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2009 LMS C FALL SEASON ROUNDUP

Despite record amounts of rain, we somehow managed to finish the fall season. LMS C would like to thank the Lower Merion Township and the Lower Merion School District for again allowing us to use their fields this fall. We would also like to thank both groups for extending our field permits an extra week so that we could play an additional week after the bad weather caused so many field closings.

This newsletter will review many of the different programs that were in action this fall. Articles on many of our travel teams are included, as well as our Under 8 Developmental Travel Team Program and the Fall Intramural Program.

LMS C MAGIC WIN THIRD STRAIGHT DELCO LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to the LMS C Magic, our Under 12A boys travel team, who won their third consecutive Delco League top division championship. Back in the spring, the Magic won their second consecutive State Championship. The Magic also took second place in the Volkswagen Junior Masters competition. This event featured the top Under 12 boys travel teams in the Eastern United States with the winner advancing to the Junior World Cup next summer in South Africa. Details on the Magic's great season can be found on page four of this newsletter.

SPRING INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

Our 2010 Spring Intramural Program will be open to boys and girls born between 2000 and 2005. The program will run primarily on Sunday afternoons, starting on April 11 and continuing through June 13, except for Memorial Day Weekend. More information about the Spring Intramural Program can be found on page two.

LMS C ALUMS PLAYING COLLEGE SOCCER

LMS C currently has at least 32 former players now playing at the college level. Many people ask us what it takes to play at that level, what the recruiting process is like, scholarship opportunities, etc. Our article on page 5 will hopefully clear up some of the mystery of playing soccer at the college level.

2010 LMSC SPRING INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

LMSC will again be running their Spring Intramural Program for younger boys and girls. The program will primarily run on Sunday afternoons (with a few Saturday afternoon games). The season will start the weekend of April 10 - 11 and through June 13. There are no games Memorial Day Weekend. Divisions will be formed as follows:

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| Boys 2005 | Atoms | Girls 2005 | Neutrons |
| Boys 2004 | Bantams | Girls 2004 | Microns |
| Boys 2003 | Juniors | Girls 2003 | Quasars |
| Boys 2002 | Intermediates | Girls 2002 | Protons |
| Boys 2000 & 2001 | Seniors | Girls 2000 & 2001 | Electrons |

**** The older boys Majors and older girls Cosmos Divisions will be offered in the fall for children born in 1997--1999. The fall season will also have a Pee-Wees Division for children born in 2006.*

The Atoms, Bantams, Neutrons and Microns Divisions players will NOT be assigned to set teams. Each division will meet at the same time each week and be led through basic FUN skill development activities by the LMSC coaching staff, led by long time LMSC coaches Michael Mark and Tom Gallagher. The skill work will last approximately 20-25 minutes, each player will work with his or her own size 3 soccer ball. Following the skills work, the players will be randomly divided into teams of approximately four players and play in small sided games. The small sided games format is designed to maximize player development since players will always be involved in the action.

Juniors, Intermediates, Quasars and Protons Divisions players will be placed on set teams and play a different opponent each week. Each team will have a 20 minute practice with their coach before each game. Following the practice, each team will be divided into two and play two simultaneous small sided 5 vs. 5 games against the opposing team. This small sided games format is designed to maximize player development. While most games will be on Sunday afternoons, each team will likely have at least one game scheduled on a Saturday afternoon.

Seniors and Electrons Divisions players will be placed on set teams and play a different opponent each week. Each team will have a 20 minute practice with their coach before each game. Games will be played using an 8 vs. 8 format. Players currently in the Developmental Travel Team Program, as well as those on the U-9 and U-10 travel teams, may also play in these divisions (but NOT in the Fall Intramural Program). Each team in the Seniors Division and the Electrons Division will likely have at least one game scheduled on a Saturday afternoon.

**Registration material for the Spring
Intramural Program is now available on the
LMSC web site: www.lmsc.net**

Unlike the Fall Intramural Program, there are no midweek practices in the older divisions of the Spring Intramural Program. Standings will not be kept in any age group, there are no end of season championships in any division.

Due to the limited amount of field permits that we are issued by the township and school district in the spring, LMSC will again have to put a cap on the number of players that will be accepted into the Spring Intramural Program. Registrations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis in each division. Once we have received the maximum number of registrations in each division, we will not be able to accept any additional registrations.

We Need Referees: To qualify as a referee in the Spring Intramural Program, a person must be at least 11 years of age with a minimum of two years of soccer playing experience. Our older age divisions require older, more experienced referees who will be paid more than the referees in the younger divisions. Application material for referee positions and field crew positions is available on our web site. No prior referee experience is necessary.

LMSC 2010 - 2011 TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUT INFORMATION

Each spring, LMSC holds tryouts for their fall season travel teams. The 2010 - 2011 fall season will feature boys teams and girls teams in age groups from Under 9 up through Under 15. The Under 9 age group will be open to players born between August 1, 2001 and July 31, 2002. Unlike the intramural program, overage players, even players one day too old, are ineligible to play by rule of the United States Youth Soccer Association. Underage players will not be allowed to tryout.

The number of teams formed in each age group will be dependent on the number of players trying out, as well as the number of qualified coaches that we can identify for that particular age group. LMSC will field a maximum of four teams in each age group.

To be considered for the Travel Team Program, players will be expected to be at all tryout dates for their age group. Each tryout session will last approximately two hours. Players **MUST** tryout for the age group corresponding to their birth date, as listed in the tryout schedule. Players may **NOT** play "UP" in an older age group or play down in a younger age group.

THE LMSC TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUT SCHEDULE FOR 2010 / 2011 WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEB PAGE, www.lmsc.net NO LATER THAN MARCH 1st.

SHOULD MY CHILD PLAY TRAVEL TEAM SOCCER OR INTRAMURAL SOCCER?

Each year, people ask us about the difference between playing in the Travel Team Program and the intramural program. They are often confused about which program is more appropriate for their child. Parents of children ages eight and older are faced with the decision of having their child play in the intramural program (which runs through age 13 in the fall season and age 10 in the spring season) or having their child try out for the Travel Team Program. One of the main factors to consider in making this decision is that the Travel Team Program is geared for players who want to work harder to advance to higher levels of play in the future. Players who play for local varsity high school teams almost all played travel team soccer when they were younger. Other factors to consider are that the Travel Team Program offers a more competitive environment and has a more experienced coaching staff. As a result, player development takes place at a much faster rate in the Travel Team Program. It has been found over the years that friendships and team bonding is much stronger, and more long lasting, at the travel team level. Many travel team players become life long friends over the years.

The intramural program is geared more for recreational players who simply want to have fun playing soccer and are not looking to play at higher levels in future years. The primary emphasis of all intramural programs is to ensure that all players have a fun-filled experience in a soccer environment. Standings are not kept and championships are not held, except at the oldest divisions in the Fall Intramural Program (the boys Majors and the girls Cosmos Division for 11-13 year olds).

Families trying to decide which program is more appropriate for their child should remember that almost all of the top athletes ages 8 and up are playing in the Travel Team Program. We have as many as four travel teams in the Under 9 age group so about 50 of the top athletes in each of these age groups are no longer playing in the intramural program. The level of play in the older intramural age groups is not nearly as high as it is in the younger age groups.

LMSC does encourage travel team players to play other sports. The Travel Team Program does not want players to limit themselves to playing only one sport during the year. The Travel Team Program does require that soccer be each child's primary activity during the fall league season as well as during state cups if a team participates. Intramural teams practice once a week in the fall and play a game each weekend. Travel teams often practice twice a week during the fall and play one game (occasionally two games) each weekend. Almost all travel teams play in an indoor soccer league in the winter or train indoors on occasion. Almost all of our 'A' travel teams will compete in the EPYSA state cups in the spring.

As stated, many of the coaches in the Travel Team Program coach at higher levels and have much more experience coaching soccer. Our Travel Team Program currently has many coaches who are coaching at the college level or the high school varsity level. The Travel Team Program has had a LOT of success. Two former LMSC players played in the MLS, our country's top professional league, for 10 years. One of those players represented the USA in the 2006 World Cup and in the 2000 Summer Olympics. Since 1989, LMSC travel teams have won a total of 28 State Championships, including four state championships in both 2008 and 2009.

