



# LOWER MERION SOCCER CLUB

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### FALL SEASON WRAPUP

As our 31st season of fall soccer comes to an end, we would like to take some time to recap the season for the Fall Intramural Program, the Travel Team Program and our Adult Women's Program.

The 1998 fall season saw our program continue to grow. We had 1661 players in the intramural program, 27 boys travel teams and a record 16 girls travel teams. The number of girls playing in our program (as in other local programs) continues to grow at a very fast rate.

This fall, we have tried to institute many different safety programs. All youth soccer coaches (intramural and travel) are now required by the United States Soccer Federation to submit to a background / criminal check. We held two first aid clinics this fall for our coaches. Both clinics were very helpful and well attended.

A new program that was added this season was to hire a goalkeeper specialist to work with our travel team goalies. This training has enabled our goalies to not only play the game better, but also play the game safer. Much of goalkeeper training is about learning the proper techniques and tactics to prevent injury.

Another safety program that we will be instituting for the second year is the Coaches Evaluation Program. We have enclosed a form with this newsletter for people to evaluate the coach they had this fall. These forms help us to identify which coaches did good jobs this year, as well as identify coaches where there were problems. We ask people to return this form to us if they would like to offer positive or negative feedback about their coach.

Our program continues to pay for all LMSC coaches to attend any USSF coaching course. These courses are designed to help educate youth coaches in areas such as Coaching Methodology, Team Management, Care and Prevention of Injuries, Tactics, Technique and Laws of the Game.

LMSC will again sponsor an 18 hour 'E' level coaching course this spring. Almost all of our travel team coaches have completed this program in previous years, many of our intramural coaches have also taken this course.

We have also tried to increase communication to our soccer community by posting as much information as possible on our LMSC web site. Questions about our program can be quickly answered via E-mail. This has proved to be MUCH faster than our phone line since the LMSC Directors are usually on soccer fields in the early evening and cannot return calls promptly.

The addition of several new Directors has helped us make the 1998 season run well. Dan Sutton was very active in running our oldest girls intramural programs, serving as travel team registrar, overseeing field crew activities at several sites and coaching a travel team.

Taking over this fall as club treasurer was Bryan Richardson who has kept our not-for-profit organization financially stable. Marty Rubenstein took over this year as legal council and has provided a lot of leadership and guidance to the program. The addition of these three new LMSC Directors has greatly helped our club.

Our Travel Team Program had another successful year. The highlight of the fall season was having our four youngest 'A' boys travel teams (Under 9 through Under 12) all make it to the Delco League championship game.

Our Special Needs Program, now under the direction of Steve Spencer had a very successful season. This program provides soccer to over 20 children who have either physical or mental limitations. Some of these players cannot walk unassisted, yet they were able to participate in soccer activities and games during the fall.

Our Adult Women's Program continues to grow. This fall saw the LMSC Moonlight Ladies enter two teams in the Tri-County Adult Women's League which has an 'A' division for experienced players and a 'B' division for novice players. LMSC defeated Downingtown 3-0 to win the Division One championship.

Sports Rink Indoor Soccer will again be host to over 500 youngsters ages 6-10 in league play in January and February. Most of the participants at Sports Rink are LMSC players. This will be the fourth year for the Sports Rink Indoor Soccer program which is run at the Parker Gymnasium at The Haverford School.

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## BOYS TRAVEL TEAM ROUNDUP

For the second straight year, Lower Merion Soccer Club was the largest of the 45 clubs that entered teams in the Delco League. Of our 27 boys teams, 11 made it to the playoffs of their division. Below is a collection of articles written by several of our boys teams for our newsletter.

**Under 9 'A' Natural Disasters** - Our newest 'A' team had a great first season, finishing the regular season with a perfect record of 9-0-0 in the first division. In the semifinals, the team defeated Downingtown in overtime on two goals from Scott Blumenfeld. This put them into the league championship game against a very strong Hockessin, Delaware team. Hockessin scored the only goal of the game with just 20 seconds left in regulation and the Natural Disasters had to settle for second place.

The Natural Disasters were champions of the Delco Columbus Day Tournament, knocking off Super Nova (Harrisburg), 5-1 in the finals.

Strikers providing firepower up front were Ryan Goldman, Jon Fleisher and Kevin Escott. The skillful midfielders Nikhil Gregg, David Cassanelli, Alex Gushner, Scott Blumenfeld, and Doug Ammon showed impressive playmaking ability and hustle.

The team scored 32 goals in the regular season. The stellar defense of Luke Fitzmyer, Michael Geraghty, Benny Schwartz and Reid Whelan shut down the opposition in front of goalies Kevin Escott and Alex Gushner. The team allowed just 6 goals in the regular season and 2 in the playoffs.

**Under 9 Stingers** - After a sluggish start, including being shutout in games two through four, the Stingers rallied to go undefeated in their last six league games. The team climbed slowly up the division standings, improving their team play and aggressiveness, thrashing Swarthmore, 6-0, and West Chester, 6-2, in the last two games, forcing a playoff against Downingtown for the final slot in the Delco League playoffs.

The surge towards the playoffs was led by the brilliant playmaking and scoring of Daniel Fedder, Alex Melikian, and Michael Real, who registered the season's first hat trick against West Chester. The Stingers played tough defense throughout the season, tying for the division lead in goals-against, behind the rock-solid defensive play of Ben Rossman and Alex Wood, and stellar goaltending from Daniel Stadlin and Raphael Menko.

The Stingers rallied from a 1-0 first half deficit to dominate the second half and win the playoff game vs. Downingtown, 2-1, behind goals by Melikian and Fedder. The Stingers then played Radnor in the league semifinals and lost on two late second half goals.

**Under 9 Chargers** - This fall, the Chargers made the Delco League playoffs but lost a heartbreaker to eventual champion Rose Tree 1-0 when a foul in the penalty area led to the game's only goal, late in the second half. The teams the Chargers finished behind were the 'A' teams of other clubs.

The Chargers had also lost to Rose Tree in the playoffs of the Delco Columbus Day Tournament after going undefeated and winning their Division. The Chargers were led by Peter Vagnoni who's "two footed" tenacious play and pinpoint passing set up many scoring chances. Brian Hoffstein's strong foot and increasing game savvy coupled with Ethan Alderman's speed provided a number of goals. Dan Kessler's capable play at midfield and goal kept the team in every game. George David's hustle found him all over the field. Andrew Switkay, Colin Yarnell and Nick Wilson developed into a stone wall on defense.

**Under 9 Eliminators** - After a rocky start (1-3 in the league, 0-2 in a tournament), the Eliminators came to life and went undefeated in their last 7 games. Major improvement by Jordan Blumenthal, Eric Friedman, Alex Kassarich, Robert Mueller and Matt Taylor fueled the streak. Wesley Huntoon scored 12 goals in 11 games, Michael Siegel (4 assists), Addison DiSesa (3) and Sean Savett (3) were the major playmakers during the season.

**Under 10 'A' Rovers** - The team had a fantastic season with an overall record of 23-2-2, winning 4 tournaments that included Phoenixville, Marlboro (NJ), Ross-Haney Labor Day and Columbus Day in Maryland. For the second straight season, the team lost to Nether in the League Championship. This has become a great rivalry, and many great friendships have been made between these two fine teams. We scored 46 goals and gave up

only 17 goals, due to the amazing performance of goalie Ben Grant and a great defense. Offensive power was provided by Danny Mayernick with 17 goals and Jordan Griffith with 9 goals.

This season would not have been as successful without the addition of Jarrett Bolden and Max Crockett. Most coaches hope to find one player that can support the players he already has. Both Max and Jarrett dominated, making their teammates better players. Max Crockett moved from T/E during the summer and had 2 goals, 4 assists and countless defensive steals. Jarrett moved up from the LMSC Rebels and had 6 goals. He led the team with 7 assists.

