

Last roundup for soccer

Registration for all soccer players who have not yet mailed in their registration forms will be held this Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Edgeworth Elementary School.

Sewickley Area Soccer is open to all boys and girls who were born in the years 1963 through 1970 whether they are experienced players or brand new to the game.

Every child who registers on time is guaranteed a place on a team and will play

at least half of every game regardless of size, skill or athletic ability.

The first game will be played on Sunday, April 2 and the season will run until June 11. Games will be scheduled so as not to conflict with Little League schedules so that boys and girls can participate in both soccer and baseball, T-ball or softball.

Registration fee is \$9.00. Make sure you are at the sign up this Saturday. For information, call 741-5048 or 741-8595.

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Soccer registration still going on

Any boy or girl, 7 to 15 years of age, who missed last Saturday's soccer registration, may still sign up by calling Jim Darby at 741-8595 in the evenings or Leo Moss at 741-5048. Players will be placed on a team if they or their parents call by March 16. After that date, late registrants will be put on a waiting list and assigned to teams if openings occur. So be sure to act today if you are interested in a fun-filled Spring.

Volunteer referees for soccer needed

Sewickley Area Soccer is looking for men and women to volunteer to become soccer referees. Soccer rules are among the simplest of all team sports, and with a minimum of training anyone who would like to learn the game, enjoys kids and would like to get out on a Sunday afternoon for some enjoyable exercise can become a referee.

To volunteer or get more information call Leo Moss at 741-5048.



SEWICKLEY AREA SOCCER 11-12 year old champion Rogues celebrate after an undefeated season. First row from left, Lisa Muraca, Jay Farls, coach Joe Gariti, Ann Phipps and Ronald Benner. Second row, Scot Armstrong, Tom Blattner, Joe Gariti, Marc Happe and Bobby Koph. Absent when picture was taken, Torsten Freymark, Ehrne Jorden, Rodney Torbic, Jim Wick, Rodney Skirpan and Kris Kennedy.

Soccer elections

Sewickley Area Soccer, Inc. will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 8:30 p.m. at Edgeworth Elementary School.

Eight candidates have been nominated to fill five vacancies on the board of directors: Neill Barker, Linda Dix, Rasha Green, Joyce Janeway, Pete Inza, Dan Schollenberger, Foster Stewart and Bill Strong. Leo Moss is running uncontested for a second term as president.

It is expected that other issues will arise including the concept of "all-star" teams to play in Allegheny County tournaments and a new method of selecting teams.

Coaches, committee members and board members are voting members of Sewickley Area Soccer, but associate members, which includes assistant coaches and parents of all children playing in the program, are also urged to attend.

Information about the meeting or the program may be obtained by calling 741-5648 or 741-3691.

Sewickley Area soccer wins

A team of nine year-olds from Sewickley Area Soccer copped first place in a one-day tournament sponsored by the Elfinwild Lions Club in Shaler Township last month.

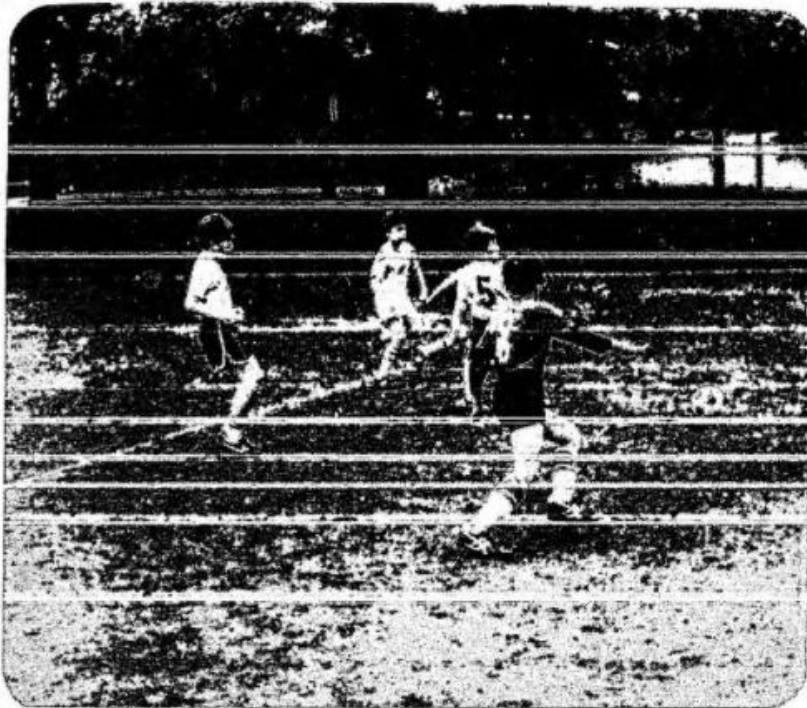
Sewickley Area beat Fox Chapel, 1-0, on a penalty kick by Jimmy Zug, then trimmed Shaler, 2-1, on goals by Zug and

Kenny Pryor. In the final, Benjy Wright booted two goals to lead Sewickley Area to a 2-0 championship victory over North Allegheny. Sewickley Area goalie Jake Sonnett was named the tournament's most valuable player after yielding only one goal in three games.