For other players, staying in the intramural program is best. LMSC recommends that the stronger athletes who have a desire to play at higher levels of play in the future tryout for the Travel Team Program. Hopefully, the parents of all players ages 8 and older will be able to decide which is the more appropriate program for them.

LMSC MAGIC WIN THIRD STRAIGHT DELCO LEAGUE TITLE, ALMOST QUALIFY FOR JUNIOR WORLD CUP IN SOUTH AFRICA

Lower Merion Magic (U12A boys) ended a very successful Fall 2009 campaign with a 2-0 win vs. Penn Legacy in the Delco Premier-1 Division Championship Final. Magic went 9-1-1 in league play and captured their third consecutive top division Delco Championship. In addition, they took home the first place title at the Lou Ramos Classic (Allentown, PA) in September and were finalists at both the Spirit Kick-Off Classic (Downingtown, PA) in August and the Volkswagen Junior Masters National Championship (Washington, DC) in October. Magic is currently ranked by national soccer rankings as first in the state, second in Region 1 and eighth in the nation.

Magic is led by head coach Mark Weinmann and includes strikers Justin Davis, Nick Jannelli, and co-captain Cody Wax; midfielders JD Egan, Henry Farr, Griffin Fleming, Anthony Haines, Matt Mayer, and Wyatt Page; defenders Padgett Gustavson, Connor Gregory, Gian-Luca Hail, Jerry Karalis, Josh Liss and co-captain Felix Serlin; and goalie Peter Bradbeer. Dale Haines serves as assistant coach and team manager. Iain Munro of YSC Sports heads up the supplemental team training program for Team Magic.

Individual highlights included Justin's tenacious play at the Spirit Kick-Off Classic, Nick scoring the only 2 goals vs. PDA in a 2-0 victory in the finals of Lou Ramos Classic, Cody's goal to send the semi-final game at the Volkswagen Jr. Masters in to extra time and tallying the winning goal in the Delco finals, JD's goal and an assist in a 2-2 tie vs. FC DELCO to start Magic's season, Henry's left-footed blast for the only goal in the 1-0 win vs. Penn Legacy in the first game of Delco play, Griffin's shut-down play vs. Penn Legacy's top player in the Delco finals, Anthony's goal and assist in a 2-1 victory vs. the Ottawa Fury at the Spirit Kick-Off Classic, Matt's long range blast for a goal vs. Spirit in the last regular season Delco game and critical assist in the finals of the Lou Ramos tournament, Wyatt's key penalty kick conversion in the semi-finals of the Volkswagen Junior Masters, Padgett's strong and aggressive play in the Delco finals, Connor's offensive push in the playoff clinching game vs. USTA, Gian-Luca's steady play in the central defense the entire season, Jerry's goal AND celebration vs. Spirit United, Josh's and Felix's shut-down play on the defensive wings the entire year and Peter's key penalty kick save at the Volkswagen Junior Masters and his clean sheets in the Lou Ramos and Delco finals.

Volkswagen Junior Masters World Finals - This is an international Under 12 tournament comprising teams from 20 different countries that will compete in South Africa in late May prior to the start of the World Cup. The US National Finals was held October 17th and 18th in Washington DC and like all other country champions, the winner of this tournament receives an all expense paid trip to South Africa for this event for all players and two coaches. As one can imagine, the best of the best went for the title. The Magic were one of 12 teams that qualified for this tournament. The team advanced to the semifinals against Arlington, Virginia. The game ended in a tie so penalty shots would determine the winner. The contest went to the eighth shooters. LMSC goalkeeper Peter Bradbeer made a huge save and Padgett Gustavson converted his kick to put LMSC into the finals.

The championship game was played in RFK Stadium in Washington D.C. The Magic's opponent in the finals was PDA from New Jersey. Though the Magic defeated PDA earlier in the fall, in the championship game of the Lou Ramos Labor Day Tournament, the Magic came up a bit on the short end of a 2-0 score. The Magic wish PDA the best of luck when they go to South Africa to represent our country.

What has also been exciting to Magic players this year is that they are learning a new definition of "travel soccer" in the Lower Merion Program. In 2009 / 2010, Magic will play in premier level tournaments in Washington DC, Richmond VA, and Phoenix, AZ. Also, about half of the team spent 10 days this past summer training at Fluminense FC Academy in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. As the players will tell you, traveling with their buddies and playing soccer is a blast, and the longer the soccer trip, the better!

Congratulations to all of the Magic players as well as coaches Mark Weinmann and Dale Haines for a highly successful season.

LMSC ALUMNI PLAYING AT THE COLLEGE LEVEL

Many former LMSC travel team players are currently playing at the college level. At last count, we have 37 former LMSC players who played at the college level this fall. A list of those players, along with the school they are attending and their year in school can be found below. Our apologies to any player who we missed.

The NCAA, which most (but not all) colleges are a member of, offer three levels of competition. Division 1 is the highest level and is comprised mostly of large universities where the athletes train year round. At the division 1 level, schools may offer up to 9.9 scholarships for the men's soccer program and up to 12 scholarships for their women's program. At the division 2 level, schools may offer up to 9 scholarships for men's programs and up to 9.9 for women's programs. Division 3 schools may not offer athletic scholarships for any sport. Scholarships are usually only offered in fractions to individual players. Most schools however limit the amount of scholarships to a much lower number than what the NCAA allows. Unlike college football and basketball, very few soccer players are awarded full scholarships. Some leagues such as the Ivy League (U. Penn, Princeton, Harvard, etc.) do not allow schools to offer scholarships for athletics.

Our current Under 18 team, the LMSC Velez are almost all seniors in high school. During their ten years, the team has won several state championships and has competed all over the United States and beyond. Last year, the Velez took third place at nationals. The team also won the National League, comprised of many of the top teams in the nation. The Velez head coach, Miguel Nuila, has been with this team since they formed at Under 8. He has written an article below about the experiences of talking with college coaches while he helped his players select their college for next year. Many parents have incorrect ideas about the college recruiting process, athletic scholarships, etc. Please read Miguel's article on the following page. You will find it very interesting and informative.

Unless you are a national team player, or close to it, soccer players need to realize that scholarships are rare. The best philosophy for those players is to concentrate on having soccer help you get into a school you might otherwise not get into. College coaches can help a player get into a school that he / she might not otherwise get into, but only to a limited extent. In the soccer world, a coach can help a student athlete get into a school that is one level higher academically, but not two or three levels. This is not college basketball or football, the college coaches can only do so much.

Another important philosophy to adhere to is: A student athlete should only choose a school that he or she would like even if he / she were not playing soccer. Is the school a good fit academically? Is the school a good fit socially? Would you enjoy the school even if you were not able to make the soccer team? If not, then this is not the right school for you.

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| Doug Ammon | Gettysburg College | sophomore | Tom Kalpokas | LaSalle University | sophomore |
| Nick Bibbs | Caldwell College | freshman | Jason Kass | Kenyon College | freshman |
| Ann Marie Burke | Williams College | junior | Drew Kotler | Northwestern University | sophomore |
| Jeff Calhoun | Richmond University | freshman | Matt Krantz | Franklin and Marshall | junior |
| David Cassanelli | Duquesne University | sophomore | Wayne Maminski | Lafayette University | sophomore |
| Hana Chamoun | Clark University | freshman | Dan Mayernick | Trinity College | sophomore |
| Greg Cochrane | Virginia Tech | freshman | Steve Mayernick | Trinity College | junior |
| Michelle Conway | West Chester University | freshman | Georgie McFarland | Colgate University | freshman |
| Max Crockett | Drexel University | junior | Hannah Newman | Middlebury College | freshman |
| Martin Dell'Arciprete | Temple University | senior | Jessica Rosenbluth | Penn State University | sophomore |
| Danny DiLullo | James Madison | freshman | Lee Rubenstein | Univ. of Pennsylvania | senior (captain) |
| David Dubow | Princeton University | freshman | Myra Sack | Dartmouth College | senior (captain) |
| Drew Erickson | Gettysburg College | senior | Stephen Simonian | Lebanon Valley College | freshman |
| Sam Feldbaum | Lafayette College | junior | Brooke Stokes | Bucknell University | junior |
| Sarah Friedman | Univ. of Pennsylvania | junior | Zach Weimar | Swarthmore College | senior |
| Jennifer Gangl | West Chester University | freshman | Alec Weiss | Villanova University | freshman |
| BJ Glenn | Lafayette College | junior | Zach Winthrop | Lafayette College | junior |
| Jordan Griffith | Villanova University | junior | Diana Witjyk | Ursinus College | sophomore |
| Peter Jannelli | University of Cincinnati | freshman | | | |

THE COLLEGE PLACEMENT PROCESS

by Miguel Nuila, head coach of the LMSC Velez (Under 18 Boys)

The LMSC Velez is in its 11th year of existence with most of the players on the squad having been on the team since Under 10. It has been a long and difficult road over the years but the team has persevered and now we are being rewarded handsomely in college hunt.