**Under 10 Rebels** - LMSC has been very fortunate to have two Under 10 boys teams compete in Division One. The Rebels ended up with a 4-5-2 League record, including a tie with Nether Providence and one-goal losses to Philly Soccer and Brandywine, all of whom made the playoffs. Once again, the only team that clearly outplayed the Rebels was LMSC's other Division 1 team, the Rovers. Coaches George Moore and Tony Lawrence were "extremely proud of all the boys, who more than held their own against Division 1 teams in the toughest league in the area."

The Rebels had one of the best back lines in the Delco League, composed of Luke Rappoport and Chris Lawrence on the outside and Tyler Schwartz in the middle. They always played intelligently, aggressively and kept some extremely talented athletes in check. Philip Jones really progressed as a keeper and in the field. The goalie clinics sponsored by LMSC really improved his skills and confidence in goal, and that carried over to his play in the field as well.

Newcomer Chris Gagnier and 'veterans' Andrew Meinster and Chris Giorno were workhorses at midfield and up front, and are developing into strong players.

**Under 10 Gunners** - In August, the team got off to a cracking start by winning the KidsPeace Tournament in Allentown. Sam Kessler scored so many goals in the four games that we lost track as to how many. The good play continued during the regular season, as the Gunners finished with an 8-1-2 league record and advanced to the playoffs. The offense was anchored by Kessler, Aaron Gross and Will Devon-Sand, with tough midfield play provided by Matt Magill, Drew Kotler, Brendan McCarel and Walter Einhorn.

Kalle Blindenbacher, Eric Buckmann and Richie LeDonne anchored the defense all season.

The Gunners took their semifinal game against Greater Chester Valley 1-0, avenging their only regular season loss. Benji Kendall earned the shutout. The season ended with a disappointing 2-0 double overtime loss to Rose Tree in the championship game. The Gunners clearly had the better scoring chances, but it was one of those dreaded games when the ball just wouldn't go in

the net, even when the teams in the second overtime were required to play without goalies. Overall, however, the 15-3-2 season was a lot of fun.

**Under 10 Fighting Ninjas** - The Ninjas had a great season which ended with a heartbreaking 1-0 loss to Rose Tree in the championship game. Solid defending by Josh Abel, Carter Cox and Mitchell Steinberg earned the team six shutouts, including a thrilling 1-0 overtime semifinal win over King Of Prussia.

Thanks to the big scoring of Stuart Fleishman, Brett Waters and Dale Kobrin, the Ninjas had the most goals in the league.

**Under 10 Phantoms** - In regular season play, the Phantoms went 6-3-1 earning them a trip to the league playoffs. B.J. Glenn led the offense with 14 goals while goaltenders Brian Chane, Andy Ritterman and Josh Hardy earned three shutouts with help from defenders Keith Goldner and Matt Hedley. In the semifinals, the Phantoms lost 3-1 to eventual champion Rose Tree.

**Under 10 Flash** - The Flash played an indoor tournament at Rocket Sports on December 5. With their strong showing, the team earned the right to play in the championship match at the Spectrum immediately prior to a Philadelphia Kixx game.

The Flash played through four tough games to qualify. They were led by Josh DePowell, Tommy Gerrity, Ben Kay, Diego Martínez-Krippner, Chris Giuliano, Ryan Melvin, Ori Nevo, Michael Prevoznik, Marty Steinberger and Eric Wasserson who all contributed in essential ways to the team's success during the tournament.

**Under 11 'A' Lasers** - The season started with a repeat of last year's Championship in the 'A' Division of the Marlboro Tournament in Northern New Jersey. The Lasers took 2nd place in the Yardley-Morrisville Tournament and the Deep Run Turkey Classic on Thanksgiving weekend. The Lasers finished the regular Delco League season in 2nd place in Division One. After winning their semifinal playoff game against Philly Soccer in a thrilling "sudden death shootout", the Lasers lost 1-0 in the championship game to rival T/E.

Alex Stitt anchored a stingy defense as the goalkeeper. He also scored several key goals for the Lasers when allowed to escape the goal box. Chris DiLullo, Tim Ivory, Drew Erickson, and Kevin Healy played strong roles in a defense that surrendered an average of less than one goal per game. Lee Rubenstein, Jon Glass, Mark Leven, Rob Goldwein, Harrison Avart and Dave Bershad served as the nucleus of a consistently dominant midfield group. Ben Smolen, Rick Horshaw, Scott Lavoritano, Gerald Henderson, and Chase Becotte led a very potent scoring attack for the Lasers. Three of the Laser players were selected to play for the Delco U-11 Select Program: Drew Erickson, Jon Glass and Lee Rubenstein.

The indoor season started well with the team playing in a Rocket Sports tournament where the top two teams qualified to play before a Kixx game later in the month. Due to their great play, the Lasers will face Downingtown at the Spectrum.

**Under 11 Heat** - After making the Division Two playoffs in 1996 and 1997, the Heat lost three key players to the U-11 'A' Lasers. Competing mostly against other club's 'A' teams, the Heat still finished with a winning record and almost made the playoffs again. The team finished with the best record of any 'B' team in all of Delco.

At the Yardley-Morrisville Columbus Day Tournament, the Heat made the semifinals, then lost in a shoot-out after playing to 0-0 through double-overtime: this time to the Greentree A-team, which then won its final 3-0.

Throughout the season, the Heat's defense was key to the team's success, allowing fewer goals than all but one of its Delco competitors, and zero goals in four games at the Yardley Tournament. Key elements in the defensive diamond were Dave Rublin's grit and determination, Todd Herman's power and speed, Peter Vale's strength and confidence, and Tyler Love's poise and ball sense. Matt Yankowitz and Jesse Kasser stood tall at critical times, and delivered.

Major contributions were also made by newcomer Martin Dell'Ariciprete, who dominated the left-side with defensive toughness and booming shots on goal; by Zack Malet, who ignited the team's right-side with spectacular defensive saves and offensive penetrations, and Andy Richardson, who provided solid ball control and distribution, as well as being a long-range scoring threat, from center midfield. Similarly, Eric Mustin and Matt Byrne "played both ways", rounding out the all-important midfield with skillful ball-handling and passing.

The Heat's offense was led by the scrappiness of Evan Weiss, the wiles and wits of Tyler Goldman and Nick Carter, and the enthusiasm and creativity of Adam and Brett Crell. In all, it was a great third season.

**Under 11 Blast** - We were extremely strong during the first half of the season, going undefeated in our first four games. In the end we didn't make the playoffs, although the team showed tremendous improvement during the season. We had great team speed and ball handling in forwards Ryan Hoffman, James Turner, and Bob Saris, and midfielders Max Maeder, John Herman, and Alex Terzian. We had excellent power and strong skills from forwards David Kline and Josh Philips, and midfielders C.J. Euler, Seth Lieblich and Dane Frandsen, who supported the team by coming to all the games even after injuring his hip midway through the season. We all wish him well.

Our star defenders, holding attackers at bay were Chris "Kiff" LeVine, Andrew Lerner, and Aaron Kaplan, anchored by Zach Davis, our regular starting goalie.

**Under 12 'A' Delinquents** - The Delinquents won two very competitive tournaments, the Voorhees Memorial Day and YMS Columbus Day. At YMS, they defeated the home team (and State Cups Finalists) YMS Mavericks, in the last 30 seconds of the fifth game of a very grueling but rewarding weekend.

For the fourth year in a row, the team qualified for the Delco League Division One finals. After defeating arch rival Downingtown in the semifinal in what was the most exciting game in the history of the Delinquents, the team dropped a 2-0 decision to champions F.C. Bayern.

Several players were notable in their play this season: Danny Weiss did a great job at a new position, stopper back; Jack Hartman, a relative newcomer to the team, emerged as an excellent defender; Corey O'Rourke played with great drive; Tyler Switkay and Dan Shuptar were great role models in the midfield; and Tim Shank, the new keeper, was outstanding in the double penalty kick game victory over Downingtown.

