great ease. Blake Miller moved to sweeper from midfield which was one of the reasons for the team's great turnaround. Tommy Hart, another new player, Luke Zeller and Ryan "The Enforcer" Witte played tough, consistent fullback which anchored LMSC's league leading defense.

The most improved player on the team was Chris "Rocket Man" Walling who showed us super speed and individual ball skills which amazed the coaches and players. With the team's excellent showing in the last four games of the season, everyone is looking forward to a great indoor season and a fantastic 1996 season.

The U-10 'C' Tazmanian Devils had a very successful second year under the direction of coach Butch Payne. The team entered two tournaments, playing in the Harrisburg Swatara Tournament and then the King Of Prussia Tournament where the Devils earned second place trophies. The team did not allow a goal in their preliminary games but came up short 1-0 in the finals. The team received great goaltending from Timothy Peterson, the offense was led by Mark Porter who was their leading goal scorer.

The U-11 'A' Derelicts knocked off undefeated Yardley - Morrisville in the semifinals in a shootout, then played West Chester for the league championship. After four overtime periods the score was still 2-2 so the teams were declared co-champions. Lower Merion scored 45 seconds into the championship game as David Moscow beat three players on the wing and buried a shot past the goalie. West Chester soon tied it up but sweeper John Sawin gave the locals the lead again on a brilliant free kick. West Chester again tied it up to end the first half 2-2. The second half was all defense for both teams as goalie Robert "Meola" Machnicki came up big on many plays with help from defenders Sawin and Chris Geraghty who cleared one ball off the goal line.

In overtime, Ryan Kelly, Robbie Rotfeld and Jared "Genghis" Kahn all had opportunities that just went wide. As per Delco rules, the final two overtimes were played without goalies but neither team could get past the other team's wall of defenders.

Most impressive in the Derelicts drive to the Division 1 championship was the fact that they were 0-2-1 after 3 games of the season. Rather than give up, the players reorganized and set their sights on playing like they have in the past. The Derelicts were U-9 First Division Champions in 1993 and semifinalists last year. They are the first LMSC team to ever win two fall Delco League Division 1 championships. Special recognition must go to coach Joe Hopkins who guided both his U-11 team and his U-16 teams to Division 1 titles in 1995.

The U-11 'B' Gators made it to the Division 3 finals for the second year in a row. The Gators got off to a hot start, going 5-0. During that time, they did not allow a goal thanks to great defense from Andy Hayward, Ian Ramsey-North, Eddie Silverman and goalie Ross Miller.

In the Columbus Day Tournament, the Gators took second place, defeating a strong Delaware team before losing in the championship game to a very strong team from Baltimore. During the tournament, the team scored 13 goals in 4 games.

The top scorer for the team was forward Jon Morgan. Jesse Cohen and George Mayer led the midfielders in goal scoring.

The Gators lost the Delco League championship game 2-1 to King Of Prussia. The Gators were hoping to become the first LMSC team since 1991 to win back to back championships.

The U-11 'C' Crushers finished with a 3-3-2 record in the Delco League Division 5. The team was comprised of seven new players so the team got off to a slow start. The team picked up momentum after the Columbus Day Tournament and won their last two games of the year over Havertown and Aston. The victory over Havertown knocked Havertown out of first place, one of the best highlights of the season.

The defense was outstanding, led by Joe Abel, David Gevurtz (the most improved player on the team), and Justin Ingerman. The team had lots of speed at midfield thanks to Ted Oxholm and Ardrick Butler. Forwards Ben Margolis and Collin Reiff did a great job of keeping the opposing goalies busy. The hardest worker on the team was Matt Sachs whose "Pit Bull" style of play was admired. Eric Steinberg, Adam Boudreau, Bill Vagnoni, David Kleban and Peter Wright also helped to make the season a big success.

The U-12 'A' Maniacs started the fall off with the annual Marlboro, NJ tournament, finishing 2-1-1. In the Columbus Day tournament, the team finished 3-1-1. In both tournaments, the team missed second place by one point, a sign of things to come.

During the regular season, the team went 3-3-3 in First Division play. The run for a playoff spot came down to the second weekend before the end of the season with games against Nether and Radnor. The team needed to win one of those game but lost both of them 1-0 on goals in the last few minutes of play.

The Maniacs were pleased to welcome Dan Colameco, up from the 'B' team, to the squad. This occurred due to season ending injuries to Evan Woods, Willie Frank and Josh Rosenfeldt. The Maniacs played the majority of the

season with 12 or 13 active, uninjured players. Many other players suffered minor injuries but everyone played hard to make up for the personnel losses.

Danny McAlaine, Peter Cannon, Willie Frank, Michael Greenspoon and Ted Oberwager were solid on defense all year as the team allowed only 8 goals in league play. Tom Jakobowski once again proved to be among the top goalies in the league.

Dan McAlaine and Alex Shuptar were elected captains and provided excellent leadership. The team is looking forward to getting healthy and having a great indoor season.

The U-12 'B' Banshees have had an outstanding season so far. They finished 9-1 in the regular season in the 3rd division and won their semifinal playoff game. Due to bad weather, the championship game has been put off indefinitely. In their 11 games, the team outscored their opponents 36-4. The stingy defense was led by Tim Mahoney, Tucker Heckscher, Alex Cook and Tim McCulloch who played in front of goalie Peter Franconi.

The offense scored over 3 goals a game, thanks to the efforts of Michael Freedman and Denis Whelan. Outstanding midfield play was received from Bret Guest and Adam Rose.

The Banshees are eagerly awaiting their championship game where they hope to finally close off the best season that they have ever had.

The U-14 'A' Sharks won the Division 2 regular season, finishing 7-1-2, four points ahead of the second place team. The Sharks scored 25 goals and allowed only 8 in their 10 regular season games.

The team's success was predicated on the superior goaltending of Brooks Ching and the offensive creativity of Jon Payne, Matt Konopka, Ricky Whelan, Dan Erstad and Aaron Fenton.