The success of our college placement is due to mainly to these factors:

The amazing attitude that our parents have kept throughout the years. First and foremost, parents concentrated on one thing: their sons having fun in the game they love so much. By U-12, we had lost ALL of the parents wanting to professionalize their sons' soccer. Oddly enough, those that left us and that still play the sport are no better off college wise than any of the boys that chose to stay.

The impeccable integrity of our families. When a player commits to a coach, there are no take backs. When a school commits to a player, it is because that school is the player's number one choice. This integrity has given the team a good reputation with many colleges and universities.

Our parents got REAL very early in the process. For a team with the success that we have had, we have six players committed to Division 3 programs with more to follow this year as the Juniors begin committing. Schools like Amherst, Williams, Bowdoin, Carnegie Mellon, Vassar, Dickinson, Johns Hopkins, F&M, Rochester, and others frequently attend our games looking for that next potential recruit. The word is out that Velez supports Division 3 programs.

As the old saying goes, "there are 300 million citizens in the US and only 300 players of soccer at the highest level. Is it more important that they grow up to be a good soccer players or good citizens?" Of course, having a talented bunch did help a lot as well. The results of our college placements can be found at: <http://velez91.com>

During the beginning of our sophomore year, we used the following excerpt from a recruiting article. These are the words that set the tone for our entire recruiting campaign.

BE REALISTIC: Do not assume that because you are not an ODP or Representative player with great credentials that you cannot be recruited. There are not enough big names to go around. Over one thousand colleges compete in soccer. You can compete at many of the schools seeking decent players.

BE REALISTIC: When you set out to be recruited do not involve schools that you would not or could not go to if you were accepted. It is a waste of everyone's time and money.

BE REALISTIC: Most young athletes are disappointed in their senior year because they assume a college coach is going to find them. Coaches do not have the time or money to search for athletes. You must help them by selling yourself.

BE REALISTIC: You are going to college to continue your education. You should be using soccer to help you complete that goal. Make your decision based on academic and social considerations NOT soccer. Carefully consider whether you want to be a small fish in a big pond or a big fish in a small pond.

BE REALISTIC: Limit your marketing efforts to twenty to twenty-five schools.

BE REALISTIC: Full ride athletic scholarships are so rare they might just as well not exist. You are pursuing a package of Academic and Financial assistance. Understand what is possible and pursue that. The stories of a coach pulling into your driveway with money hanging out of his pockets are not realistic.

BE REALISTIC: Academic assistance for admissions is the easiest form of help to get. Do not put yourself in the position of being recruited too high academically. If you should be at New Mexico State do not try for Stanford. One level over your SAT or GPA is about as high as you want to push the academic help.

BE REALISTIC: Do not fall in love with the first coach who calls and says he wants you. You are going to spend four years living and playing somewhere. Be absolutely positive you will be happy in the school you end up in.

BE REALISTIC: Do not attempt to be recruited to a school unless there is at least some reason to believe you can get enough financial assistance to go there. A school that cost \$25,000 has to come up with a lot more money to recruit a middle class kid than a school that costs \$15,000. If that school only has five scholarships they probably cannot afford you.

BE REALISTIC: When you talk to coaches, they are trying to sell you on their program and you are trying to sell them on your abilities. This can lead to a lot of misunderstandings. If a school makes your final list, check it out very carefully. Twenty-five percent of all freshmen drop out the first year. When you talk to coaches YOU must do the talking. Your Mom and Dad are not being recruited.

BE REALISTIC: Make every attempt to attend camps where the colleges you like coach. Call the coaches directly (you are allowed to call the soccer office at the college) and find out where they will be coaching in winter or summer camps.

BOYS TRAVEL TEAM ROUNDUP

The Under 9A Sabertooth Rats had a tremendous first season, finishing the Delco League season with a perfect record of 11-0-0, while also winning the Ross Haney Labor Day Tournament and the Yardley-Makefield Columbus Day Tournament. Overall, the team finished the season 18-0-1 against teams their own age.

In the Ross Haney Labor Day Tournament, the Sabertooth Rats defeated the PSC Americans 8-0 and Marlton (New Jersey) 6-2 to advance to the semifinals where they played the Philadelphia Soccer Club Dynamo. LMSC easily disposed of the Dynamo 8-0, thanks to three head goals in the game. The championship game saw the locals play South Jersey Elite but again, the Sabertooth Rats put on an offensive clinic and won 7-1.

In the Yardley-Makefield Columbus Day Tournament, the Sabertooth Rats opened up with 6-1 win over Reading Rage. The next game saw the Sabertooth Rats play in their toughest game of the season, tying the Baltimore Bays 1-1. Down 1-0, Julian Niggeman tied the game for LMSC. The next day, the two teams had a penalty shot shootout to determine who would advance to the final. Goalie Sebastian Connelly made a couple of great saves in the shootout which went to the 10th shooter for each team. Connelly stopped Baltimore's shot and LMSC's Justin Nachman made his to give LMSC the win. LMSC easily won the final 7-1 over Holmdel, New Jersey as Harrison Bloch scored two goals in the first four minutes of the game to quickly decide the outcome.



The Sabertooth Rats dominated the Delco League season, outscoring their opponents 86-13. The team struggled in the championship game however, going down 3-0 to the Ukrainian Nationals. The Sabertooth Rats however are known for great second half play and responded with four goals of their own, led by a hat trick from Luca Giordano, to give LMSC the Delco League division one championship. The team celebrated at the Berwyn McDonalds. Our thanks to the Niggeman family, owner of the Berwyn McDonalds, for the excellent end of season party.

While known as a great offensive team (the Sabertooth Rats scored 137 goals in their 19 games), the team had a great defense, allowing only 19 goals all fall. The defense was led by Tom Bradbeer, Griffin Wada and Justin Nachman, with Sebastian Connelly in goal most of the time).

Midfield stars Harrison Malone, Colin Burn and Jason Aoyama were key throughout the year. Jason's season long attempt to score on a bicycle kick were always deemed ESPN Highlights. This winter, the Sabertooth Rats are playing up two years in the YSC Sports Under 11 indoor league, played at the Starfinder facility in Manayunk.

The Under 10 Gremio team had a fantastic season, winning the Delco League Division 2 championship. Gremio defeated West Chester 2-1 in overtime in the semifinals. The game was 0-0 after regulation but Mark Colavita scored two goals in overtime. The team began celebrating before time expired and West Chester got one back in the last minute of overtime.

Gremio advanced to the championship game and easily defeated West-Mont 2-0. Gremio also had two goals called back. Late in the first half, Max Shapiro scored the first goal of the game on a long distance shot over the keeper.

In the second half, Colavita made a nice pass that Max Shapiro finished off. Congratulations to the Gremio team on a great second season of play. Gremio will be playing up a year in the YSC Sports U-11 indoor league at Manayunk.



The Under 10 Netrippers were led by team captains, Peter Garno and Jake Grossman, who provided steady leadership during our practice sessions and inspirational play on the field during competition. Team defense was a key to the Netrippers success this fall as the team allowed only 28 goals in 21 games played. Anchoring the defense for the Netrippers were Pete Garno in goal, and Jonah Hausmann, Will Henderson, Scott Rounick and Liam Callahan on the back line. Ball possession played a big part in the team's offensive success this year and was a primary factor as the Netrippers scored a total of 73 goals in our 21 games. Patrolling the midfield during the season were Jake Grossman, Harrison Axelrod, Andreas Blobel, Cameron Dosanjh, Liam Sfaxi and Tommy Trotti, with Ian Smith and Noah Cox usually playing at a striker position.