**Under 12 Slammers** - After a challenging start to the fall season, the team regrouped to turn things around. The team competed in a very competitive Division 2. Of the 12 teams in the division, only one other team was a 'B' team, the rest were 'A' teams.

In the Columbus Weekend tournament in Yardley, the team went undefeated in their bracket, blowing away West Chester, then lost by 1 goal in the playoffs.

The high point of the season came with only 2 games remaining, beating first place Southern Chester 1-0 at their home field. The opposition was stunned as Brendan Cannon scored a quick goal in the first few minutes of play, only the 5th goal scored against them in 10 games. Fullbacks Justin Jeffers and Philip Jackson kept the ball clear of our defensive third, while midfielder and part-time defender Fitz Nowlan marked up Southern Chester's star left forward, and successfully shut him down the entire game.

Flying high after that win, the team had the challenge of winning the final game of the season against West Chester's powerful A team. The Slammers shut down the opposition, winning 3-0, with the same solid defensive lineup, and total ball control by midfielders Strohsacker, Cohn, Morell and Cooper. Impressive saves in goal by Thomas Wurfel kept the opposition shut out in these final 2 games. Had it not been for our slow start, this LM team would have competed in the finals this year.

**Under 12 Marvels** - For the second time in three years, the Marvels won the championship of their division. This year it was the U-12 Fourth Division that the Marvels topped with a hard fought 1-0 win over Interboro. The defense was tough. Only 8 goals were scored against them all year. Goalie Dan Kaufman, along with fullbacks Perrin Hamilton, Bobby Nasuti and Ben Brier-Rosenfield anchored the stonewalling defense.

The halfbacks (Sam Stabert, Greg Luehrs, Jarrett Banks, Justin Kopicki) provided the excellent transitional game that stymied the opponents' attacks and kept the ball in the offensive zone. Our front line (Andrew Herman, Blake Lieberman, Alex Adler, Alec Schoenfeld, Dylan Sklar, Zack Spector, Evan Goldberg) provided the speed and scoring punch to compliment our defense.

It was a total team effort. The team played with an aggressive, intense style while at the same time maintaining a level of sportsmanship that would make LMSC proud to have this team represent it.

**Under 14 'A' Gators** - With a record of 5-2-3, the Gators qualified for the Delco League playoffs. The challenge of melding part of the former A team with players from the former B team, with a few new players thrown into the mix, was met, and we really became a team by the end of the season. Along the way, we made it to the championship game of the YMS Columbus Day Tournament, only to lose on penalty kicks.

Outstanding for the Gators were David Moscow and Chris Corrado on attack and Robby Rotfeld and Miles Rich in the midfield. Chris Jones did an outstanding job at stopper, and he scored several long distance goals with his strong foot. The rest of the defense was very strong, with special thanks to Andrew Lichtman who stepped up to play sweeper during the crucial part of the season when Josh Brawer suffered an injury. Brian Hillsberg was terrific in the goal making many spectacular saves. We look forward to the indoor season and playing in the outdoor state cup.

## **BOYS MAKING DELCO SELECT**

Each season, the Delco Soccer League holds tryouts for the best players in the league (for age groups Under 11 and up) to play in the Delco Select Program. These teams play against League Select teams from other leagues from Connecticut through Virginia. Congratulations to the following LMSC boys on making the 1998 Delco Select Program:

**Under 11** - Drew Erickson, Jon Glass, Lee Rubenstein

**Under 12** - Alex Fairman, Alex Kahn, Tunji Munabi, Corey O'Rourke, Dan Shuptar, Federico Sersale, Danny Weiss, Stefano Calvello, Tim Shank

## **Summary of the Boys Travel Team Program**

DIVISION	TEAM	COACH	LEAGUE	PLAYOFFS
U-9A	1 N. Disasters	R. Whelan	9-0-0	Finals
U-9B	2 Stingers	M. Fedder	6-3-2	Semifinals
U-9C	3 Chargers	J. Vagnoni	5-3-2	Semifinals
U-9D	4 Demons	A. Macia	0-9-1	
U-9E	5 Eliminators	R. Savett	4-3-3	
U-10A	1 Rovers	A. Greaves	9-0-2	Finals
U-10B	1 Rebels	G. Moore	4-5-2	
U-10C	3 Gunners	W. Einhorn	9-2-2	Finals
U-10D	4 Destroyers	B. Overhiser	2-7-2	
U-10E	5 Phantoms	J. Snider	6-3-1	Semifinals
U-10E	5 Ninjas	E. Berson	8-2-0	Finals
U-10E	5 Wolves	J. Krippner	4-4-2	
U-11A	1 Lasers	M. Rubenstein	8-1-2	Finals
U-11B	2 Heat	B. Richardson	6-4-2	
U-11C	3 Aliens	A. Escott	6-4-2	
U-11D	4 Dynasty	G. Gibson	2-8-0	
U-11E	5 Blasters	S. Philips	3-5-1	
U-11E	5 Eagles	M. Schoenfeld	0-9-1	
U-12A	1 Delinquents	D. Grauman	7-1-3	Finals
U-12B	2 Slammers	M. Strohsacker	3-6-2	
U-12C	4 Marvels	R. Kaufman	8-2-0	Champions
U-13A	1 Rage	B. Colameco	1-8-1	
U-13B	2 Flames	G. Brooks	0-9-0	
U-13C	4 Spikes	B. Pritchard	0-8-2	
U-14A	2 Gators	J. Hillsberg	5-2-3	Semifinals
U-14B	4 Crushers	D. Schwab	0-10-0	
U-15A	1 Crew	J. Rose	4-4-0	

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

Each year, LMSC makes a major contribution of soccer clothing and equipment to Inner City Soccer Programs. Our contributions allow organizations to form soccer programs for children that cannot afford to buy the equipment necessary to play the game.

These programs 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. People may also leave their donations at the main table at Sports Rink Indoor Soccer during their season in January and February.

Information about our collection drive on Travel Team Registration Night will be in our Spring Newsletter.

Again, please save all outgrown soccer items that are still usable and donate them to this worthy cause.

## **GIRLS TRAVEL TEAM ROUNDUP**

**Under 9 Red Devils** - As the old saying goes, "success can't be measured by goals or wins". The kids had fun and they improved steadily throughout the season. For example, our last game of the season was great. We lost to undefeated Cecil 1-0. They scored on a penalty kick when one of our players put her hand in front of her face to protect herself and the ball hit her hand. They had beaten us 3-0 earlier in the season. (Cecil scored 30 goals and allowed only 6 goals in 10 games).

Our kids played stellar defense for us throughout the season - stand out players on defense - Elissa Cohen, Ileana Betancourt, and Isa Betancourt. Kelly Higgins was the most versatile player, having success at every position. Rebecca Miller was Most Improved. Mara Penne was the best disciplined player on the field, always aware of her positional responsibilities. Also, the last game was lots of fun because Alyssa Wolfington's parents provided the team with luxury transportation: a 22 passenger bus with TV, VCR, and tables. The pizza party with movie on the way back from Cecil was a blast!

**Under 11 'A' Warriors** - Playing in the very competitive top division of the league, the Warriors made it to the semifinals in the PAGS tournament, losing to the eventual champions (West Chester). The team finished the regular season in 3rd place (out of 10 teams). They only lost 4 games all year and played against excellent competition not only in the PAGS league but in two high level NJ tournaments (Hamilton over Columbus Day and Bordentown over the Thanksgiving weekend). It is a testament to our team that we had 6 girls chosen to the select PAGS team.