The midfield was led by play maker Tag Boyle along with Mike Day, Rob Blumberg, Tom Rock, Matt Ross, Brian Cleary and Ben Fenton.

The defense had its best season in the history of the team thanks to Josh Hollinger, Aaron Jaffe, Jordan Parman, Blake Stabert and Ted Hart.

In the league semifinals, the Sharks defeated long time rival Radnor to advance to the championship game. The Sharks are looking forward to someday playing in their Delco League Championship game and then heading into the indoor season where the team last year were Indoor State Cup Semifinalists.

The U-14 'B' Lightning won it's last four games of the regular season to finish 3rd in the regular season in Division 3 and earn a spot in the semifinals where they lost to Upper Darby. The team was led by the play of co-captains Jess Sarnoff and Nick Handler along with leading scorer Luke Knapp. The team featured strong midfield play from Alex Davis and David Hillsberg along with a defense anchored by sweeper Fred Urbach and goalie Matt Corrado.

The U-14 'C' Flames were the third LMSC U-14 boys team to make the playoffs. The team made a great stretch run in November, taking 12 of a possible 15 points after a slow start of the season, to finish third in the regular season.

Ten players figured in the scoring during the season with no player accounting for more than three. The defense was the key to the team's great stretch run, they were led by Sean Diamond, Alex Weiss, Alex Gould and Miles Ueltzen. Goalies Etan Horowitz and Geoff Henisee allowed less than two goals a game almost the entire season.

The team needed to defeat Radnor on the road in the last regular game of the season to make the playoffs. Paul McCarthy and Ethan Blum notched goals for LMSC for a 2-1 win and a trip to the playoffs. The team lost in the semifinals to Ridley's 'A' team

LMSC DERELICTS

1995 U-11 Division 1 DELCO LEAGUE CO-CHAMPS

Baer, Josh	Lichtman, Andrew	Rosner, David
Corrado, Chris	Machnicki, Robert	Rotfeld, Robby
Geraghty, Chris	Moscow, David	Sawin, John
Jones, Chris	Panidis, Christos	Schildhorn, Zach
Kahn, Jared	Regina, Josh	Westman, Ryan
Kelly, Ryan		

Coaches: Joe Hopkins, Alan Greaves, Paul Geraghty

BEST OF LUCK TO THE FOLLOWING TEAMS IN THEIR DELCO LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

U-9 'A'	Division 1	Delinquents	Dan Grauman
U-12 'B'	Division 3	Banshees	Jay Rose
U-12 'C'	Division 4	Hot Shots	Greg Gibson
U-14 'A'	Division 2	Sharks	B. Rock / R. Whelan

GIRLS TRAVEL TEAM ROUNDUP

The U-9 'A' Lightning Bolts played under the league's new U-9 format of playing two simultaneous games of 8 v 8, instead of one 11 v 11 game. This format enabled more players to be involved in the play. A similar format will be made mandatory for boys teams and girls teams up through Under 10 starting in 1996. The Lightning Bolts finished 10-5-2 in their first season. In their last 11 regular season games, they went 8-1-2 .

The team was led on offense by Carly Rotfeld with 17 goals, Caroline Feldman with 12 goals, Jessica Kahn with 6 goals, Jennifer Tintenfass with 6 goals and Alexandra Pillion with 5 goals. The defense was very strong all year, led by Ashley-Brook White, Sarah Cines, Francie Shafer and Olivia Hamilton. The team had two very strong goalies in Sarah Bernstein and Asheley Powers. The midfield was led by Rebecca Maller, Bess Friedman, Jennifer Nahikian, Amanda Cohen and Sarah Overhiser.

In the post season tournament, the team finished 2nd out of 8 teams, posting a 4-1-3 record.

The U-10 'A' Fireballs had a slow start but finished with a win, tie and loss in their last three games. The team's MVP was Emily Carson who covered the entire field from her center midfield position. The forward line consisted of Maggie "Please don't put me at stopper next year" Schiller, Allie "Do I have to be serious?" Cicoski and Jennifer Sebolka, probably the best technical player on the team. Hillary Turner excited the team with her blinding speed up and down the wings.

The goalie duties were shared by Katherine Narvaez and Tracy Sukoneck. They had help on defense from sweeper Cathy Hamilton who was small on stature but big on heart, along with Caroline Newcombe and Cricket Bailey who broke a foot and a wrist during the season. Cricket plans to drink a lot of milk during the winter. Also adding defensive support was newcomer Aimee Frank.

Also contributing well were Emily Gilbert, goal scoring machine Caroline Leonard, Elisabeth Hill (winner of the dirtiest uniform award) and Jenna Kessock.

The U-11 'A' Dynamite had a great season, missing the Tri-County league playoffs by only one point. They went a very respectable 2-2 in the difficult Marlboro, NJ Tournament and then took 2nd place in the Ross Haney Labor Day Tournament. The team lost in overtime in the championships to a very strong Hulmeville team.

Four of the Dynamite players were selected for the Tri-County League Select team. Congratulations to Martha Kelley, Lauren Latiff, Jenna Moore and Lydia Williams on this great honor and best of luck.

The U-12 'B' Sharks had four players selected for the Tri-County All Star Game played on December 2nd. Congratulations to Sara Kaufman, Ali Simpson, Kate Streletz and Hadley Wilmerding on being selected to play in the all star game.

The U-13'A' Firebirds finished the regular season 4-1-5, outscoring their opponents 20-10 and posting three shutouts. In the playoffs, they lost to undefeated and eventual champion Downingtown 2-0 although the Firebirds hit the crossbar and goal post in the game.

Ten players scored or assisted on goals in the regular season, led by Jamie Sundheim's 4 goals and 2 assists, Lauren Herman's 3 goals and 3 assists, Elizabeth Pillion's 3 goals and 3 assists and Claire Laver's 3 goals and 2 assists. The defense was led by Katy Heuisler, Angel Schleinkofer and Liz Leonard along with goalie Livia Barton who had another fine year.