CHAMPIONS at the Elfinwild Lions Club soccer tournament in Shaler Township last month were a team of nine year olds from Sewickley Area Soccer. First row from left, Benjy Wright, Mike Zanie, Jake Sonnett, Greg Strong, Trevor Long and Dave Tomachesky. Second row, coach Bill Strong, Scott Elste, Todd Barker, Kenny Pryor, Matt Lynch and Jimmy Zug.

sports scene



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MASCOT. Sewickley Area Soccer's founder, Leo Moss, meets the Cosmos '77 "Mascot of the Day," Meia, a Portugese water dog and No. 1 cheerleader from the Niles Kenyon family. Pictured here with Meia are John DeRosa and Todd Kenyon.

Sewickley area soccer-- off and running

By Jim Darby

Beneath a brilliant sun on the first

Center gymnastics

The Youth Gymnastics Program at the Sewickley Community Center is once again underway under the instruction of Ms. Kathy Roppa.

The on-going gymnastics program was revisiously interrupted when instructor, Donnie Williams, returned to college to continue his education.

Ms. Roppa is a substitute teacher in the Quaker Valley School system. Her experience includes coaching the Junior High School Girls Swim Team and the Sewickley Academy Girls Junior Field Hockey Team. Currently she is a coach for the Sewickley Valley Soccer Association.

Gymnastics are held on Wednesday and Thursday from 4:15 to 6:15. All are invited to attend.

Saturday in April, the Spring soccer season began with enthusiasm. On the heels of a week of practice (and coaches clinics), the air was full of joyful yells, long, arching fullback kicks, and quick, darting passes by the forwards. A cold drizzle, the following day, was a reminder that summer was still not quite here. However, spirits were not dampened in the least, as the balance of games was completed. In all, 350 boys and girls on 26 teams had begun a season on April 1 that would stretch until June 11.

Extraordinary is the only word to describe the growth of interest in the sport, from its inception only a year ago, with a total of 39 players on two teams. The guiding principles were simple. First, every child should have fun playing soccer. Winning, awards, and trophies, are deemphasized, and maximum participation, good sportsmanship, low-key competition, and the acquiring of new skills are stressed.

The intramural league assures that every child who regularly makes practices will play at least half of every game. The ball finds its way all over the field, so there is no way of hiding a less experienced player, and everyone sees a maximum of action. The word spread fast, and by fall, there were 190 competing in two purely intramural leagues.

Because of the tremendous turnout this Spring, Sewickley Area Soccer was able to expand its number of leagues, cutting down on the disparity of ages on a single

team. The youngest league now consists of 12 teams, ages 7 and 8, with an average of 11 players per team, and seven players per side in a game.

The smaller number of players on a side allows for less confusion to proper positions on the field, greater ease of coaching, and most important, a greater chance for every player to come in contact with the ball.

The next league consists of eight teams, aged 9, 10, 11, with the average squad size of 16 members. The older leagues play with the normal, 11 players per team.

Following this, is a league for ages 12, 13, and 14. There are four teams in this group, with an average of 17 players per team.

Another innovation this spring is an under-19 aged group. There are now two teams in this division, playing out-of-town teams.

Practices for all these teams are held in practically every nook and cranny in the Sewickley area, with games played on Sunday afternoons at the Sewickley Academy upper field and the Quaker Valley Senior High field.

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Soccer referees' course

A group of 15 or more men and women from the Sewickley area will become officially certified as United States Soccer Federation referees this Fall.

Aug. 29 and 31 will be the first two dates of a four-session training course to be held in Sewickley by the official referee trainer of the USSF. Additional interested persons can attend this course or get further in-

formation by calling Sewickley Area Soccer at 741-5048.

Adults will be certified as State Referees and those under 18 as Youth Referees.

Sewickley Area Soccer, the community youth soccer program, plans to use officially certified referees to officiate all its Fall soccer matches, and any person in-

terested in becoming a referee should call Sewickley Area Soccer immediately.