The Netrippers had a great start to their 2009-2010 season campaign by capturing the championship trophy in the blue division at the Battle at Hilltop tournament in late August. The boys finished with a 4-1-1 record in the tournament and avenged their finalist finish a year ago against Marple by defeating Marple this year by a score of 2-0 in the championship game. During the course of the tournament, the team defeated three "A" teams that would be participating in higher Delco League divisions during the fall.

In other tournament action during the fall, the Netrippers participated in the gold division of the YMS Columbus Cup. With several weeks of league play under their belt, the Netrippers offense was in full stride in this tournament, scoring 20 goals while allowing only two to reach the championship game. In the final, the boys faced a strong Century United Academy team from Pittsburgh and were unable to maintain their offensive momentum, losing by a score of 0-2 to receive the finalist trophy.



The Netrippers participated in the Delco League this past fall season and recorded a regular season record of 6-1-2, scoring 33 goals against only 13 allowed. The top four teams in our division were separated by only one point which meant that the playoffs were going to be exciting. In the semi-final, the Netrippers faced regular season champion Coventry, who we tied in our final regular season game the weekend before. After a 1-1 first half, the Netrippers exploded for four second half goals on their way to a 5-2 victory and a berth in the championship game the next day against Berks SC. Despite a wet and sloppy field, the Netrippers dominated play in the first half, created many excellent scoring opportunities, but found themselves down 1-0 at halftime as Berks scored on a miscue in front of our net. The play was a bit more even in the second half, but Berks was able to score another goal to gain a 2-0 lead. In the waning moments of the game, with the Netrippers swarming the Berks goal, Jake Grossman scored to close the gap to 2-1. Unfortunately the clock ran out on the Netrippers, and we had to settle for the finalist trophy. We would like to thank Coach Mike Falsetta for his dedication, and for sharing his love of soccer with the Netrippers.

The Under 11 Locos had a great season, finishing with a return trip to the championships (but lost 1-0). The Locos compiled a solid record of 9-1-4 and scored 45 goals to 22 by our opponents. The team started the season with half of its roster made up of brand new players. After a few games, the new guys began to fit in with our veterans and we were on our way. Going into the championship, the team was on a seven game winning streak.

Our backfield was rock solid and anchored by keeper Jesse Haines, sweeper Jack Turner, stopper John Bonetti and our outside fullbacks Alex Eringis, Josh Hetzelson and Simon Gordon. Center midfielder Ben Newbert was a big playmaker, and was supported by our outside midfielders Austin DePetris, Alejandro Gonzalez, Will Haist and Sam Levities. The key to our attack was great speed down the outside lanes from Alex Hurowitz, Felipe LaTorre, Scott Leyden and Adam Gingold, and power up the center by our leading goal scorer Donny DiLoreto.

A lot of the credit for our player's rapid skill development and conditioning goes to Travis Davis, our trainer and assistant coach. Brett Turner did a great job as assistant coach with the game day management, despite being on crutches for several games. For myself (Don DiLoreto), it was one of my most rewarding seasons as head coach. After winning the championship last year, I was anxious about constructing a new team.

These boys really impressed me with their winning and fun attitude. They've not only come together as teammates, but have become great friends as well. We're looking forward to making another run at the championship in 2010!



The Under 12 Gunners won the Delco League Division 4 championship. The team defeated T/E Ginga in the semi-finals. Tied in regulation play 1-1, still tied after overtime play, still tied after five penalty shots 3-3, the Gunners finally won on the seventh penalty shot with an amazing save by keeper Jake Trachtenberg.

The championship game was played against the undefeated MOT Lightning, who opened hard and excellent with a goal and totally accurate passing, three more great shots on goal but unlucky against the Gunner keeper, Jake Trachtenberg. After 15 minutes, the Gunners strengthened and the teams played even. In the second half, Tyler Spector got a breakaway from midfield and was taken down from behind in the box. That was money and the penalty kick was good to tie 1-1.

With four minutes to go in the game, Derek Quong brought the ball up from the midfield on the left, got to the 18 yard box, pulled back and passed to Tyler Spector, who then passed to Jake Gordon in the open on the right. Jake collected the ball and made a great shot to the corner of the net to make the score 2-1. MOT came back hard. They got a corner and then another corner, but the Gunners kept it out, thanks to the great defense of Sander Shuster and the entire back line, with help from all the middies.



The Under 13 United completed a very successful fall 2009 season, compiling an overall record of 14-6-4 and taking second place in the division. In addition to advancing to the league championship game, United also competed in the Kids Peace, YMS and Hempfield tournaments, winning the division championship at YMS. United showed great scoring punch all season, totaling 73 goals, and played strong defense the entire season, allowing only 28 goals.

United returned seven veterans from last year's U-12 squad and was hoping to build on the success enjoyed by the team over the past few seasons. Successfully merging 10 new players onto the United roster, the team gelled quickly during late spring and August training sessions. Experimenting with various combinations, United finished 1-1-1 at the Kids Peace tourney, but gained valuable experience to prepare them for the league season.

United began league play in strong style, with 6-1 wins against Swarthmore and Rose Tree, followed by a 7-1 win against MOT. The United faced their toughest league challenge in early October against Central Delaware and jumped out to an early 2-0 lead, but ultimately fell 5-3 in a very well played game. This experience prepared the United for the YMS tournament, where the team won the championship, capped by a 3-0 victory over Ukrainian Karapoty in the finals. Continuing their winning ways, the United rolled to league victories over Haverford, Interboro and Chichester by a combined score of 19-2 and advanced to the division playoffs.

With decisive playoff wins against Rose Tree and MOT, United advanced to the league championship game against Central Delaware with hopes of avenging the earlier loss. Weather issues forced this championship game into early December. Despite a great effort, United came up short in the championship game, 1-0.

Throughout the season, the team showed consistent improvement and the boys played with great energy, effort and sportsmanship. United will be playing indoor/outdoor tournaments and league games throughout the winter and spring. Continuous offensive success was provided by forwards Paddy Black, Thanasis Narliotis, Elliot Gross and Jeremy Tuttle. The midfield was controlled by the physical and creative play of Jesse Bregman, Ben Salzer, Ron Buckley, Andrew McKinney, Matt Caton and Mike Figelman. Defenders Brady MacManus, Julian Sherman, James Gleason, Matt Fink, Wasif Maatallah and sweeper Ian Matherson, along with keeper Andrew Jannetta played formidable defense all year.





LMSC CHAOS

Whitewater Cup Tournament Champions



LMSC RAT PACK

Ross Haney Labor Day Tournament Champions



LMSC BARCELONA

Kirkwood Labor Day Tournament Champions



LMSC COBRAS

V / E Tournament Champions



LMSC QUICK BOYS

Gettysburg Tournament Champions



LMSC UNDER 8 GIRLS

Future World Champions

GIRLS TRAVEL TEAM ROUNDUP

The Under 9A Storm had great success this fall. In August, the team took second place in the Gettysburg Battlefield Blast Tournament.

In early September, the Storm won the Lou Ramos Labor Day Weekend Tournament up in Lehigh Valley.

In October, the Storm won the Hamilton (New Jersey) Columbus Day Tournament.

The Storm also had a very successful Fall playing in the top division of PAGES. The Storm players and coaches are looking forward to their continued development through the Winter and Spring months.

Storm members include: Abby Tevis, Reilly Short, Lily Elman, Kate DePillis, Celia Page, Morgan Rees, Simi Bleznak, Lauren Bracken, Phebe Guenther, Gabriela Mazzoni, Carly McIntosh, Gianna Turino and Teresa Hegarty.



The Under 11 Crush had a GREAT season this fall and really showed some great heart and consistent improvement all the way through our season. It was their first season playing on the big field, playing 11 v 11 and they did a great job.

In goal, time was shared (mostly) by Sarah Nelson, Cammy Tabb, Kendall Shein, Kit Haist, and a few others who stepped up. The girls all did a great job for us and really came through in some tough situations. Kit Haist served the most time in goal as our go to girl and with Sarah Nelson in a cast, this was a huge help for us.