The Warriors beat Downingtown (4-0), Radnor (6-1) and lost to Kirkwood (0-8). The team did not play well at all against a very good Kirkwood team but the LM Warriors are not a team that quits. We ended up playing Kirkwood again (away) in the playoffs two weeks after we had been annihilated by them. This time we came to play. We beat them 1-0 on a nice goal by Kristin Nottebohm. Rosemary Peterson, our primary goalie, made a great save stopping a penalty kick in the game. However, it was a total team effort, all the girls stepped it up and played great, ending Kirkwood's season.

Over Columbus day weekend we played in the Hamilton Invitational tournament. The first game was against New Canaan, Connecticut (they eventually won our division). We tied them 1-1. Kristen Nottebohm had a great goal. We played Washington Township next and lost 1-0 in a very tough match. New Caanan beat them 2-1, however, the next day. In our last game we played West Windsor, another excellent New Jersey team, and tied them 1-1. Amanda Schwab scored the goal. This game could have gone either way. It was a good tournament for us even though we did not win.

Over Thanksgiving weekend we played in Bordentown and finished in second place in this elite tournament. The

competition again was excellent. We played Council Rock in the first game and tied 1-1. Julie Retig scored our goal. They scored with 2 minutes left in the game. In the second game we played Somerset Hills Wildcats (one of the best NJ teams - they were the runner up for the New Jersey state championship this year) and beat them convincingly 2-0. We could have scored 2 more goals. In the last game, we tied the Moorsetown Stompers 1-1 (another strong New Jersey team). We just missed scoring on several chances. Unfortunately, we came in second place to Somerset Hills although we beat them (3 points for a win and 1 point for a tie: their record 2-1-0 our record 1-0-2).

We are especially proud of the 6 girls chosen for the select PAGS Select team. Myra Sack and Amanda Schwab were chosen to the "A" select team and Christie Komlo, Kristin Nottebohm, Lauren Rosner and Eva Williams were chosen to the "B" select team.

Awards for our team include: 1) most valuable forward: Christie Komlo; 2) most valuable midfielder (tie): Amanda Schwab, Myra Sack; 3) most valuable defender (tie): Sara Greenberg and Eva Williams; 4) most improved players: Christie Komlo, Kristin Nottebohm, Lauren Rosner; 5) leading scorer: Kristin Nottebohm: 8 goals; 6) best goal of the season: Amanda Schwab in the Lionville game (she scored from the right corner of the box hitting the ball with her left foot in the upper left part of the goal); 7) most valuable goalie: Rosemary Peterson; and finally 8) our most valuable parent: Renee Nottebohm.

**Under 11 Red Storm** - A new team, the Red Storm started off with a distasteful 0-7 loss, but this was not to represent the season. Spirits and attendance at all events were high all season and the efforts were 100% by all players. We entered the Western Lehigh Women's Classic Columbus Day tournament and faced Kirkwood again; 0-3 loss. The team showed how much they had learned in only five weeks. We ended the season with a 3-4-3 record, ending in third place.

Red Storm showed their discipline and concentration by beating Springfield in the quarterfinals 2-1, without their head coach. In the semifinal game, at the end of regulation play, they were tied with Kirkwood 2-2. Red Storm's scoring was lead by Valerie Kirk and Tracy Needles, followed by Randi Bernheim, and Marianna Uribe. Strong goal tending by Sary Kinosian and Molly Prince, was reinforced by a solid fullback line of Ashley DuBay, Alida Haslett, Sarah Lubeck, Brittany Morgan, and Andrea Tullman. Fearless halfbacks included Jessica Currier, Maya Orchin and Jennifer Robins. Melanie Klien, Sarah Steele and Emily Walzer showed their determination, enthusiasm and flexibility as they were asked to play in many positions.

**Under 12 'A' Lightning Bolts** - The team showed a lot of improvement over last year, compiling a 4-4-2 record. They made it to the playoffs only to lose to a tough Radnor team that they had tied during the regular season. The Bolts stayed competitive in most games due to the stellar performance of Caroline Feldman in the nets and the solid play of Sarah Cines at sweeper. Bess Friedman and Carly Rotfeld combined on attack to provide the Bolts' offensive threat. Ashley-Brooke White and Olivia Hamilton proved they could play anywhere on the field with great success and composure.

Overall, every game proved to be a team effort. Look for the Lightning Bolts to be major contenders for the league championship next year! Congratulations to Jessica Steinberg and Olivia Hamilton who were named to the PAGSL Under 12 select team.

**Under 13 'A' Red Devils** - It was a very successful year for the girls. The Devils final record was 7-2-3, finishing third in the eight team league. The team improved their play throughout the year which resulted in a trip to the playoffs. This was the team's first trip to the playoffs where it played two extremely tough games both ending in sudden death overtime.

The quarterfinals, played against Aston, resulted in a win when Emily Carson scored with less than a minute left in overtime. In the semifinals, the Devils played Havertown in another game, unfortunately this game did not have the same outcome, the team lost a heartbreaker 2-1.

The Devils improved through each game with hard work and unselfish play. At season end, Jennifer Bronson (goalkeeper) and Emily Carson (sweeper) were voted by their teammates as co-MVP's. Others who received honors at the end of the season were Tracy Sukoneck (Most Improved Player), Rebecca Dorey-Stein (Unsung Hero), and Caroline Newcombe (Coaches Award).

**Under 13 Red Hot Chili Peppers** - The team had the best season in their 4 year existence going to the semifinals for the first time. After beating Swarthmore 3-1 in the first playoff game, the Peppers were eked out of the playoffs by higher seeded MOT of Delaware, 1-0 in a game that was even closer than the score.

The Peppers went a best ever 7-3-1 during their season with a super defense that did not allow more than one goal in 8 of 10 league games. The defense was led by super Pepper goalie Anni Hatza and Pepper rookie sweeper Christie MacGregor. The highly potent Pepper scoring punch was led by Dana Moosburner and Jenna Kessock. The midfield was steadied by perennial Peppers Justine Malloy and Margot Lesch. However, the team's success was a total team effort.

**Under 14 Red Hawks** - The team finished third (8-4-2) in the competitive, 13 team second division, scoring 37 goals, more than all but one of the 34 PAGSL U-14

teams. The high-flying Red Hawks' scoring machine was led by striker Carly Kursman's fifteen goals, and speedy wingers Katherine Steele and Jayne Barrickman did major damage. Midfielders Jenna Moore, Jenna Berman, Lena Meunke, Laura Dennis, Jess Tomlinson and Deanne DeCrescenzo poured in goals and key assists throughout the season. The offense was complimented by a stingy, ball-hawk defense anchored by sweeper Leah Pearlman-Storch and in-your-face full backs Sara Lippa, Emily Hofstein, Erica Adler and Stacey Alfaia.

The Red Hawks swept to a quarterfinal playoff win against a tough Brandywine team in a 3-1 shoot out, keyed by dominating Red Hawk stopper Susy Tollerud's thundering shot to the upper left corner and Tiana Bodison's stellar goalkeeping.

The season culminated in a heartbreaking, semifinal loss to Hockessin, 2-1, in the last two minutes of regulation and despite keeper Katie Gould's spectacular saves in net. The highlight of the regular season was the 3-1 win over West Chester, which typified Red Hawks soccer at its best-terrific defense, artful passing and great finishing skills up front.