The highlight of the fall season was a 3rd place finish out of 24 teams, playing up a year at U-14 in the Dillsburg Shootout Tournament . The Firebirds went 5-1, won all three shootouts and got to the semifinals. In the tournament, Pillion had 5 goals while Ruth Kelly had three goals.

The Firebirds have now made it to the post season playoffs four years in a row, including 1992 when they were Tri-County Champions. In 1993 and 1994 the team played up a year in league play. Also in 1994, they were Finalists in both the Indoor State Cup and the Outdoor State Cup. Last year they were outdoor State Cup Semifinalists.

Four players made Tri-County Select, those being Kelly, Laver, Pillion and Sundheim. Pillion also made the EPYSA State Select pool last year.

The U-13 'B' Lasers entered the Tri-County Spring White League and faced one 'B' team and five 'A' teams. The Lasers beat the Aston 'A' team for the first time ever. This was a significant accomplishment, for Aston has been one of the Lasers most favored competitions. Aston seems to have parades whenever we are playing there. Their spring record was 2-4-0.

If the fall Tri-County White League, the Lasers faced one 'C' team, two 'B' teams and six 'A' teams. Their record was 4-5-1. Unfortunately, besides playing soccer against some good players, the team had to deal with Bar/Bat Mitzvah schedules so the Lasers never had a full team and rarely had more than twelve players.

Laura Conner, Stacey Cutler, Lindsay Hayward and Monika Sutton all played in the White Division All Star game on December 2nd at the Norwood Sports Center, under the lights.

Laura played her consistent, spirited halfback position lending good control. Stacey, as a forward, on one drive beat four opponents one on one, resulting in a good hard shot on goal. Lindsay energetically played field and goalie where she stopped two breakaways before receiving an unintended, but solid kick to her back. After catching her breath she returned to the field. Monika played forward and returned a header to a team mate, who had just thrown the ball to her. The teammate passed the ball to a center half back who scored.

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, 1987 and July 31, 1988. Both teams practice indoor during the winter, the boys team will play in five indoor tournaments at Woodhaven Sports Centre during the winter. The girls team will enter several tournaments at Sports Rink in Haverford.

During late October and early November, tryouts were held for the two teams. The boys team had 82 players tryout, the girls team had 43 players try out. This was by far the largest turnout ever for both the boys team and the girls team.

Congratulations to the following 21 boys who were chosen for the Boys U-8 team, The LMSC Flyers:

Avart, Harrison	Leven, Marc
Bershad, David	McCallion, Rob
Carter, Nick	Mustin, Eric
Erickson, Drew	Rubenstein, Lee
Glass, Jonathan	Rublin, David
Goldwein, Robert	Smolen, Ben
Horshaw, Ricky	Stitt, Alex
Ivory, Tim	Tennekoon, Daniel
Kasser, Jesse	Vale, Peter
Lavoritano, Scott	Yankowitz, Matthew
Leto, Chris	

Coaches: Biff Sturla, Marty Rubenstein, Gary Smolen, Frank Leto

The boys U-8 Developmental team kicked off their season by reaching the semifinals of the Hulmeville Invitational Tournament in late November. Unlike previous years, LMSC entered two teams in the tournament, splitting the talent into two equal teams.

The White team finished their bracket games 1-1-1 while the Red team finished 3-0-0. Despite playing with only

half the team, the Red team outplayed Neshaminy in the semifinals but were unable to score. Neshaminy scored a controversial goal with four minutes left in the game to advance to the finals.

Playing standout soccer for the LMSC Flyers were Lee Rubenstein, Jonathan Glass and Rick Horshaw on offense, Tim Ivory and Scott Lavoritano at midfield and Robbie Goldwein and Drew Erickson on defense. Each game, one of the LMSC Flyers gets to wear the prestigious #88 "Lindros" shirt with the shirt going to the MVP of the previous game. Rob Goldwein had the honor of being the first player to wear the Lindros shirt.

The team got off to a fast start in the indoor season as they earned first place trophies the very first time that they traveled to Woodhaven.

Congratulations to the following 20 players who were selected to play on the girls Under 8 Developmental Travel Team:

Bernstein, Emily	Roller, Whitney
Cohen, Rachel	Rosen, Rachel
Cook, Ali	Rosner, Lauren
Dreyfus, Carly	Sack, Myra
Gilbert, Casey	Schwab, Amanda
Hatza, Nikki	Shore, Abby
Komlo, Christie	Siembeda, Kimberly
Needles, Tracy	Walzer, Emily
Peterson, Rosemary	Williams, Eva
Robbins, Jennifer	Woods, Anna

Coaches: Rich Schwab, Tony Greaves

INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAMES

On Sunday, October 22nd 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 is to allow the Travel Team coaches to evaluate the top players in each division in a pressure free environment. Players selected for the mid-season all star games should give serious consideration to trying out for the Travel Team Program when they are old enough.

The following pages list the rosters for the 1995 all star games along with the MVP's of each game.

FALL INTRAMURAL ROUNDUP

Once again, our Fall Intramural Program grew by over 200 players. We again started out the season with our usual problem, that being overcrowded fields. Several weeks into the season however, we got a bit of relief as the township offered us additional fields at Penn Valley Elementary School, Bala Cynwyd Middle School and Welsh Valley Middle School's baseball field.

It was too late for us to use these fields for games, but we were able to use these fields for practices and take some of the strain off of our other fields. Next year, we plan on using these fields more extensively for game days as well as practices.

We'd like to thank Mike English of the Lower Merion Township, along with Township Commissioners Brian Rosenthal and Alan Kessler for all their work in acquiring additional fields for youth sports in the township. Their work should make things less crowded on the playing fields in 1996. This is a difficult task considering that we had over 2100 active participants in 1995 and we expect more next year based on our growing patterns over the past eight years.