Defensively Kendall Shein, Gabby Wilkinson, and Carly Harad were our anchors in the back, leading the way each game with tough tackles, relentless pressure, and composure. They were steady, consistent, and did such a great job in getting our attack started. It didn't hurt that Gabby is nationally ranked Junior Olympian in track. :) Also noteworthy is that Carly played the majority of our season in a cast ... as would many other girls on our team!

Our midfield was comprised of Cammy Tabb, Hannah Spector, Kit Haist, Laura Barr, Riyo Moore, Amanda Costa and Julia Riesenbach. These girls rotated through our midfield, each stepping up in various roles. The midfield was a tough spot to play as the ball must be won there in order to control the game and our team did that more times than not. Cammy and Hannah were very tough game after game in the holding midfield spot which then allowed Julia to create some attack and score some amazing goals to give us the edge we needed. Kit, Riyo, Amanda, and Laura held us together on the wing midfield and did some serious running up and down the flanks to get good crosses in and keep the ball out wide.

Up top, we had Mikayla Vaughn, Tamar Cahana, Claire Lapat, and Sarah Nelson. These girls did a great job learning to be aggressive, be dangerous on the dribble and create opportunities for our team. They improved each game and learned to take more shots as they gained confidence. Tamar is dangerous on the dribble and Mikayla has a way of charging down that sideline with speed and commitment every time she gets the ball. Claire is a defender turned forward for us and truly is a utility player for this team...all the while with a cast! When Sarah Nelson wasn't in goal she was on the field providing relentless pressure and demonstrating great dribbling.

We missed Sara Wada this season who was out in the first game due to a season ending injury but we are so excited to have her back in the winter. The Crush are a spirited group with so much heart and with a full season under their belt we will no doubt see continued success in our future.



The Under 11 Avalanche, formerly the Wildcats, started the season with eight new players and a completely new coaching staff. Solid defense kept us in games early in the season, until our scoring touch developed, even though we used a whole handful of players in goal. Kelly Harrigan and Amelia Marx did much of the goalkeeping and made it look easy. The defense was anchored by Aileen Lavelle in the back with Juliet Milani at the top of the diamond. Also making solid contributions in the back were Claire Tobin, Katherine Villarin and Sammy Feingold.

Our midfielders hustled both ways from the start of the season, making plays at both ends of the field. The midfielders were led by center midfielders Eleanor Gaddy and Sarah Root, both of whom could do it all. Newcomers to the squad, Caroline Baker, Hallie Garton and Sophie Hoffman rounded out our midfield players and really developed that "can do" attitude required of any good midfielder.

Our strikers, who began to fill the net more regularly as the team came together, were led by Anna Daley-Gibson and Ella Milani. Also playing strong up front were Caroline DePillis and Grace Normile, both of whom also helped us out at other positions when called upon.

We were still in the playoff hunt when the final week of the season came along, but fell just short against a strong Haverford team, 2-1, even though the girls rallied with a late goal.

The Avalanche's outdoor season was a smashing success and the girls look forward to seeing what they can accomplish as a team in the upcoming seasons.



The Under 14A Charge capped a terrific fall season by making it to the finals of the PAGS 2009 Championship. The girls placed second overall during the regular season and made it to the championship game. The girls played a great game, taking the early 1-0 lead into halftime, but unfortunately weren't able to hold the lead, finishing the game 2-1.

The girls had a phenomenal fall, winning the Cape May Columbus Day Tournament's highest bracket, and being a finalist for the 2009 PAGS season. The girls compiled a record of 8-2-3, while playing great soccer and improving individually and as a team along the way. The girls will be training through the winter and will be playing several premier tournaments and the state cups in the Spring. Congratulations girls!"



The Under 15 Strikers concluded an amazing season with a win over Stroudsburg to clinch the 2009 PAGS League Championship!!!! The team was 9-1-0 for the season and concluded their final game with a 1-0 win in the snow.

We were anchored on defense with the quick feet and smart play of Clara Davis who was flanked by Alex Dias Lalcaca and Abby Marco whose tough play made it impossible for teams to even get into the box on our defensive end. Rotating on the flanks were newly minted Striker Alyson Tepper and Efi Nartolis. Our defense was tough, relentless and worked hard to create opportunities for the attack week after week. In goal we rotated through with Suzy Bernstein, Stephanie Karalis, and Alessandra Patrizio who had a break-out season for the team coming up huge in a number of games in a position that is new to her.

In the midfield, we worked hard all season to win the ball in the middle and play out wide. This was accomplished with the help of Jane Urheim, Megan Kilcullen, Claire Comai, Anabel Lewis, Stephanie Karalis and Carly Scher. This group became dangerous in the air, tackled hard in the middle and ran up and down the flanks to make sure we had possession of the ball.

Rounding us out up top were what we dubbed the "Aces" and these three scored the majority of our goals and lit our offensive on fire. Allie Partridge, Darby Marx, and Natalie Agoos demonstrated an ability to take people 1v1 and pick apart defenses every single game.

A great season by a team who has weathered a great deal as a group and come out on top with strong sense of commitment, a desire to win, and the ability to come from behind and surprise us all. Well done Strikers!!!!

2009 FALL TRAVEL TEAM ROUNDUP

BOYS TRAVEL TEAMS - DELCO LEAGUE

| DIVISION | TEAM | COACH | RECORD | PLAYOFFS |
|----------|-------------------|--------------|--------|------------|
| U-09A | 1 Sabertooth Rats | B. Sturla | 11-0-0 | champions |
| U-09B | 1 Quick Boys | M. Cox | 3-4-2 | |
| U-09C | 3 Chaos | D. Weiss | 3-3-3 | |
| U-09D | 5 Force | S. Szweczak | 6-4-0 | semifinals |
| U-10A | 1 Denali | W. Nord | 6-3-0 | semifinals |
| U-10B | 2 Gremio | M. Matusiak | 7-2-2 | champions |
| U-10C | 4 Netrippers | M. Falsetta | 7-3-1 | finalists |
| U-10D | 6 Thunder | B. Walsh | 6-3-1 | semifinals |
| U-11A | Pr1 Rat Pack | G. Myers | 6-3-2 | |
| U-11B | 2 ShakeNBake | T. Domers | 5-3-3 | semifinals |
| U-11C | 4 Maniacs | A. Bunn | 2-4-2 | |
| U-11D | 5 Locos | D. DiLoreto | 7-3-1 | finalists |
| U-12A | Pr1 Magic | M. Weinmann | 9-1-1 | champions |
| U-12B | 2 Rowdies | C. Dodds | 4-3-2 | semifinals |
| U-12C | 4 Gunners | J. Marks | 8-2-1 | champions |
| U-12D | 4 Dynamo | M. McConnell | 8-1-2 | champions |
| U-13A | Pr1 Lightning | A. Cox | 2-4-3 | |
| U-13B | 1 Rage | M. Cerrato | 2-8-0 | |
| U-13C | 5 United | D. Matherson | 8-1-0 | finalists |
| U-14A | Pr2 Barca | M. Moran | 4-3-2 | semifinals |
| U-15A | Pr1 Panthers | D. Jones | 3-6-1 | |
| U-17A | Mustangs | P. Gangl | Winter | |
| U-18A | Velez | M. Nuila | Winter | |

GIRLS TRAVEL TEAMS - PAGS LEAGUE

| DIVISION | TEAM | COACH | RECORD | PLAYOFFS |
|----------|---------------------|---------------|--------|-----------|
| U-09A | 1 Storm | P. Gangl | 3-3-2 | |
| U-09B | 2 Tornadoes | N. Posillico | 0-8-0 | |
| U-09C | 4 Mermaids | J. DeBona | 3-5-1 | |
| U-10A | 1 Galaxy | J. Reynolds | 1-6-2 | |
| U-10B | 2 Roadrunners | R. Epps | 0-7-0 | |
| U-10C | 5 Dynamite | D. Hartzell | 5-2-2 | |
| U-11A | Pr 1. Cheetahs | P. Seip | 0-7-1 | |
| U-11B | 3 Crush | R. Gallegos | 2-4-2 | |
| U-11C | 5 Avalanche | J. Marx | 2-3-3 | |
| U-12A | Pr 1 Cobras | S. Fraser | 1-5-2 | |
| U-12B | Pr 2 Fury | M. Ross | 1-5-2 | |
| U-12C | 2 Flames | J. Battista | 1-7-0 | |
| U-13A | Pr 2 FightinFreedom | D. Jones | 0-7-1 | |
| U-13 | 2 Venom | J. Conn | 0-4-4 | |
| U-14A | Champ. Charge | N. Severini | 5-3-1 | finalists |
| U-14B | 4 Spirit | M. Potter | 3-2-3 | |
| U-15A | Bar. 1 Heart | C. Ichniowski | Winter | |
| U-15B | 2 Strikers | R. Gallegos | 9-1-0 | champions |

*** PAGS League does not have playoffs at U-9 or U-10

EIGHT LMSC PLAYERS TRAVEL TO BRAZIL WITH YSC ACADEMY PROGRAM



Eight LMSC travel team players spent one week in late June at the youth Fluminense Soccer Academy in Xerem, a small town outside of Rio de Janeiro. The players traveled there as part of the YSC Academy Program, which was comprised of 25 players from local travel teams, including LMSC, FC DELCO, Lehigh Valley United, Penn Fusion and USTA.