### Summary of the Girls Travel Team Program

DIVISION	TEAM	COACH	LEAGUE
U-9A 1	Fireballs	N. Gorson	6-3-1
U-9B 3	Dragons	H. Porter	5-3-2
U-9C 4	Red Devils	G. Betancourt	0-8-2
U-10A 1	Force	N. Worby	6-1-2
U-10B 2	Monsters	J. Bowring	2-6-2
U-10C 5	Cool Cats	K. Kraus	7-2-0
U-11A 1	Warriors	R. Schwab	3-2-4
U-11B 3	Red Storm	D. Sutton	3-4-3
U-11C 4	Tornadoes	B. McLaughlin	0-9-1
U-12A 1	Lightning Bolts	D. Fagan	4-4-2
U-12B 3	Tazmanian Devils	S. Ritner	4-3-2
U-13A 2	Devils	R. Miller	7-2-3
U-13B 4	Chili Peppers	M. Malloy	7-3-1
U-14A C	Dynamite	C. Campbell	3-6-2
U-14B 2	Red Hawks	D. Barrickman	8-4-2
U-15A 1	Hawks	J. Chagan	1-7-2

**SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO SUZIE GRECH**, a former LMSC player and the current LMSC intramural referee assignor who attended the Spain Under 18 Women's National Team camp in late November. Grech, who holds dual citizenship in the USA and Spain, has been a State Select goalie the past four years. She is the goalie for The Shipley School. Suzie will be training with the top youth players from Spain and is hoping to win the starting goaltender job for the Spain Women's U-18 team. Suzie played for many years in the LMSC, first in the intramural program, then in the Travel Team Program.

# INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAME ROSTERS

## INTERMEDIATES EAST DIVISION

<u>RED TEAM</u>	<u>BLUE TEAM</u>
2 Gary Magill	2 Spencer Jones
3 Adam Steinberg	3 Robby Kay
4 Gabe Streisfeld	4 Julian Rodriguez
5 Danny DiLullo	5 Tommy Tighe
6 Greg Robbins	6 David Dubow
7 Matt Dean	7 Jordan Obrant
8 Peter Liebman	8 Alec Weiss
9 Sam Shapiro	9 David Barnett
10 Scott Berman	10 Colin Fleming
11 Georgie McFarland	11 Jacob Perry
12 Michael Owen	12 Brett Coopersmith
13 Ben Lucas	13 Ben Olsen
14 Brendan Willcox	14 Michael Collinelli
15 Jacob Hoffstein	15 Brian Brodsky

MVP Awards: Georgie McFarland, Colin Fleming

## INTERMEDIATES WEST DIVISION

<u>RED TEAM</u>	<u>BLUE TEAM</u>
2 Jason Kass	2 Daniel Assiran
3 Liam McGrath	3 Justin Corrado
4 Joshua Millan	4 Daniel Greenberg
5 Danny Wigrizer	5 Daniel Adelson
6 Frank Goldstein	6 Sam Pillion
7 Adam Castellitto	7 Charlie Hudson
8 Alex Hails	8 Price Soukup
9 Jeffrey Calhoun	9 Tyler Joseph
10 Alon Seltzer	10 Henry Lobb
11 Sam Agoos	11 James Margolis
12 Jeffrey Gordon	12 Jake Eisenhard
13 Ben Moser	13 Zachary Birenbaum
14 A. Moran-Santangelo	14 Micheal Kofsky
15 Jake Greenberg	15 Jack Keffer

MVP Awards: Jeffrey Calhoun, Daniel Greenberg

## BANTAMS EAST DIVISION

<u>RED TEAM</u>	<u>BLUE TEAM</u>
2 Colin Eisenstaedt	2 Alex Beatty
3 Andrew Mack	3 Adrien Demelier
4 Zack Siegel	4 Liam O'Connor
5 Pierce Cohen	5 Daniel Aronowitz
6 Julian Crowther	6 Parker Bova
7 Kyle Ingerman	7 Frank D'Antonio
8 Zach Blumenfeld	8 Zachary Arch
9 Michael Goldman	9 Chris DePowell
10 Jordan Wolf	10 Alex Schupper
11 Bobby D'Orazio	11 Mark Krantz
12 George Lewis	12 Michael Loewenstein
13 Daniel Sweeney	13 Adam Sachs
14 Lee Allman	14 Matthew Fedder

MVP Awards: Jordan Wolf, Alex Beatty

## BANTAMS WEST DIVISION

<u>RED TEAM</u>	<u>BLUE TEAM</u>
2 Bill Fallis	2 Sam Gross
3 Jason Kraman	3 Daniel Peterson
4 Adam Kurtz	4 Zachary Pryor
5 Brandon McLaughlin	5 Benjamin Adams
6 Tyler Olsen	6 David Rosenfeld
7 Lorenzo Rodrigo	7 Ian Smith
8 Avi Chatterjee	8 Aaron Rosenthal
9 Sam D. Gross	9 David Weiss
10 Patrick Lawson	10 Andrew White
11 Peter Abramowitz	11 Michael Lemonick
12 Elliot Citrano	12 Adam Garnick
13 Mike Fallis	13 Nathan Muchnick

MVP Awards: Lorenzo Rodrigo, David Rosenfeld



# INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAME ROSTERS

## PROTONS EAST DIVISION

### RED TEAM

- 2 Ariel Gutowicz
- 3 Meredith Shea
- 4 Megan Spagnola
- 5 Bailey Steidle
- 6 Paulina Marcucci
- 7 Sara Ritterband
- 8 Corinne Zucker
- 9 Hana Chamoun
- 10 Elizabeth Schoenberg
- 11 Alexa Hoffman
- 12 Charlotte Damico
- 13 Laura Dormans
- 14 Dannah Axelrod
- 15 Dorie Abel

### BLUE TEAM

- 2 Elizabeth Weissert
- 3 Anna Alburger
- 4 Monica Tolosa
- 5 Mira Moskowitz
- 6 Sasha Rescoral
- 7 Courtney Cines
- 8 Caitlin Bonney
- 9 Margaret Fortney
- 10 Kate Stevenson
- 11 Monika Wasik
- 12 Hadley Kunz
- 13 Samantha Schneider
- 14 Alison Reiff
- 15 Michele Lockhart

MVP Awards: Elizabeth Schoenberg  
Samantha Schneider

## PROTONS WEST DIVISION

### RED TEAM

- 2 Kate Ivory
- 3 Carolyn Montgomery
- 4 Elana Sears
- 5 Kara Silberthau
- 6 Sarah McGovern
- 7 Sara Steingard
- 8 Haley Pearlstein
- 9 Elizabeth Collins
- 10 Hannah Morse
- 11 Fiona Flanagan
- 12 Molly Gindin
- 13 Danielle Taylor
- 14 Ilana Glassner
- 15 Maggie Lucas

### BLUE TEAM

- 2 Anne Bracaglia
- 3 Hanni Blindenbacher
- 4 Anna Currier
- 5 Abigail Rosenberg
- 6 Caroline Gundersen
- 7 Megan Trainer
- 8 Briana Winston
- 9 Amy Woods
- 10 Kelly McCallion
- 11 Hannah Newman
- 12 Emily Alloy
- 13 Olivia Goodman
- 14 Leah Sack
- 15 Jodie Eichel

MVP Awards: Ilana Glassner, Leah Sack

## JUNIORS DIVISION

### RED TEAM

- 2 Tyler Goehringer
- 3 Max Miller
- 4 Max Fagan
- 5 Jordan Katz
- 6 Adam Sansweet
- 7 Danny Levin
- 8 Noah Levin
- 9 Joshua Mellor
- 10 Max Gelula
- 11 Anders Lauersen
- 12 Julien Weinrott
- 13 Elliot Albert
- 14 Connor Johnson
- 15 Brandon Olsen

### BLUE TEAM

- 2 Isaac Ortiz
- 3 Sam Reese
- 4 Tyler Teran
- 5 Luke Nowlan
- 6 Tom Simon
- 7 Andrew Dob
- 8 Josh Rosard
- 9 Daniel Saewitz
- 10 Jeremy Aronson
- 11 Graeme Nicholls
- 12 Travis Rosenbluth
- 13 Britt Buerkle
- 14 Ben Ferber
- 15 Peter Johnston

MVP Awards: Anders Lauersen, Sam Reese

## SENIORS DIVISION

### RED TEAM

- 2 Ben Fetterman
- 3 Michael Moran
- 4 Rory O'Connor
- 5 Graham Corrigan
- 6 Andrew Johnston
- 7 Ben Simon
- 8 Jonathan Drucker
- 9 Max Maguire
- 10 Daniel Silverman
- 11 Greg Hollander
- 12 Daniel Myers
- 13 Sasha Sokolsky
- 14 Yoav Karpenshif
- 15 Jake Kramer
- 16 Michael LoPreto
- 17 Matthew Griffin
- 18 David Maltz
- 19 Richard Vita