To give you an idea of the size of this growth, we have printed the number of participants in the Fall Intramural Program (this does NOT include travel team players) for the past eight years:

1988:	382
1989:	440
1990:	578
1991:	749
1992:	790
1993:	1077
1994:	1350
1995:	1557

With so many players in the Fall Intramural Program, we hired a Paid Administrator to relieve us of some of the administrative burden. We hope to hire a second person to help administrate in 1996.

Please be aware that next fall, we will be moving our intramural registration deadline up to August 10th (in previous years, it has been August 20th). This will be necessary so that we can handle the extra work load.

Those of you who plan to coach in the Fall Intramural Program in 1996 are strongly encouraged to please register quickly so that we will be able to organize the coaching assignments and divide the players into teams. Registering early will also allow us to send out the necessary coaching materials in a timely manner.

ATOMS AND MICRONS DIVISIONS - Our five year old boys program (the Atoms) and our six year old girls

program (the Microns) both use the informal "pick up" soccer structure where players are not placed on set teams for the season. Players who played in these two divisions this year should be aware that next fall, the players will move up to divisions where the players will be placed on teams of 12 players with their own head coach and one practice a week.

The Atoms Division players will move up to the Bantams Division while the Microns players will move up to the Protons Division. Due to the fact that these divisions are limited to 16 teams, be sure to get your registrations in on time.

Each year, we have a shortage of coaches in the Bantams and Protons Divisions. If you have a child who will be playing in one of these divisions, PLEASE give consideration to coaching next fall. If we do not have enough head coaches sign up, we will have to turn children away. LMSC provides a very extensive collection of coaching manuals and coaching videos to coaches in these age groups.

BANTAMS DIVISION - The players in this fall's Bantams Division will have a choice of two divisions next year. The Intermediates Division will be open to boys born in 1988 and 1989 who are above average athletes, very competitive and have soccer experience. The Juniors Division will be open to boys of the same age who are less athletic, less competitive or have no previous soccer experience.

MAJORS AND COSMOS DIVISIONS - This year, we expanded our oldest divisions to include 13 year old players. We found that there was too much of a size difference in these divisions and the games were not as competitive and enjoyable as previous years. For the 1996 fall season, we will probably go back to previous years and only open the oldest divisions to players up to 12 years in age. This means that our oldest players next fall will be probably those born in 1984.

Here is our tentative plan for structuring the 1996 Fall Intramural Program:

BOYS DIVISIONS

Atoms:	1991 births
Bantams:	1990 births
Juniors:	1989, 88 births, less athletic
Intermediates:	1989, 88 birth above average athletes
Seniors:	1987, 86 births
Majors:	1985, 84 births

GIRLS DIVISIONS

Neutrons:	1991 births
Microns:	1990 births
Protons:	1989, 88 births
Electrons:	1987, 86 births
Cosmos:	1985, 84 births

INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAME ROSTERS

INTERMEDIATES EAST DIVISION

WHITE TEAM

2 Harrison Avart
 3 Jonathan Glass
 4 Daniel Tennekoon
 5 Adam Blitzer
 6 Patrick Byrne
 7 Kevin Healy
 8 Tyler Schwartz
 9 Chris DiLullo
 10 Michael Lundy
 11 Gregory Siegal
 12 Tomas Ramos
 13 Mitchell Landsburg
 14 David Shochat
 15 Alex Feinberg

RED TEAM

2 Nikolai Tymkiw
 3 William Richards
 4 David Rublin
 5 Jimmy McFadden
 6 Josh Aichenbaum
 7 Marc Leven
 8 Zach Malet
 9 Drew Erickson
 10 Kevin Trainer
 11 Brett Milstein
 12 Jeffrey Lipschutz
 13 Pierre Hoppenot
 14 Teddy Grossman
 15 Jon DellaPorta

MVP Awards: Jonathan Glass, Pierre Hoppenot

INTERMEDIATES WEST DIVISION

WHITE TEAM

2 Chris Aitken
 3 Scott Lavoritano
 4 Rob McCallion
 5 Ben Smolen
 6 David Bershad
 7 Eric Mustin
 8 Lee Rubenstein
 9 Scott Schneider
 10 Nick Carter
 11 Ricky Horshaw
 12 Chris Leto
 13 William Devon-Sand
 14 Trevor Foskett
 15 Todd Herman

RED TEAM

2 Tavid Bingham
 3 Evan Coren
 4 Tim Ivory
 5 Nicholas Schoenfeld
 6 Michael Conry
 7 Matthew Yankowitz
 8 Alex Stitt
 9 Matthew Byrne
 10 Alex Hurtado
 11 Peter Vale
 12 Alex Perilstein
 13 Jordy Griffith
 14 Billy Goldman
 15 Thomas Wurfel

MVP Awards: Scott Lavoritano, Alex Stitt

BANTAMS EAST DIVISION

WHITE TEAM

2 Kalle Blindenbacher
 3 David Blitzer
 4 Martin Borowsky
 5 Eric Buckmann
 6 Jonathan Casper
 7 Anderw Eisenlohr
 8 Luke Fitzmeyer
 9 Ben Grant
 10 Ben Lurio
 11 Adrian Peskin
 12 Michael Rapuano
 13 Zac Realberg
 14 Cody Snider
 15 Brandon Yoshimura

RED TEAM

2 J.D. Feenane
 3 Sam Feldbaum
 4 Josh Fox
 5 Louis Goldberg
 6 Alex Gushner
 7 Douglas Hollin
 8 Ryan Ivory
 9 Bryan Kirschner
 10 Dale Kobrin
 11 Drew Kotler
 12 Danny Mayernick
 13 Samuel Protas
 14 Jeffrey Puklin
 15 Luke Rappoport