Last chance for soccer

Two final chances remain to register for the Fall season of Sewickley Area Soccer. Open registration for those who have not already registered by mail will be held on Saturday, Sept. 2 from 10 a.m. to Noon and again on Wednesday, Sept. 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at both Edgeworth Elementary School and Osborne Elementary School.

The fee is \$9.00 per child and practices begin the week of Sept. 11. If there is enough demand, an all girls division may be formed.

Sewickley Area Soccer is open to all boys and girls born in the years 1963 through 1971, and all children will play only within their own age group.

As in the past the main emphasis will be on maximum participation, good sportsmanship and the learning of new skills. Each player is guaranteed to play at least half of every game.

Only boys and girls registered on time can be guaranteed a place on a team, so join the hundreds of kids already registered, and don't miss these final sign-up dates. Registration forms are also available from your school office. For information call Leo Moss at 741-5048 or Jim Darby at 741-9595.

Soccer coach sought

Quaker Valley Senior High School is seeking applicants for the position of extra-mural soccer coach.

Anyone interested in the position should submit a letter of application to Kenneth Johns, Jr., Physical Education Coordinator, Quaker Valley Senior High School, Leetsdale, Pa., 15056. All letters must be received on or before Sept. 5, 1978

Area boys win tourney

By Leo Moss

A Fourth of July Tournament at South Park has shown the Sewickley area can produce some of the best young soccer players in the county. Eight nine and ten year old boys, chosen by coach Ray Moss from Sewickley Area Soccer players won five straight games to bring home the first place trophy from the Allegheny County seaside soccer tournament.

The eight players who made the trip to South Park were Terry Canney who demonstrated strong, skillful wing play; Frank Courtney, the team's pivotal player, and outstanding midfielder who scored the winning goal in the final match; Benjy Farls who scored three shutouts in the three games as goalkeeper; Chris Cariti, and outstanding team player who led the team in assists as well as scoring a goal himself; Scott Johnson, the high scorer with three goals; versatile Bob Kirby who was able to play all positions, scoring a goal as well; Johnny Maruca, outstanding defenseman, who held the position scoreless in his one game as

goalkeeper and scored a goal in another game; Dan McKean, probably the tournament's most intimidating defenseman.

The first two games were 1-0 squeakers against Connellsville and Chartiers Valley; the next two were rematches against the same teams which Sewickley won 3-1 and 3-2. The final game for first place was a 1-0 double overtime victory against Shaler, traditionally a soccer powerhouse in the county.

Coach Moss said much credit for the outstanding showing should go to the Sewickley Area Soccer's 11-12 year old tournament team which came out regularly to scrimmage against the 9-10 year olds

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Here's soccer

By Jim Darity

If you've been watching some of the soccer games, but were confused by some of the things happening out there, the following may help.

THE KICKOFF Unlike football, the team taking the kickoff does not kick to the opposing team but tries to keep possession of the ball, usually by the kicker passing the ball to a teammate. The player taking the kickoff must play the ball forward, and cannot touch the ball a second time until it has been touched by another player of either team. Kickoffs are taken at the start of each half and after a goal is scored. The defending team must be at least ten yards from the ball until the ball is in play.

OUT OF BOUNDS The ball is out of bounds when the entire ball crosses completely over the sidelines (called **TOUCHLINES** in soccer) or the **ENDLINES**. The ball position is what counts as a player can be outside the line but still have the ball in play if it is on the line or inside the line. After the ball goes out of bounds over a **TOUCHLINE**, the team not touching the ball last takes a **THROW IN**. A player takes a **THROW IN** from outside the **TOUCHLINE** at the point where the ball went out of bounds. The player must throw the ball with both hands (one on each side of the ball), start the throw from behind the head, make the ball pass directly over the top of the head, and keep both feet on the ground at the moment of the ball's release.

"Hall of Fame"

The Quaker Valley communities are a great place to live, just ask the members of Norma Harlan's English class.

In discussing "the world around us," Miss Harlan discovered Quaker Valley High School students are very positive about their communities. Therefore, Miss Harlan asked the students to suggest people who make the area a pleasant place to live.

Students came up with nominees. As part of the English program, they designed multi-media presentations to convince other students to vote for their nominee.

The nominees included people in a variety of occupations and in many communities. At least two people suggested that the person selected for contributing the most ought to be Jack Simpson, for his efforts to save the Sewickley Bridge, or Elizabeth Mott, for her devoted service to children at the Sewickley Public Library.

Other students recommended a policeman, fireman, a mailman, and three Quaker Valley teachers.

Those in the Quaker Valley communities

in the running for this week's "election" include the following. Descriptions of the "why" behind the nominations were noted by the students.