Highlights of the trip included eight training sessions with professional Fluminense coaches and their Brazilian peers, an end of the week tournament with four teams made up of YSC and Brazilian players, a trip to 100,000 seat Maracana Stadium to watch a Fluminense vs. Flamengo professional match, pick-up beach soccer games at Copacabana beach, lunch at a traditional Brazilian steakhouse and a visit to the peak of Corcovado mountain.

Participating LMSC players (pictured from left to right) were Padgett Gustavson, Anthony Haines, Cody Wax, JD Egan, Wyatt Page, Gian-Luca Hail (all members of the LMSC Magic) and Will Cypress and Manny Reitano (both members of the LMSC Rat Pack). Special thanks to [YSC Sports](#) for organizing this fun, exciting and educational trip.

UNDER 8 DEVELOPMENTAL TRAVEL TEAM ACADEMY

Congratulations to the players below who were selected to this year's Under 8 Developmental Travel Team Academy. This program is designed to train our younger, more talented players and develop them for the Travel Team Program in future seasons. There were 57 boys who tried out and 33 girls who tried out for this year's teams.

BOYS UNDER 8 ACADEMY

| | | | |
|-----------|---------|-------------|---------|
| Berman | Matthew | Kasman | Ari |
| Bozzi | Michael | Lapat | Nathan |
| Broderson | Blaze | Leedy | William |
| Campbell | Quintin | Lesser | Bobby |
| Craft | Tryston | Litvin | Joey |
| Davis | Trenton | Milani | Ethan |
| DeBellis | Joe | Monos | Philip |
| Emeno | Trey | Pasternack | Max |
| Fleming | Robert | Silberstein | Jake |
| Goodman | Evan | Smith | Alex |
| Graham | David | Verrekia | Marc |
| Hetzelson | Adam | | |

GIRLS UNDER 8 ACADEMY

| | | | |
|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Baron | Samantha | Lovelace | Rebecca |
| Blackman | Caroline | MacFarlane | Isabel |
| Brainsky | Hannah | Mehra | Genevieve |
| Butler | Abby | Pansini | Natalie |
| Cato | Teresa | Polsky | Jessica |
| Contract | Rena | Rorke | Abbie |
| Gordon | Jessica | Schwab | Allison |
| Halpern | Seraphina | Schweitzer | Lindsey |
| Leyden | Amelia | Strongin | Abigail |

In the fall season, players in the U-8 Developmental Travel Team Academy train twice a week under the supervision of the LMSC coaching staff and compete against each other in a series of 5 vs. 5 games each weekend. Similar to the intramural program, the small sided games are designed to maximize the number of touches on the ball each player makes and thus maximize each player's skill development.

Each year, our Under 8 teams play in the Upper Moreland Under 8 tournament in early November, and / or the Nether Providence Fall Classic. These tournaments are designed to give the players their first taste of playing travel team rules (games were played 7 vs. 7 instead of 5 vs. 5, used throw-ins instead of kick-ins and used the very complicated offsides rule).

During the winter, the Academy teams train once a week under the direction of the LMSC coaching staff. The teams also play in the Under 9 indoor leagues at YSC Sports. The teams will play a limited amount of outdoor spring soccer before moving on to the tryouts for next year's Under 9 travel teams.

NEXT YEAR'S UNDER 8 DEVELOPMENTAL TRAVEL TEAM ACADEMY will be open to players born between August 1, 2002 and July 31, 2003. Players not in this birth range MAY NOT tryout. We anticipate having tryouts in late May and early June. Please check our web page www.lmsc.net in the spring for more information on next year's tryouts. LMSC will also e-mail all eligible players who are on our e-mail list with tryout information. Our Under 8 teams are not limited to players who previously played in the LMSC intramural program.



LIVERPOOL - COSMOS DIVISION CHAMPIONS



BENGALS - MAJORS DIVISION CHAMPIONS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS HONOR ROLL

Below is a list of LMSC teams who have been crowned league champions since 1997. The list has the year, age group, division, team name and head coach for each championship team.

This year, the LMSC Magic won their third consecutive League championship. Next year, they will attempt to equal the club record of four consecutive league championships. This record was set by the LMSC Cannibals, who won Delco League titles every year from Under 9 through Under 12.

DELCO SOCCER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS (BOYS)

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------|------|---------|-----------------|--------------|------|------|---------|-------------|---------------|
| 2009 | U-12 | Premier | Magic | M. Weinmann | 2003 | U-12 | Premier | Vélez | M. Nuila |
| 2009 | U-9 | 1 | Sabertooth Rats | B. Sturla | 2002 | U-9 | 3 | Pumas | T. Pillion |
| 2009 | U-10 | 2 | Gremio | M. Matusiak | 2001 | U-9 | 2 | Rebels | G. Moore |
| 2009 | U-12 | 4 | Gunners | J. Marks | 2001 | U-10 | 1 | Vélez | M. Nuila |
| 2009 | U-12 | 5 | Dynamo | M. McConnell | 2001 | U-10 | 4 | Dynamos | K. Smith |
| 2008 | U-11 | 1 | Magic | M. Weinmann | 2001 | U-11 | 4 | Chargers | B. Richardson |
| 2008 | U-10 | 5 | Locos | D. DiLoreto | 2001 | U-12 | Premier | Hammerheads | B. Sturla |
| 2008 | U-11 | 4 | Dynamo | M. McConnell | 2000 | U-9 | 2 | Misfits | S. Fagan |
| 2007 | U-9 | 1 | Rat Pack | G. Myers | 2000 | U-10 | 1 | Hammerheads | B. Sturla |
| 2007 | U-10 | 1 | Magic | M. Weinmann | 2000 | U-10 | 4 | Lightning | A. Corrado |
| 2006 | U-12 | Premier | Cannibals | B. Sturla | 2000 | U-11 | 5 | Demolishers | R. Savett |
| 2006 | U-15 | 1 | Misfits | S. Fagan | 2000 | U-12 | 2 | Rebels | G. Moore |
| 2005 | U-9 | 1 | Lightning | A. Cox | 2000 | U-13 | 5 | Dynasty | G. Gibson |
| 2005 | U-10 | 3 | Fireballs | S. Kurtz | 1999 | U-9 | 1 | Hammerheads | B. Sturla |
| 2005 | U-11 | 1 | Cannibals | B. Sturla | 1999 | U-10 | 5 | Demons | A. Macia |
| 2005 | U-13 | 3 | Mustangs | Z. Shara | 1999 | U-11 | 2 | Rebels | G. Moore |
| 2004 | U-9 | 1 | Nimrods | W. Nord | 1999 | U-12 | 4 | Gunners | W. Einhorn |
| 2004 | U-9 | 3 | Fireballs | S. Kurtz | 1999 | U-12 | 5 | Aliens | A. Escott |
| 2004 | U-10 | 1 | Cannibals | B. Sturla | 1998 | U-12 | 4 | Marvels | R. Kaufman |
| 2003 | U-9 | 1 | Cannibals | B. Sturla | 1997 | U-13 | 3 | Gators | M. Avart |
| 2003 | U-10 | 4 | Condors | D. Moyer | 1997 | U-14 | 2 | Maniacs | K. Lord |
| 2003 | U-11 | 1 | Roadkill | A. Kelly | 1997 | U-14 | 3 | Banshees | J. Rose |
| | | | | | 1997 | U-15 | 2 | Blackhawks | C. Scott |

PAGS SOCCER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS (GIRLS)

In 2005, PAGS did away with league playoffs for U-9 and U-10 divisions.
Since the fall 2005 season, the league has only had championships for divisions U-11 and older.