MVP Awards: Ben Grant, Danny Mayernick

BANTAMS WEST DIVISION

WHITE TEAM

2 Tim Adkins
 3 Ethan Alderman
 4 Walter Einhorn
 5 Drew Fieo
 6 Michael Geraghty
 7 Chris Giorno
 8 Keith Goldner
 9 Josh Hardy
 10 Robert Isaacson
 11 Kelvin Johnson
 12 Sam Moore
 13 Greg Rosen
 14 Eric Weisberg
 15 Jay Kramer

RED TEAM

2 David Cassanelli
 3 Carter Cox
 4 Dan Fedder
 5 Jack Hannaway
 6 Arlo Herrine
 7 Max Huc
 8 Jimmy Iannuzzi
 9 Andrew Meinster
 10 David Shapiro
 11 David Siegel
 12 C. J. Murdoch
 13 Peter Pelberg
 14 D.J. Kurz
 15 Michael Blechschmidt

MVP Awards: Josh Hardy, David Shapiro

INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAME ROSTERS

PROTONS DIVISION

WHITE TEAM

2 Whitney Axelrod
 3 Jill Berman
 4 Brooke Bailey
 5 Molly Prince
 6 Ellen Ballantine
 7 Rachael Cohen
 8 Casey Gilbert
 9 Ali Cook
 10 Christie Komlo
 11 Carly Dreyfus
 12 Valerie Kirk
 13 Caitlin Gerrity
 14 Nikki Hatza
 15 Rosemary Peterson

RED TEAM

2 Gracie Ginn
 3 Maggie Lile
 4 Elizabeth Lundy
 5 Talia Katz
 6 Karen Lavi
 7 Elizabeth Moore
 8 Julie Retig
 9 Whitney Roller
 10 Rachel Sachs
 11 Amanda Schwab
 12 Mariana Uribe
 13 Amy Weiser
 14 Eva Williams
 15 Kimberly Siembeda

MVP Awards: Rachael Cohen, Eva Williams

JUNIORS DIVISION

WHITE TEAM

2 Jeremy Albelda
 3 Jason Batansky
 4 Robert Blumenthal
 5 Rory Byrne-Dugan
 6 Michael Christodoulou
 7 Tyler Goldman
 8 Robert Goldwein
 9 Steen Hoyer
 10 Benji Kendall
 11 Daniel Klausner
 12 Matthew Levin
 13 Justin Mathew
 14 Matthew Ehrman
 15 Joseph Tan

RED TEAM

2 Andrew Ritterman
 3 Evan Rubin
 4 Bob Saris
 5 Philip Schiffrin
 6 Kenneth Silver
 7 Dylen Sklar
 8 Michael Sokil
 9 Zachary Spector
 10 Joseph Statts
 11 Brett Toran
 12 Ted Levin
 13 Scott Peters
 14 Sam Gidaro
 15 Jake Kramer

MVP Awards: Robert Goldwein, Zachary Spector

ELECTRONS DIVISION

WHITE TEAM

Katie D'Orazio
 Perri Devon-Sand
 Rebecca Dorey-Stein
 Lauren Falcao
 Lyssa Gerson
 Megan Hayes
 Shannon Hoops
 Kimba Kerner
 Lucy Mason
 Dora McFarland
 Jeanmarie Mercier
 Chelsea Nader
 Katherine Steel
 Nicole Whitaker

RED TEAM

Stacey Alfaia
 Victoria Berenholz
 Jennifer Borck-Hadley
 Deanne DeCrescenzo
 MaryAnn DeHoratius
 Brittany Diamond
 Ashley Eyre
 Rebecca Fox
 Alexandra Goldstein
 Ani Hatza
 Ann Imbesi
 Lara Kobrin
 Alida McIlvain
 Lynne Metzler

COSMOS DIVISION

WHITE TEAM

Rachael Boseman
 Miriam Bowring
 AmyCleary
 Lee Fogel
 Sarah Freudberg
 Annie Honart
 Emily Irving
 Jen Leuhrs
 Lisa Mendelman
 Anat Mooreville
 Britt Rabinovici
 Lynn Rabinovici
 Sabura Shiffrin

RED TEAM

Avery Ayre
 Heather Barrie
 Ali Batanski
 Jane Cullina
 Ashley Eldridge
 Claire Espee
 Amy Federman
 Judy Lavi
 Julie Louis
 Morgan McLaughlin
 Meghan Snyder
 Monika Sutton
 Emily Wren

ELECTRONS AND COSMOS DIVISIONS ROUNDUP

The Electrons Division (girls born in 1985 and 1986 run by Dan Sutton) filled to ten teams of twelve rapidly. There were two divisions of five teams, each team played one scrimmage, six league games and a final game of head to head playoffs for each team.

The undefeated Wolves won the American Division with 16 points. However, they lost the championship game on November 18th, to the first place team in the National Division the Gators.

The Wolves were coached by Danny DeCrescenzo and Ernie Widmann. The team members were Deanne DeCrescenzo, Mary Ann DeHoratius, Ellen Guiliano, Alexandra Goldstein, Nicole Liebman, Darien Murtagh, Sara Mustin, Sarah Purring, Elisa Sandler, Meredith Spinelli and Joanna Widmann.

The Gators were coached by Tim Kerner and George McFarland. The team members were Zina Cizmann, Kate Conaboy, Mollie Flanagan, Kimba Kerner, Megan Lewis, Lauren Love, Dora McFarland, Leila Orchin, Ashley Orleans, Alexa Reinke, Jessica Tomlinson and Nicole Whittaker.

The Cosmos Division, comprised of girls born in 1982, 1983 and 1984 had six teams of twelve. They played with two divisions of three teams, divided into East and West. The first game was a scrimmage, followed by playing each team in their division twice and then two teams from the other division. The third game against the opposite division was rained out. The last game was head to head across division according to their standing within their division. Finland had gone undefeated all year in the East Division, and won the league with 18 points. Ireland squeaked out first place in the West, then mustered all their spirit and energy to defeat Finland in the championship game.