### BLUE TEAM

- 2 Farzad Force
- 3 Michael Galetta
- 4 Bryan Kirschner
- 5 Rory Byrne-Dugan
- 6 Daniel Klausner
- 7 Jack Quinn
- 8 David Goldstein
- 9 Christian Henwood
- 10 Billy Read
- 11 Isaac Blum
- 12 Brett Yalof
- 13 Daniel Zakheim
- 14 Zachary Asbury
- 15 Cannon Moltz
- 16 Daniel Mudd
- 17 Josh Aichenbaum
- 18 Max Cutler
- 19 Michael Deasey

MVP Awards: Graham Corrigan, Brett Yalof

# INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAME ROSTERS

## MAJORS DIVISION

<u>RED TEAM</u>	<u>BLUE TEAM</u>
2 Brett Bergen	2 Brent Cohen
3 Chuckie Brownstein	3 Ben Hearn
4 Matt Glazer	4 Peter Swenson
5 Andy Hollin	5 Joseph Tan
6 Ryan Blicher	6 Jason Berman
7 Andrew Brown	7 Griffith Gyde
8 Matthew Cohen	8 Mark Lansman
9 Jake Wurzak	9 Landon Sears
10 Colin Broderick	10 Michael Evian
11 Ian Dworkin	11 Josh Lambertsen
12 Bucky Marshall	12 David Spitzer
13 Sean Walsh	13 Brian Walsh
14 Trevor Foskett	14 Max Blum
15 John Griffin	15 Jonathan Golden
16 Peter Lucas	16 Andrew Karter
17 Max Mishkin	17 Sam Woolfson

MVP Awards: Matthew Cohen, Mark Lansman

## ELECTRONS DIVISION

<u>RED TEAM</u>	<u>BLUE TEAM</u>
Rebecca Arch	Caroline Aiken
Katie Barker	Rachel Axelrod
Ashley Burgio	Rory Baumstein
Amanda Cohen	Jennie Berman
Aimee DellaPorte	Lauren Chitester
Maggie Diamond	Rachael Cohen
Anna Frank	Melissa Frankford
Rebecca Holtz	Rebecca Greenberg
Natalie Kitroeff	Katie Haller
Emma McCormick	Amy Keefe
Victoria Rolandelli	Elise Levyn
Amy Rosenblum	Mikayla Lytton
Beth Rutstein	Emily Rittenberg
Meghan Sharkey	Dana Robinson
Rebecca Solomon	Julie Street
Nora Stabert	Alice Van Horne
Perry Thurston	Rachel Vass
Catherine Walsh	Rachel Zuckerman

Coaches:

Rick Rutstein  
Pete Sharkey

Fred Robinson  
Stephan Axelrod

## COSMOS DIVISION

<u>RED TEAM</u>	<u>BLUE TEAM</u>
Samantha Berschler	Graeme Baumstein
Jennifer Borck-Hadley	Ashley Christiansen
Rachel Collins	Kate Conaboy
MaryAnn DeHoratius	Caroline D'Angelo
Perri Devon-Sand	Mollie Flanagan
Katie D'Orazio	Lyssa Gerson
Gabrielle Fleekop	Eva Gruenberg
Emily Friedman	Alex Haack
Jennifer Gindin	Shannon Hoops
Michelle Greenspan	Salima Kassam
Katie Irving	Jacquelyn Laplant
Sarah Maguire	Julia Meyer
Katie Maguire	Melissa Perez
Alyssa Melvin	Sarah Roberts
Jeanmarie Mercier	Christina Salameh
Katherine Moore	Lauren Sottile
Kristina Quattrone	Julia Straka
Sarah Quigley	Nicole Wilsker

Coaches:

Joe D'Orazio  
Trevor Hadley

Ken Roberts  
Barbara Beck



## 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, 1990 and July 31, 1991. Both teams practice indoor during the winter and compete in several different indoor tournaments.

During late October and early November, tryouts were held for the two teams. The boys team had 82 players tryout, the girls team had 36 players try out.

Congratulations to the following 22 boys who were chosen for the **Boys U-8 team** (LMSC Hammerheads):

Adelson, Daniel	Kass, Jason	Pillion, Sam
Barnett, David	Kay, Robbie	Quinn, Matt
Calhoun, Jeffrey	Liebman, Peter	Robbins, Greg
Coopersmith, Brett	Magill, Gary	Rodriguez, Julian
DiLullo, Danny	McFarland, Georgie	Shapiro, Sam
Fleming, Colin	Obrant, Jordan	Streisfeld, Gabe
Hudson, Charlie	Perry, Jacob	Weiss, Alec
Jones, Spencer		

Coaches: Biff Sturla, Ed Weiss, Allan Greaves

The boys U-8 Developmental team kicked off their season by competing in the Annual Hulmeville Under 8 tournament. This is the ninth year that we have sent our U-8 Boys Developmental team to this tournament. The players were evenly divided into two equal teams of 11 players. The Blue Team went 2-0-1, outscoring their opponents 16-1. They had to have a coin toss with the team they tied (Upper Makefield) to determine who played in the championship and came up on the wrong end of the coin.

The Red team went 3-0-1 in their preliminary games and earned the right to play in the championship. Lower Merion got goals from Brett Coopersmith, Danny DiLullo and Peter Liebman to win the championship game 3-0. Spencer Jones and David Barnett combined in goal to earn the shutout.

Daniel Adelson, Jeff Calhoun, Colin Fleming, Charlie Hudson, Jason Kass and Robby Kay also starred for the championship Red Hammerhead team.

Overall, the LMSC Hammerheads went 6-0-2 and outscored their opponents 30-1. Danny DiLullo was voted the Outstanding Player Of The Tournament.

This was the second consecutive year that Lower Merion has won the Hulmeville Under 8 Boys Tournament.

The Hammerheads traveled to Hatboro for an indoor tournament. The team again split in two but this time, the two teams met in the championship game. The semifinals were tense as the Blue team needed an overtime goal by Danny DiLullo to advance. The Red

team went to overtime and then sudden death before a Colin Fleming goal ended things in favor of LMSC.

Congratulations also to the following 18 girls who were chosen for the **Girls U-8 team** (LMSC Stingrays):

Blindenbacher, Hanni	Ivory, Kate	Rescorl, Sasha
Bracaglia, Anne	McCallion, Kelly	Rosenberg, Abby
Collins, Elizabeth	McGovern, Sarah	Sack, Leah
Currier, Anna	Morse, Hannah	Trainer, Megan
Flanagan, Fiona	Newman, Hannah	Winston, Briana
Gundersen, Caroline	Pearlstein, Haley	Woods, Amy

Coach: Karin Sturla

The Stingrays will practice regularly during the winter in local gyms and at Sports Rink Indoor Soccer. They will also play in several indoor tournaments at Sports Rink. In the spring, they will return outdoors and play in several friendly games against other local area teams.

The purpose of the girls Under 8 team is to identify and develop the top players in the age group for the Travel Team Program. In late spring, the girls will tryout for the youngest "real" travel team age group, Under 9, where LMSC will field up to three teams of 12 players each.

## ELECTRONS DIVISION ROUNDUP

The Electrons Division (girls born in 1988 and 1989) played 8 v 8 on a field that was larger than the past years, permitting a more open game, with more passing. The girls were divided into two divisions of six teams. Each team played one scrimmage, seven competition games and a final day of head to head games, including four teams in semifinal games. In the championship game, the New Jersey Wildcats defeated the Central New Jersey Splash to take the title.