Leo Moss, starting the Sewickley soccer league

Mike Henning, a devotion to children in the community

Dr. Robert Willison, over 45 years being a doctor in the community and being a surgeon at Sewickley Hospital for years

Susan Kilmartin, volunteer work with Child Health, St. James, and Sewickley Hospital

Charles "Tut" LaBernz, he gains respect and love from the children while delivering mail on their street

Lula Giese, author of a book and cared greatly about her environment

Chuck Soman, Jr., long hours of devoted time to his community through the Fair Oaks Fire Department

Anne Besong, years of service to Fair Oaks through Girl Scouting and other charitable projects

Vaclav Klimek, his devotion to music and the teaching of the violin

Byron Harriger, serving on the Sewickley Volunteer Fire Department and volunteering his time

sports scene

Sewickley places second

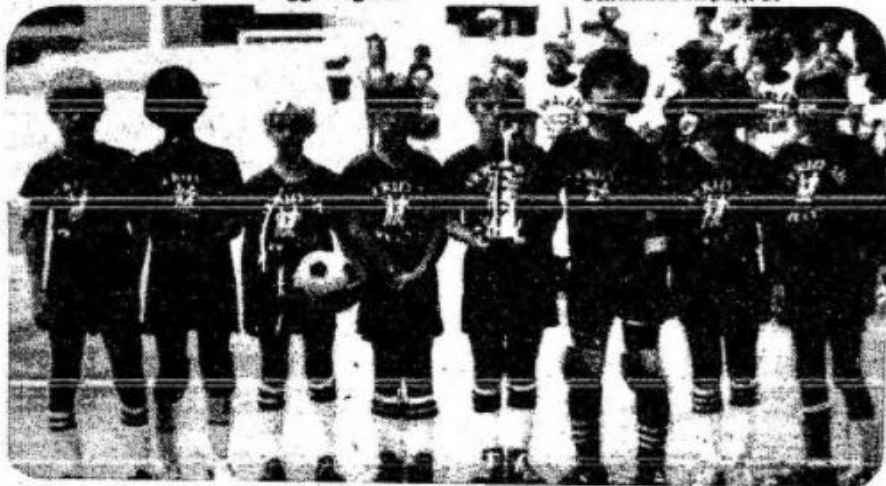
By Seth French

Sewickley Area Soccer's 9 and 10 year-olds won second place in the 1978 Pittsburgh Indoor Soccer Tournament held at Monroeville Mall Aug. 25-26. The tournament was supervised by Chris Wright, director of Allegheny County's Youth Soccer program.

KDKA's William Strong coached Sewickley's team which included his son, George Strong, Frank Courtney, Benjy Farls, Seth French Jr., Chris Gariti, John Maruca, Kenny Pryor and Jiggs Rogers.

The critical game in the round-robin tournament was the one in which Shaler defeated Sewickley, 2-1. Shaler opened the scoring, but Kenny Pryor knotted the score, 1-1 on an indirect free kick. Shaler scored the final goal on a fast break, just before the end of the first half. The second half was a see-saw battle with Sewickley having an edge in terms of controlling the ball and shots. But Sewickley goalie Benjy Farls and his counterpart from Shaler shut the scoring off with Sewickley losing a

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RUNNERS-UP in the first Pittsburgh Indoor Soccer Tournament was Sewickley Area Soccer's 9-10 year old team. From left, they are Seth French, Johnny Maruca, George Strong, Jiggs Rogers' Kenny Pryor, Benjy Farls, Chris Gariti and Frank Courtney.

Soccer goes big

By JIM DARBY

A record 400 players have taken to a half dozen fields throughout the valley, as the fall Sewickley Area Soccer season begins with practices this week. Starting with the youngest, 7 and 8 year-olds, there are a total of ten teams which play seven on a side during games. The older teams play a normal 11 on a side, with nine teams of 9 and 10-year olds, six teams of 11 and 12-year olds, and four teams of 13, 14, and 15-year olds. This season marks the first time four age brackets have been used. The resulting requirements for 29 head coaches and a score of assistant coaches for the larger squads, have taxed the planning efforts of Leo Moss and his assistants over the past month.

Great care has also gone into the intramural scheduling of an eight-game season played on Saturdays from Sept. 23 through Nov. 18. The contests will be held at Edgeworth Elementary, Sewickley Academy, and Quaker Valley Senior High. To complement the greater number of games this season, new referees have just completed training, testing and certification.

With the season just starting, there are still a few openings available on the younger teams. If you have neglected to sign up, and felt it was too late, or are interested in finding out more about playing, call 741-5048 as soon as possible.