Finland was coached by Dan Sutton, assisted by Bill Goldstein and Courtney Snyder. The team members were Alison Batanski, Amy Federman, Cheryl Goldstein, Caitlin Goodman, Hannah Greene, Judy Lavi, Talia Lerner, Olivia Prebus, Joanna Rosengard, Meghan Snyder, Monika Sutton and Emily Wren.

Ireland was coached by Bryan Richardson and Rob Shiffrin. The team members were Khadijah Barnett, Mary Boardman, Alia Diaz, Sarah Freudberg, Lisa Katsir, Jen Luehrs, Halimah Marcus, Anat Mooreville, Anna Richardson, Sulaiha Schwartz, Lianne Serinsky, and Sabura Shiffrin.

The Electrons and Cosmos each held All Star games on Sunday, November 19. Rosters for the all star games are found elsewhere in this newsletter.

From the Electrons and Cosmos to their Referees: A hardy thanks for being there and helping us. Our referees this year, in order of the number of hours served: Rebecca Briar Rosenfeld, Noa Kay, Kevin Bradley, Monika Sutton, Rachail Garrett, Dirk Boden, Dan Robinson, Laura Connor, Jeff Blume, Hillary Zeller, Lindsey Hayward, and Jordon Brock.

COACH OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Each year, the LMSC Directors honors one travel team coach and one intramural 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 very qualified coaches.

Our Travel Team Coach Of The Year Award goes to Dan Grauman, head coach for the boys U-9 'A' Delinquents. Under Dan's leadership, the team finished second in the regular season of the First Division, going 8-1-1. In the playoffs, the team demolished West Chester 5-0 in the semifinals and look forward to their championship game against Downingtown. In its first season, the team won their Thanksgiving Tournament and have had a great time as a team both on and off the field.

Our Intramural Coach Of The Year Award goes to Marty Rubenstein, head coach for the Islanders team in the Intermediates Division. Marty's ability to teach his 7-8 year old players the skills of soccer as well as the tactics of soccer, combined with his ability to instill enthusiasm and a love of the game in his players was second to none. Marty has been coaching intramurals for three years. He is now coaching the U-8 Boys Developmental Travel Team and will hopefully be a great asset to the Travel Team Program for many years.

Congratulations to both Dan and Marty and thank you for the excellent work you have both done.

LMSC Coach Of The Year Award Winners

1995	Dan Grauman	(Travel Program)
	Marty Rubenstein	(Intramural Program)
1994	Kip Lord	(Travel Program)
	Susan Reynolds	(Intramural Program)
1993	Chris Campbell	
1992	Chris Scott	
1991	Lance Laver	

STATE CUP HONOR ROLL

Each year our travel teams Under 11 and up are eligible to compete in both the Indoor and Outdoor State Cups. Last February, our U-16 boys team, F.C. Joe, won the U-16 Indoor State Championship, giving LMSC its sixth State Championship since 1989.

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

In the past seven seasons, LMSC has had 18 teams make it to the semifinals of State Cups, including the six State Champions:

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

MISBEHAVING ADULTS

This year, we had FOUR cases of adult misconduct in the Fall Intramural Program. For some reason, adults seem to be bringing their personal, career and family frustrations to their children's soccer field and acting in either embarrassing or dangerous ways.

We had one incident of one parent physically attacking another parent, after screaming and hollering at several players who were on the opposing team of their child's team. Previously, the parent walked onto the field to scream at an over aggressive player. The player ran off the field frightened and crying.

We had another incident of a parent screaming at one of our referees (a 14 year old) from the opening whistle of a game until the end of the game. The referee later called up LMSC and said he never wanted to referee in the program again.

Two other incidents were reported where parents of players decided to scream and curse at their child's coach in front of other people, including the young players on the team.

The LMSC Board Of Directors was forced to intervene in each of these incidents. Hopefully we were able to put to rest each incident so that the children will be able to play their game without further interference from adults who are not able to conduct themselves in a manner as mature as the players conduct themselves.

We will be instituting a policy next year where we will ban parents from going to the games if they misbehave. If they refuse to comply with this, we will remove all of their children from the program. Unfortunately, the only item we have to control misbehaving parents is their children's participation and playing time. We do not want to remove players from the program due to bad conduct on their parents' part, but if necessary we will do so. We have done this in the past.

Please parents, try to act more mature than your children or stay away from the soccer fields so that your children will not be embarrassed by your behavior.

SENIOR WOMEN'S TEAM

The Lower Merion Soccer Club Senior Women's Travel team started three years ago. The team is one of seven teams in the Inter-County League. The team plays on Sundays during the fall and early winter. Home games are generally at the Bryn Mawr Polo field at noon. Most of the women have played competitive soccer for many years. As of this writing, the team was in third place with a 4-2-1 record.

The goal scorers for the team are Wendall Smith, Nancy Kane, Nikki Cagan and Betty Ann Constantine. The defense is anchored by Sonya Chmielnicke, Janet Marano and Elaine Lammey. The team entered the Open Division State Cup this year for the first time but lost in the opening round of play.

They will have a short spring season. In between, they plan on playing indoors at Rocket Sports in Wayne. The team is always looking for experienced players, if you are interested, call Roni Anton at 610-584-8969.

1996 LMSC SPRING INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

Once again, LMSC will be running its Spring Intramural Program for younger boys and girls. The program is tentatively set to run every **Sunday** afternoon from April 22 thru June 24 (except Memorial Day Weekend). The sight will most likely again be Ardmore Avenue Park, located on Greenfield Avenue in Ardmore, just past Recreation Station.

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.

We will once again offer an advanced Boys Premier Division for those born between August 1, 1988 and December 31, 1989. 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, 1988 and December 31, 1991. More information, including registration forms, will be sent to all eligible players in 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.

OUR SUMMER SOCCER CAMP

LMSC will run two one week summer soccer camps, one geared towards high level travel teams and travel team players, the other for intramural players. Both camps will be under the direction of Mike Barr, head coach for the Philadelphia Freedom Professional team and Strath Haven High School. Mike served as head coach for our State Select Program for many years and was a coach in the USYSA Regional Program.