**New Jersey Wildcats** - Electrons Division Champions:

Sara Aronowitz	Rebecca Greenberg	Julie Street
Julia Blumenthal	Stephanie Gross	Kate Wiber
Anne Bryan	Stephanie Grossman	Rachel Zuckerman
Erica Caplan	Helen McCann	
Emly Fox	Amanda Randel	

Coaches: Nancy Winkler, Rob Fox, Fred Gross

**Central New Jersey Splash** - Electrons Finalists:

Katie Barker	Aimee DellaPorta	Megan McFarland
Caroline Barth	Jennifer Donnelly	Melissa Schwartz
Ryan Becker	Jennifer Haas	Kendall Sharkey
Carly Bernstein	Avi Hockfield	Meghan Sharkey
Amanda-Beth Cohen		

Coaches: Peter Sharkey, Hal Hockfield

## COSMOS DIVISION ROUNDUP

The oldest division of girls, born in 1985, 1986 and 1987 grew to eight teams, sporting 93 girls. This is the first year that this division played on a full size field, with 11v11 format. In the past, we had kept this division on the smaller field to promote ball control. These girls stepped up to the challenge of more space, making nice long passes and throw-ins, and long demanding sprints, ending with crossing passes. The increased space demanded improved vision, looking before passing, more speed for the short runs and endurance for long driven passes. The girls learned all of this.

They played with one division of eight teams. The first game was a scrimmage, followed by seven games in the tournament. The semi-finals saw Blackburn defeat Arsenal and Wimbledon defeat Tottenham.

The following week, Blackburn and Wimbledon played for the championship. At the end of regulation play it was tied at 1-1. Wimbledon won the day with a goal in sudden death overtime. Wimbledon received the championship trophies for their efforts while the championship tee shirts were awarded to Blackburn for achieving the best record during the regular season.

### **Wimbledon - Cosmos Playoff Champions**

Sophie Alexander	Julia McClatchy
Carlyn Baker	Amanda Ongirski
Robin Berkovitz	Samantha Orleans
Kate Conaboy	Emily Rosenberg
Molly Eichel	Chritina Salameh
Lisa Friedman	Katherine Scott
Eva Gruenberg	Julia Stroika
Shannon Hoops	Nicole Wilsker

Coaches: Barbara Beck, Debi Baker, Toba Spector

### **Blackburn - Cosmos Regular Season Champions**

Landis Allen	Deena Klienberg
Amy Brazina	Elizabeth Lundy
Katie D'Orazio	Katie Maguire
Mary Ann DeHoratius	Sarah Maguire
Sarah Drew	Jeanmarie Mercier
Victoria Foltz	Kristina Quattrone
Alexandra Gamboa	Erica Steinhart
Jessica Gaspari	

Coaches: Joe D'Orazio, Jeannie Mercier

Also, a hardy thank you to Cosmos and Electrons **Divisions Commissioner Dan Sutton** for his excellent work with both divisions. Dan was named a Director of LMSC in January. His hard work in both the Intramural Program and the Travel Team Program has been a tremendous benefit to LMSC. His work is greatly appreciated by everyone.

## MAJORS DIVISION ROUNDUP

The Majors Division (boys born in 1985, 1986 and 1987) finished the season with Rich Swenson's Oilers defeating Bert Blicher's Chargers 1-0. In the semifinals, the Oilers defeated Jeremy Mishkin's Jets 1-0 in a shootout after two scoreless overtimes. The Chargers defeated David Krahn's Ravens 1-0 to advance.

### **Oilers - Majors Division Champions**

Brent Cohen	Steven Friedman	Chris Rahdert
Ross Cohen	Ben Hearn	Chris Sweeney
Frank Deasey	Jimmy Hearn	Peter Swenson
Pierson Fox	Brian Malloy	Joseph Tan
Andrew Friedlander	Colin Peters	

## ADULT WOMEN'S PROGRAM WINS TRI-COUNTY LEAGUE

The LMSC Moonlight Ladies program continues to grow. The Ladies entered two teams in the new Tri-County League which offers competitive play in two divisions. Our 'A' team defeated King Of Prussia in the semifinals, then defeated Downingtown in the championship game to win the league's first ever fall season. Downingtown defeated Nether Providence in the other semifinal.

Sue Laird scored two goals in the championship game after Gyorgyi Sulyok netted the game's first goal. LMSC goalie Naa Bruce earned the shutout in the final game with help from sweeper Jill Gallen. Others who stood out for the Division One team were Nancy McKenna and former LMSC youth player Margaret Golden.

LMSC also fielded a Division Two team. This team is comprised mostly of players who have a limited background in soccer. Standouts for this team were Traci Brody, Mimi Halligan, Debbie Quick and Odeya Szulanski along with goalies Holly Brown and Margo Giuliano (who regularly attended the goalie clinics for our travel players). The team was happy to have the return of two veteran players coming off the injured list, Nancy Worby and Lori Strohsacker. The Division Two team finished the regular season in 2nd place, then hosted an end of season round robin tournament.

This program was started in 1995 by Karin Sturla who is the Director of the LMSC Adult Women's Program and the President of the Tri-County Women's League.

The Moonlight Ladies always welcome new players. No prior soccer experience is needed to participate. The team plays year round. New players are always welcome to the program and taught the basic skills and tactics of the game. Veteran players and newcomers who would like more information about the program should either call LMSC (215-953-8060) or E-mail the club. Be sure to leave your name, phone number and address.

## COACH OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Each year, the LMSC Directors honor our top travel team coaches 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."

Our Boys Travel Team Coach Of The Year Award goes to Rick Whelan, head coach for the Under 9 'A' team. This is the first year for this team. They finished the regular season with a perfect 9-0-0 record. In the league semifinals, the team defeated Downingtown in double overtime, then dropped a tough 1-0 decision in the championship game to Hockessin, Delaware.

Before coaching this team, Rick was head coach for the LMSC Sharks (81/82 birth 'A' team) for seven years. During his time with the Sharks, his team reached the Indoor State Cup finals once, and the semifinals three times. The Sharks were Under 14 Delco League Champions in 1995. Almost all of the Sharks are now playing for their high school's Varsity.

Our Girls Travel Team Coach Of The Year Award goes to newcomer Rose-Marie Miller, head coach for the Under 13 'A' team. Taking over a team that barely won a game the past two years, the Devils turned things around and went 7-2-3, earning a trip to the playoffs. Rose is a former star player at Villanova University. In 1997, Rose played for the Philadelphia Frenzy, the top amateur team in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

A very dedicated soccer person, Rose conducts a lot of private coaching sessions for local area female youth players. Her dedication to working with young girls in the area has been a tremendous benefit to LMSC. We hope that she will continue coaching in the program for many more years.

Our Intramural Coach Of The Year Award for 1998 goes to Stephan Alexrod who somehow managed to serve as head coach for three of his daughters' teams and serve as an assistant coach for his fourth daughter's team. Steve was head coach for the Bears team in the Microns Division (daughter Chelsey), the Mets team in the Protons Division (daughter Dannah), and the Blaze team in the Electrons Division (daughter Rachel). He also was an assistant coach for Manchester in the Cosmos Division (daughter Whitney).

LMSC is greatly appreciative of Stephan's desire to coach all four of his daughters' teams and would like to thank him very much for the countless hours he has put into the soccer program. Congratulations to Stephan Axelrod on being 1998 Intramural Coach Of The Year.

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

1998	Rick Whelan Rose Miller Stephan Axelrod	Boys Travel Program Girls Travel Program Intramural Program
1997	George Moore Danielle Fagan Dan Sutton	Boys Travel Program Girls Travel Program Intramural Program
1996	Ray Hurtado Traci Brody Joe D'Orazio	Boys Travel Program Girls Travel Program Intramural Program
1995	Dan Grauman Marty Rubenstein	Travel Program Intramural Program
1994	Kip Lord Susan Reynolds	Travel Program Intramural Program
1993	Chris Campbell	
1992	Chris Scott	
1991	Lance Laver	

## **1999 LMSC SPRING INTRAMURAL PROGRAM**

Once again, LMSC will be running the Spring Intramural Program for younger boys and girls. The program is tentatively set to run every **Sunday** afternoon from April 18 through June 20 (except Memorial Day Weekend).