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|------|------|---------|---------------|---------------|------|------|---|---------------|-----------|
| 2009 | U-15 | 2 | Strikers | R. Gallegos | 2002 | U-9 | 1 | Lightning | R. Schwab |
| 2008 | U-13 | 4 | Spirit | M. Potter | 2001 | U-9 | 5 | Rockets | S. Frank |
| 2007 | U-13 | Premier | Heart | C. Ichniowski | 2000 | U-9 | 5 | Heartbreakers | W. Haines |
| 2006 | U-12 | Premier | Heart | C. Ichniowski | 2000 | U-15 | 2 | Devils | R. Miller |
| 2006 | U-11 | 1 | Charge | N. Severini | 1999 | U-12 | 3 | Red Storm | D. Sutton |
| 2006 | U-12 | 4 | Lasers | J. Schuster | 1999 | U-14 | 2 | Devils | R. Miller |
| 2004 | U-10 | 1 | Heart | C. Ichniowski | 1999 | U-14 | 4 | Chili Peppers | M. Malloy |
| 2004 | U-10 | 2 | Strikers | J. Coyle | 1999 | U-15 | 2 | Red Hawks | C. Dennis |
| 2004 | U-10 | 4 | Lasers | T. Agoos | 1997 | U-14 | 2 | Hawks | R. Lane |
| 2003 | U-9 | 1 | Heart | C. Ichniowski | 1997 | U-15 | 1 | Mandrills | L. Laver |
| 2003 | U-12 | Premier | Chili Peppers | D. Fagan | | | | | |

2009 INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAME ROSTERS

BANTAMS

| | |
|------------|-----------|
| Bentz | Justin |
| Brandeis | David |
| Carson | Alex |
| Carson | Tyler |
| Childs | Kai |
| Clark | Evan |
| Devonshire | Matthew |
| Feingold | Seth |
| Haron | Dylan |
| Hoffman | Trevor |
| Johnson | Andrew |
| Jones | Trent |
| Kades | Zachary |
| Kouzine | Andrei |
| Long | Cameron |
| Miller | Vik |
| Mosenco | Jonathan |
| Reimer | Donald |
| Rubin | Justin |
| Shale | Gabriel |
| Sweeney | Owen |
| Tis | Sebastian |
| Walker | Sean |

INTERMEDIATES

| | |
|------------|----------|
| Abt | Ben |
| Aschkenasy | Ben |
| Axelrod | Joshua |
| Barr Bono | Aidan |
| Betancourt | Reece |
| Brala | Connor |
| Chalissery | Francis |
| Cianfrani | Anthony |
| Cohen | Eitan |
| Davis | Mason |
| Gallagher | Denis |
| Garber | Blake |
| Karson | Wyatt |
| Kelsey | Miller |
| MacDonald | Benjamin |
| Macos | Minas |
| Miller | Micah |
| Oshtry | Sam |
| Stein | Noah |
| Tepe | Sam |
| Thomas | Harry |
| Torbeck | Alex |
| Treiman | Jack |
| Weiler | Dietrik |

MAJORS

| | |
|------------|---------|
| Adenbaum | Ben |
| Adler | Jordan |
| Ayres | William |
| Binnion | Matthew |
| Bonnet | Gabriel |
| Bradlow | Ethan |
| Doherty | Cassady |
| Edelstein | Cole |
| Feinstein | Chase |
| Fink | Victor |
| Fogt | Tristan |
| Giron Pena | Luis |
| Golland | Alex |
| Hagen | Thomas |
| Jorda | Thomas |
| Middleman | Sean |
| O'Connor | Seamus |
| Oshtry | Ezra |
| Rizal | Joey |
| Shimell | Alec |
| Smith | Gabriel |
| Trumbull | Miles |

JUNIORS

| | |
|-------------|----------|
| Aschkenasy | James |
| Bernabei | Nicholas |
| Bloch | Parker |
| Blouin | Lincoln |
| Braverman | Daniel |
| Fink | Luke |
| Forman | Eli |
| Geis | Carson |
| Gordon | Ilan |
| Greisiger | Beau |
| Harad | Justin |
| Huowitz | Matthew |
| Kasher | Dylan |
| Krivoshey | Ethan |
| Larson Howe | Oscar |
| Lonner | Jared |
| Moscol | Erik |
| Pitonyak | Will |
| Ren | Jason |
| Segal | Justin |
| Shelanski | Noah |
| Strauss | Michael |
| Tabasso | Michael |
| Welsh | Aidan |
| Willner | Ethan |

SENIORS

| | |
|------------|------------|
| Bradlow | Zach |
| Broaddus | Ethan |
| Cohen | Lev |
| Cooke | Jack |
| Drebin | Harrison |
| Fogarty | Jay |
| Goryl | Jack |
| Kades | Alexander |
| Logo | Ricky |
| McCarthy | Hugo-James |
| McDonnell | Alex |
| McHenry | Dillon |
| Miller | Peter |
| Morales | Ixbalanque |
| Prusky | Jake |
| Richardson | Julian |
| Rotsaert | Alexandre |
| Sanchez | Cole |
| Sobel | Kyle |
| Tucker | Matthew |
| VonMahs | Sam |
| Zhou | Jeffrey |

MICRONS

| | |
|-------------|-----------|
| Anderson | Lauren |
| Bednoff | Brooke |
| Bernstein | Ava |
| Bleznak | Rani |
| Braunfeld | Ella |
| Cappola | Christina |
| Comai | Margaux |
| Diamond | Samantha |
| Hart | Rinde |
| Hoppy | Jordan |
| June | Kristen |
| Lesniak | Alexa |
| Lesser | Lauren |
| Levinson | Taylor |
| McCann | Bridget |
| Morgenstern | Grayson |
| Page | Clara |
| Poindexter | Kalila |
| Rabinowitz | Lily |
| Reuven | Avva |
| Selkow | Lily |
| Sigler | Audrey |
| Trotti | Camilla |
| Ulrich | Susanna |
| Woerdeman | Ruth |

2009 INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAME ROSTERS

QUASARS

| | |
|------------|----------|
| Adelman | Jade |
| Braslow | Sara |
| Conrad | Olivia |
| Fleischner | Margaret |
| Getselman | Laura |
| Honeyman | Grace |
| Hood | Sophia |
| Huff | Madeline |
| Jacobson | Isabella |
| Keech | Mollie |
| Kosto | Aviva |
| Levy | Jordan |
| Marr | Campbell |
| Menen | Brynne |
| Miller | Jessica |
| Pacchione | Kylie |
| Parker | Peyton |
| Rhodes | Tallin |
| Smith | Devin |
| Steinberg | Olivia |
| Stewart | Allison |
| Tucker | Bridget |
| Ward | Ellie |
| Weiss | Camille |

PROTONS

| | |
|-------------|----------|
| Billingsley | Peyton |
| Brown | Rachel |
| Brown | Sophie |
| Coursen | Amelia |
| Dixon | Nadia |
| Fisch | Joanna |
| Goldberg | Emily |
| Grogan | Katie |
| Haines | Ella |
| Helmets | Lucia |
| Himmel | Sofia |
| Jacobson | Gianna |
| Judkowski | Lara |
| Kaplan | Zoe |
| Mackenzie | Meredith |
| Quigley | Lola |
| Rich | Ruby |
| Schommer | Alexa |
| Shelanski | Sarah |
| Stewart | Emily |
| Thatcher | Sophie |
| Ulrich | Lucy |
| Wolgin | Sacha |