Mike's staff will consist of members of the Philadelphia Freedom men's team and women's team, along with other high level soccer people.

The first week of the camp, for travel team players and teams (U-8 through U-14) will be held in the end of June. Mike is planning to gear the camp around travel teams as well as individual travel team players.

The second week of the camp will be for intramural players ages 6-12. It is tentatively scheduled to run on July 1,2,3,5 and 6.

Specific information and exact details about both camps will be mailed out to all people on our mailing list in our spring newsletter which you should receive in late March. If you have any more questions about either of the camps before then, please call our LMSC hotline.

ADULT WOMEN'S PROGRAM

This year, for the first time ever, LMSC offered an in-house program for adult women. Most of the players are mothers of youngsters in our program. Many had little or no soccer experience before joining.

The program was created by Karin Blindenbacher who has watched her children play in the program for several years. Last spring, Karin played in some pickup soccer games with some of the men who coach at LMSC and had so much fun that she went out and recruited over 25 other women to create a women's program.

The program was run by Karin and Nancy Worby who previously played soccer in Long Island before moving to Lower Merion. Due to their enthusiastic practices that ran well past sunset, the team took on the name of the Lower Merion Moonlight Ladies.

After many practices, the team played two games with the Tredyffrin-Easttown women's program. LMSC won both games, 4-0 and 2-0, thanks to the goal scoring efforts of Nancy McKenna and Angela Keelan.

Playing standout midfield was Jennifer Moore, Donna Porter, Pam Edmonds, Sharon Heuisler and Ann Pillion. The defense was led by the shutout goaltending of Cathy Smith and Holly Brown.

The Moonlight Ladies also played in two charity games. The first was one for homeless people out in Newtown Square. The second was in the charity game at Sports Rink on December 28th to help raise money for the Pennsylvania Special Olympics.

The team will be practicing indoor this winter and anticipates playing into an indoor league.

The team is actively looking for more members. They strongly stress that **NO EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED**. All that is required to play is the desire to play soccer. Players range in age from 25 - 50. If you would like to get involved with this program, or if you would like more information about the Adult Women's Program, please call the LMSC Hotline immediately.

1996 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.)

Please remember that in 1996 our Fall Intramural Program will only be open to players born between 1984 and 1991. The only soccer that we will be providing to players born before 1984 is the Travel Team Program.

Tryouts for the fall season travel teams are held each spring, just before Memorial Day. We will send tryout notices to all people on our mailing list in our Spring Newsletter (early March). Boys teams will be formed for ages Under 9 (Aug. 1, 1987 - July 31, 1988 birth) up through Under 14 (Aug. 1, 1982 - July 31, 1983). 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 two 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) which compete in the Winter League, after their respective school seasons have finished.

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, 1988 and July 31, 1989. There will again be a boys team and a girls team.

REFEREE CERTIFICATION COURSE (AND SEMINAR)

On Wednesday, January 31 at 7 PM, we will present a free Soccer Referee Seminar for coaches and parents. This will be a structured three hour presentation by a trained instructor of the EPSARC. The seminar will be limited to the thirty people, with priority for coaches. This is a free seminar, open to coaches or parents paid for and hosted by LMSC. If you plan to attend, please call Dan Sutton at 610-664-4890.

The Lower Merion Soccer Club is pleased to announce that it will be sponsoring an EPSARC refereeing course this spring. The eighteen hour entry level course is geared for those who want to start their refereeing career. No prior experience is required. The only requirement is that you are over 14 years old.

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be eligible to referee or be a linesman in the Delco and Tri-County Leagues. In fact, you can referee anywhere in the USA. This course is not a requirement for refereeing Intramural games, but LMSC Intramurals would be pleased to hire you. Please note that LMSC is planning on paying hire fees next year to referees who have obtained their EPSARC referee license.

The course will be presented over six three hours sessions. The law book, an administrative handbook and several handouts will be provided to each candidate. There is a 100 question examination at the end. Unlike the coaching courses, this is strictly theory. There is no "on field" portion. Your only equipment for the course is a notebook and a pen. The course will be taught by EPSARC licensed refereeing staff.

The course will be held at Lower Merion High School on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Please plan to show PROMPTLY at 6:30 each night. The scheduled nights are:

Tuesday	April 9	Thursday	April 18
Thursday	April 11	Tuesday	April 23
Tuesday	April 16	Thursday	April 25

The cost for the course is \$50, payable to EPSARC. This is a non-refundable fee. Neither the club, nor the associations will reimburse you. Fees for refereeing games will soon compensate you for your time, effort and money.

This course can be your first step. The Delco Chapter of EPSARC regularly offers clinics, newsletters and mentors to their referees.

Anyone interested in this course should send their check, payable to EPSARC, before March 22 to Dan Sutton, 401 Kent Rd., Bala Cynwyd, PA, 19004. The registration will take place at the first night. Fifteen applicants are required before the course can be held.

For more information concerning this course, call Dan Sutton, evenings before 10 PM at 610-664-4890.



INDOOR SOCCER COMES TO LOWER MERION

A new indoor soccer arena is making its debut this winter in Lower Merion Township.

The arena is run by Sports Rink, Inc., owned by Kevin Seits, head soccer coach of The Haverford School's Varsity team. The Director of Soccer is Biff Sturla, LMSC Vice President and head coach of the Conestoga High School Boys Varsity team. Sports Rink is located in the Parker Gymnasium at The Haverford School. The arena has indoor boards and goals designed specifically for indoor soccer.

Indoor leagues are underway in different age groups for boys and girls ages 5 - 9. Travel team tournaments will also be held for teams U-8 through U-12.