Divisions will be formed as follows:

Boys 1994	Atoms	Girls 1994	Neutrons
Boys 1993	Bantams	Girls 1993	Microns
Boys 91/92	Intermediates	Girls 91/92	Protons
Boys 89/90	Seniors	Girls 89/90	Electrons

Travel team players will NOT be allowed to register for the Spring Intramural Program.

Unlike the fall program, there are no midweek practices in the older divisions of the Spring Intramural Program.

**Due to the limited amount of field permits that we are issued in the spring, LMSC will put a cap on the number of players that will be accepted into the spring program.** Registrations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis in the Protons, Electrons, Intermediates and Seniors Divisions. Once we have received the maximum number of registrations, we will not accept any additional registrations for the above listed divisions.

More information, including registration forms, will be sent to all eligible players in our Spring Newsletter. You should receive this in late March. Registration material will also be available on our web site. If you know of anyone not on our mailing list who wants to play, have them forward their name, address and date of birth.

## SOCCER COACHING COURSES

Our club is in big need of having MANY more people to coach in the intramural program, especially at the youngest age groups. 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. We need parent volunteers to continue making the program a success.

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 6 - 10 year old divisions. LMSC will pay the full cost of the course for any coach in our program.

The course covers the following topics: Coaching Methodology, Team Management, Care and Prevention Of Injuries, Technique, Tactics and Laws Of The Game. All courses are taught by a member of our State Association's coaching staff.

Most all of our Travel Team coaches have completed the 'E' course or higher, many of our intramural coaches have also completed the course.

Information on the spring "E" level coaching course will be sent out to all current LMSC coaches at a later date. **Anybody who has not coached before but who would like information about the coaching course should call our hotline (215-953-8060).**

## U.S.S.F. REFEREE CERTIFICATION COURSE

The USSF Referee Certification course enables you to become a licensed referee who can referee travel team games and other USSF affiliated games. There is a great need for referees. The money that can be made is quite good, starting at **\$16 per game** for the youngest travel team divisions.

To qualify for to be a travel team referee, you must be at least 14 years of age. Referees are only assigned games for age groups that they are older than. The referee association is looking for teenagers and adults looking to become referees.

This course can be a first step in a potential career, or just another way to enjoy soccer. The Delco Chapter of EPSARC offers clinics, newsletters and mentors to help develop referees.

This course is six nights long, during three weeks in April. If you are interested getting more information about the upcoming course, please call LMSC Director Dan Sutton at 610-664-4890.

## SPORTS RINK INDOOR SOCCER STARTS 4TH SEASON

Sports Rink Indoor Soccer has just started their third year of operation. Under the direction of LMSC and run at The Haverford School's Parker Gymnasium, the program organizes leagues for over 500 kids ages 6-10. In addition, Sports Rink runs 14 tournaments for local area travel teams.

Sports Rink Indoor Soccer runs on Saturdays and Sundays during January and February.

The Haverford School is currently going through major renovations. Next year, they are planning to tear down their gyms and make a new field house. Because of this, we do not yet know if Sports Rink will be held at The Haverford School in the year 2000. LMSC is currently looking at several different alternative sites. We do fully expect to continue running Sports Rink in future seasons.

## 1999 TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUTS

One of the primary goals of our intramural program is to develop the top players for our 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 those players who wish to compete at higher levels of play in the future (high school, college and beyond.)

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). Teams will be formed for ages Under 9 (Aug. 1, 1990 - July 31, 1991 birth) up through Under 15 (Aug. 1, 1984 - July 31, 1985).

Due to field limitations, LMSC will NOT be increasing the number of travel teams in any age groups. We will not expand in any division since we currently have too many travel teams having to share too little space. We will continue to offer the Fall Intramural Program for children up through 13 years of age who do not make a travel team or who do not wish to tryout for the travel program.

The primary season for the teams is in the fall. Most travel teams play a limited amount of indoor soccer during the winter months. Our 'A' travel teams play in several spring and early fall tournaments.

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, 1991 and July 31, 1992. There will again be a boys team and a girls team.

## ONE-ON-ONE AND SMALL GROUP TRAINING OFFERED

One of the questions we are frequently asked is if there is a way for a child to receive personalized individual skill training. Several of our more qualified Travel Team coaches offer this type of training.

**Allan Greaves**, one of our LMSC Directors, is very active in training youth players. He has been an active soccer player for over 24 years. In 1997, Allan was a member of the Philadelphia Freedom Professional team. He is an assistant coach with the Radnor High School boys varsity, head coach for the Under 14 Delco League Select Team and head coach for our U-10 'A' boys Rovers team. Allan can be reached at 215-477-3099.

**Danielle Fagan**, our U-12 'A' girls travel team head coach and **Rose Miller**, our U-13 'A' girls travel team head coach offer fun individual skills training to female players. Both Danielle and Rose are former players on the Villanova University Women's soccer team. Rose is a former player for the Philadelphia Frenzy of the USISL. Both have a lot of experience in the competitive soccer arena and know what it takes to be the best while still enjoying the game and all it has to offer.

In addition to their playing experience, Danielle was an Assistant Coach for the Villanova Women's team. Rose has coached both boys and girls in the Nike P.L.A.Y. program. For more information about this exciting opportunity for your daughter, please call Danielle at 610-995-2622 or Rose at 610-722-5825.

While the LMSC Directors fully endorse both of these programs and the coaches that run them, it must be noted that their programs are independent of LMSC.

## SUMMER CAMPS UPDATE

LMSC will again sponsor a camp for younger players in late June and early July. This camp will be geared toward players ages 6-11.

LMSC will also run their Pre-Season Travel Team Camp in late August. This camp is open to any and all travel team players who are interested in signing up. In 1998, LMSC hired the Step By Step coaching organization to run the program. LMSC will again look to hire a top level organization to run this camp in 1999.

There are several other local area soccer camps that LMSC recommends. One such camp for both travel team players and older intramural players is **National Olympic Soccer Camp**, held in July and early August at Eastern College in St. Davids. They also have what is considered to be the very best goalkeeper specialty training found anywhere. To get a brochure, please call camp director Mike Gorni at 215-230-9575.

One other camp that has been well attended over the years by LMSC intramural and travel players has been the **Haverford College Soccer Camp**. The camp is run by Joe Amorim, head coach at Haverford College. It is for children ages 6-16. For a brochure, call them at 610-896-1123.

Our spring newsletter will contain more information about soccer camps. We hope to add a list of local camps to our web page in the near future.

## SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...

Each of our intramural divisions is headed up by one or more volunteers to run 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:

<u>Boys Divisions</u>		
Majors	1985-87 births	Mark Berman
Seniors	1988, 89 births	Brian Kunz
Intermediates	Advanced 90, 91s	Steve Kay and Tom Pillion
Juniors	Beginners 90, 91s	Steve Rosard
Bantams	1992 births	Paul Halpern
Atoms	1993 births	Michael Mark
<u>Girls Divisions</u>		
Cosmos	1985-87 births	Dan Sutton
Electrons	1988, 89 births	Dan Sutton
Protons	1990, 91 births	Jim Jakobowski
Microns	1991 births	Harold Goldner
Neutrons	1992 births	Michael Mark
Special Needs	1985-1989	Steven Spencer

A special thanks to Suzie Grech and David Stretch, our two intramural referee assignors who did an excellent job ensuring that most all of our games had referees.

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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,

### **The LMSC Directors:**

Biff Sturla	Bruno Ceccarelli	Marty Rubenstein
Nancy Worby	Dan Sutton	Bryan Richardson
Allan Greaves		