ELECTRONS

| | |
|------------|-----------|
| Bruckner | Mia |
| Dubay | Celina |
| Ebby | Eleanor |
| Eldridge | Bethany |
| Ford | Flissy |
| Gartenberg | Alexa |
| Green | Eliza |
| Hitchcock | Emma |
| Horton | Annabelle |
| Kaiser | Molly |
| Levy | Lauren |
| Lewis | Bobbi |
| McKeon | Grace |
| Murray | Nell |
| Obrant | Haley |
| Rush | Katie |
| Schommer | Stephanie |
| Shaffer | Sophia |
| Shelanski | Marie |
| Shoemaker | Zoe |
| Sterman | Caroline |
| Sternberg | Samantha |

COSMOS

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| Cameron | Jillian |
| D'Alonzo | Elizabeth |
| Flaherty | Carina |
| Goldstein | Abigail |
| Henderson | Jane |
| Kofsky | Haley |
| Kothmann | Julia |
| Marks | Victoria |
| Murray | Stella |
| Payne | Sarah |
| Quinn | Briana |
| Ritt | Sophie |
| Rosenbaum | Eriya |
| Roshkoff | Madison |
| Schaeffer | Isabelle |
| Solin | Elizabeth |
| Soll | Amanda |
| Sternberg | Dallas |
| Trimble | Kayla |
| Tucker | Madison |
| Wellner | Samantha |
| Wilson | Taylor |

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO BARRACK HEBREW ACADEMY

In the winter of 2008, LMSC entered into a five year agreement with the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy to use their athletic facilities for the next five years. Barrack Hebrew, formerly Akiba Hebrew, moved their campus from Merion to Bryn Mawr in the fall of 2008.

The deal with Barrack Hebrew was necessitated by the Lower Merion School District's multi-year program to totally renovate both Harriton High School and Lower Merion High School. Every single building at the two high schools is in the process of being torn down and replaced by a totally new set of buildings. The rebuilding of the two high schools has taken over 10 athletic fields and four gymnasiums out of use for a six year period. As a result, there is currently a major athletic field shortage in our township. This field shortage will continue beyond the rebuilding of the schools since the fields will need a minimum of two years to grow back. This field shortage has affected almost every youth athletic program in the township.

With the unprecedented amount of rain this year, the LM Township and the LM School District both had to close many of their athletic fields on many occasions. Having Barrack Hebrew Academy's field enabled us to get in many travel team games that otherwise would have been canceled. We look forward to continuing our relationship with Barrack Hebrew Academy for many years to come. Their address is 272 South Bryn Mawr Avenue in Bryn Mawr. The Barrack Hebrew Academy web page is www.jbha.org

2009 COACH OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Each year, LMSC honors two travel team coaches and one intramural coach for outstanding contributions to the club as well as overall success in adhering to the club philosophy of "providing each child with a fun filled experience in a soccer environment."

Our Girls Travel Team Coach Of The Year Award goes to Julie Battista. Julie is the head coach for the Under 12C LMSC Flames. For the past five years, Julie has also worked with our Under 8 Developmental Teams, the LMSC Summer Camps and the LMSC Summer Soccer Program.

Julie is a former player at Villanova University. Her excellent knowledge of the game and her ability to work with young soccer players in a wide variety of programs has been a great asset to LMSC. We are very fortunate to have a person like Julie in the club and are proud to name her as our Girls Travel Team Coach Of The Year.

Our Boys Travel Team Coach Of The Year Award goes to Matt Cox, head coach for the Under 9B LMSC Quick Boys team. Matt also is very active in helping to train other travel teams. He also coaches in the Under 8 Developmental Travel Team Program, the LMSC Summer Camps and the LMSC Summer Soccer Program.

Matt played at the University of Maine and St. Joseph's University. After college, Matt played at the professional level for the South Jersey Barons, Proton FC (Malaysian Premier League), Village United (Jamaica), Quick Boys (Holland) and FC Will in the Switzerland second division. Congratulations to Matt on being named as our 2009 Boys Travel Team Coach Of The Year.

Our Intramural Coach Of The Year Award goes to Kaitlyn McCaffrey who is a senior at the Friends' Central School. Kaitlyn was named to the all Friends School League team in her junior and senior years.

Kaitlyn has worked the past three years with our 4 and 5 year old intramural divisions, helping to teach our youngest players the basic skills of the game. This fall, she also worked as the level 1 referee assignor. Her dedication and enthusiasm working with our youngest soccer players has greatly helped our youngest players to learn to have a great love of the game. LMSC would like to thank Kaitlyn for her excellent work by honoring her as the 2009 LMSC Intramural Coach Of The Year.

LMSC COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

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| 2009 | Matt Cox Julie Battista Kaitlyn McCaffrey | Boys Travel Program Girls Travel Program Intramural Program |
| 2008 | Ted Domers Rachel Gallegos Michael Potter | Boys Travel Program Girls Travel Program Intramural Program |
| 2007 | Mark Weinmann Miguel Nuila Stephen Simonian | Boys Travel Program Girls Travel Program Intramural Program |
| 2006 | Matt McConnell Pete Gangl Dan Bubnis | Boys Travel Program Girls Travel Program Intramural Program |
| 2005 | Scott Fagan Rob Rooney Tom Gallagher | Boys Travel Program Girls Travel Program Intramural Program |
| 2004 | Will Nord Rob Taylor Toni Meiers | Boys Travel Program Girls Travel Program Intramural Program |
| 2003 | Gary Smolen Casey Ichniowski Michael Mark | Boys Travel Program Girls Travel Program Intramural Program |
| 2002 | Tom Pillion Nikki Posillico Justin Ceccarelli | Boys Travel Program Girls Travel Program Intramural Program |
| 2001 | Walt Einhorn Gabe Betancourt Casey Ichniowski | Boys Travel Program Girls Travel Program Intramural Program |
| 2000 | Art Corrado Will Haines Fred Robinson | Boys Travel Program Girls Travel Program Intramural Program |
| 1999 | Miguel Nuila Chris Dennis Steven Spencer | Boys Travel Program Girls Travel Program Intramural Program |
| 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 | Travel Program |
| 1992 | Chris Scott | Travel Program |

SPECIAL HONORS FOR LMSC PEOPLE

LMSC would like to recognize several players for outstanding accomplishments during the year:

EMILY MORGAN - Emily is a member of the Under 15 LMSC Heart. This past year Emily was selected for the United States Under 14 National Team. Emily will be training with the best players in the country and representing our country in future Under 14 National Team competitions.

MAX KURTZMAN - A former player for the LMSC Roadkill, Max was selected for the United States Developmental Academy Under 17 Select team. Max has played on occasion for the United State national youth teams. Max is the starting goalkeeper for The Haverford School and was voted as the Main Line Times Player Of The Year.

WILL NORD - A former player in LMSC and a long time coach, Will is also the head coach for the Rosemont College Men's Varsity team. Will was voted Coach Of The Year in the Colonial States Athletic Conference for his excellent work in Rosemont's first year as a varsity program.



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ...

The Lower Merion Soccer Club would like to give special thanks to various people who helped make the Fall 2009 season a success. First, we would like to thank the various Fall Intramural Program Division Commissioners:

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| Bantams: | Joe Fishman | Microns: | Rob Rabinowitz | Atoms & Neutrons: | Michael Mark |
| Juniors: | Scott Richard | Quasars: | Ben Hood | Atoms & Neutrons: | Tom Gallagher |
| Intermediates: | Chris Murray | Protons: | Russell Massey | PeeWees: | Justin Ceccarelli |
| Seniors: | Peter Ross | Electrons: | David Swartz | Special Needs: | Marlene Ross |
| Majors: | Dan Bubnis | Cosmos: | Dan Bubnis | | |

We would like to thank our intramural referee assignors who did their best to assign referees to all games every weekend: Tori Zuzelo and Michael Selarnick. A special thank you also to field crew head Trent Tattar whose job was to make sure that the fields were lined and ready to play each weekend.

Also, a special thank you to Steve Fraser, our travel team goalkeeper trainer. Steve did an excellent job training the goalkeepers in our Travel Team Program so that they could not only play better, but play safer as well.

A special thank you to Lindsay Taylor, head of the Lower Merion Township's Department of Parks and Recreation. Her support in helping us identify fields for our use has been very significant and much appreciated.