Sports Rink kicked off its first season by sponsoring an all day marathon game to raise money and public awareness of the Pennsylvania Special Olympics. Many LMSC teams (travel and intramural) joined in the game which was 14 hours long. LMSC pledged \$2.00 per goal to PA Special Olympics.

At 8:30 AM, the U-8 LMSC Flyers opened up the event. The first goal at Sports Rink was scored by LMSC's Alex Stitt. At 5:35 PM, David Klein scored the 100th goal on the night. When the last game ended at 10:30 PM, the final score for the evening was 84-78. In all, Sports Rink and LMSC raised \$724.00 for the PA Special Olympics.

If you would like more information about Sports Rink, please write to them at 5017 Brittany Lane, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOCCER

The PA Special Olympics would like to expand into the Lower Merion area. They are looking for some local volunteers to stage and staff a one day tournament for local Special Olympics players who would compete in skills only contests. The competing athletes would be the lowest level Special Olympics players (those who are unable to compete in team soccer). This event will demonstrate and highlight their abilities. The event is timed for late September. LMSC will supply a field, training and guidance will be supplied by Special Olympics soccer director Steve Lawley starting right away and running through the event. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this event, please call Steve at 898-4713 (work) or 534-3643 (home).

SOCCER COACHING COURSES

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, many 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 fall, we offered a United States Soccer Federation three night 'F' level coaching course designed to help adults new to soccer or new to coaching. This course is geared for those coaching in the 5-6 year old divisions.

We'd like to congratulate the following coaches who earned their 'F' level coaching license:

Buckmann, George	Goldner, Harold	Pillion, Ann
Campisi, Tony	Johnston, Marcia	Rosard, Steve
Edwards, Tom	Luehrs, Bruce	Smith, Ellen
Garcia, Mike	Matz, Carol	Weinkranz, Steve

This 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.

Information on the spring "E" level coaching course will be sent out to all current LMSC coaches at a later date.

EQUIPMENT RECYCLING FOR INNER CITY SOCCER

Each year, LMSC makes a major contribution of soccer clothing and equipment to the Philadelphia P.A.L. Our contributions help them run youth soccer for over 200 youngsters. They are always in need of soccer shoes, shinguards and most of all, soccer balls which are given to the children to practice with on their own.

PLEASE save outgrown soccer items. We will have our annual collection drive in early June at the Lower Merion High School cafeteria during Travel Team Registration night. Information about this will be given out in our spring newsletter.

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

OTHER NEWSWORTHY ITEMS

Many of you know that Bob Davidson has announced his retirement as head coach of Lower Merion High School Boys Varsity. Bob was a former star player there and then coached over 20 years at LM. Bob has stepped down so that he can go to watch his three boys play (two are playing in college) before they are out of school. We'd like to wish Bob the best of luck and thank him for all that he has done for soccer in the township.

Many boys who have played at LMSC over the years have spent their summers at Camp Tecumseh, a seven week athletic camp in New Hampshire. LMSC Vice President Joe Hopkins had two boys go there for many years, LMSC Vice President Biff Sturla was a camper and counselor there for over 20 years. This year, Tecumseh will have a new director, Hench Murray, former Headmaster at The Woodylynde School. Those of us who have had the privilege of being associated with Camp Tecumseh over the years would like to wish Hench the best of luck. People wishing more information about Tecumseh can either contact Joe or Biff or write directly to Tecumseh's off season address at 132 Ivywood Lane, Radnor, PA 19087-2827.

Starting next winter, Philadelphia will be host to a new professional indoor team. The team will be an expansion team playing in the NPSL, the top indoor league in the country. The team will play at the Spectrum (not the new Core States Building) and go under the name of the Philadelphia Kixx. The team is owned by local soccer magnate Ed Tepper. Contrary to rumor, LMSC President Bruno Ceccarelli will NOT be coming out of retirement to play for the Kixx.

Everyone knows the Olympics will be in Atlanta in 1996. What many people don't know is that nine Olympic soccer games (six men's, three women's) will be played in Washington D.C. during July. Tickets are still available. Games will be at R.F.K. stadium. The men's game will be nation's Unde 23 team although each team will be allowed to have three overage players. The women's games will be open to all ages.

Several people have inquired about where they can purchase soccer videos or soccer books. We can recommend two very good mail order places that we have used a lot in the past. They will gladly send you a catalog upon request:

Soccer Learning Systems
P.O. Box 277
San Ramon, CA 94583
800-762-2376

Reedswain Inc.
612 Pughtown Road
Spring City, PA 19475
800-331-5191

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...

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 (1982-84 births)	Craig Stretch
Seniors (1985, 86 births)	Craig Stretch
Inters. (Advanced 87, 88s)	Gary Smolen Juniors
(Beginners 87,88s)	Bob Guiliano
Bantams (1989 births)	George Moore
Atoms (1990 births)	Sean Bishop

Girls Divisions

Cosmos (1982-84 births)	Dan Sutton
Electrons (1985, 86 births)	Dan Sutton
Protons (1987, 88 births)	Nancy Worby
Microns (1989 births)	Jim Van Dusen
Neutrons (1990 births)	Jim Van Dusen
Special Needs (1988-1985)	Susan Reynolds

We are looking for Division Commissioners for 1996.

Several Division Commissioners will not be returning since their children will be moving up to the Travel Team Program. Anyone who would be interested in serving as a Division Commissioner, 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. Please note that we will cancel any intramural division that does not have a Division Commissioner to run it.

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

Special thanks to Field Crew Directors Suzie Grech (Gladwyne Fields), Richard "Fuzzy" Zeller (Merion Elementary) and Monika Sutton (Bala Cynwyd Playground) for their excellent work this fall. Also to Dan Grech, now a freshman at Princeton University, former player at LMSC and referee assignor, who headed up all field layout, initial field lining, equipment unpacking, etc. before the season while most all of the players and coaches were still on vacation.

Finally, thank you to all of the coaches who put in many hours this fall. Without you, there would be no program. Hopefully you enjoyed it as much as the players.

Sincerely,

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