

Soccer tournament ends in tie

Sewickley's two under-14, indoor soccer teams began their regular season on Jan. 18, in the first of four home tournaments to be held at the Sewickley YMCA during this year's season.

Two West Deer clubs

were invited to attend the round-robin competition, which consisted of six matches.

The most exciting game of the tourney pitted the two host teams against each

other for the first time in regular season play. The

teams went into the game neck and neck for the first place position after four contests into the tournament.

Led by the clutch, two-goal performance of Terry Canney, the Gold squad held a slim one goal margin going into halftime, but a quick Frank Courtney score in the opening minutes of the second period deadlocked the sides at two apiece. The superb defense

of the Gold team took over from there, turning away a desperate Red attack in the waning seconds of the game, and eventually give the Gold a 4-3 victory.

As the day wound to a close, a three-way tie for the top position in the tournament began to unfold; it

included both Sewickley teams and the West Deer Lancers.

The next tournament is slated for Feb. 1, 12:45 p.m. at the Y. It will feature the Lightning and Thunder from North Allegheny taking on Sewickley Red and Gold.

Sewickley Soccer names officers

Sewickley Area Soccer recently elected its officers and directors for 1981.

Serving a two-year term as president is Bill Strong; as treasurer, Neill Barker. Completing the second year of their terms are Vice-President Frank Gagvizio

and Secretary, Joe Gariti.

Elected for two-year terms as directors were Sue Colarossi, Carl Blackburn, Duane Cacali and Bob Gay. In the second year of their terms as directors are Simon Beloe, Jim Darby, Janet Gilbert and Thom

Roberts. Serving on the SAS board "ex-officio" is past president Jerry Johnson.

Sewickley Area Soccer's eight-week spring season runs from April 4 through May 31 with no games on Easter weekend. Games in the under-16 (children born

1965 through 1968) and under-8 (1973 or 1974) age groups will be played on Saturday afternoons starting at 1 p.m. at the YMCA and Quaker Valley High School fields respectively.

Games in the under-12 (1969 or 1970) and under-10

(1971 or 1972) age groups will be played on Sunday afternoons starting at 1 p.m. on the same two fields.

As in the fall, both the under-16 and under-12 age groups will play 11-a-side, while the under-10, and under-8 teams will play seven-a-side.

Registration for the spring soccer season is now underway and closes on March 21. Early signup will guarantee your child a place on a roster.

For more information, call Janet Gilbert at 741-7452.

Sewickley Gold sweeps tournament

Sewickley Gold, one of the area's 14 and under select soccer teams, piled up 15 goals in a three game sweep of Sunday's YMCA indoor tournament.

Determined to avenge their loss last season in the Western Pennsylvania Finals, Sewickley Gold rolled over two Mt. Lebanon teams 6-3 and 4-2.

Sewickley's other indoor team, Sewickley Red, suffered an off-day with a 6-4 see-saw loss to Mt. Lebanon's 14 year olds.

Apparently unable to recover, Sewickley Red then lost to the Mt. Lebanon 13 year olds 3-0 and finally to Sewickley Gold 5-3.

Standout player for the day was Bob Kirby, whose goalkeeping for Sewickley Gold withstood a powerful attack by the two Mt. Lebanon teams.

The indoor season ends for Sewickley with a major regional tournament being held at Allegheny Community College.

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Cost of registration is \$25 plained at registration.

Soccer registration on March 21

Sewickley area Soccer is having open registration at Edgeworth Elementary

School on March 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

During this time there

will be a shoe swap. If you want to trade or buy shoes, bring them down to the open registration. Be sure that

the shoes are clean.

For further information or questions call Janet Gilbert at 741-7452.

Goalkeepers hold in Sewickley teams

Goalkeeping was the name of the game at Allegheny Community College where two Sewickley 14 and under soccer teams battled six

Western Pennsylvania teams in a regional indoor soccer tournament. In seven games, Sewickley Red Goalkeeper, Charles Thorne gave up only two goals and Gold Goalkeeper,

Bob Kirby allowed three.

Sewickley Red opened the tournament with back to back scoreless ties against Mt. Lebanon 13-year-olds and North Allegheny before losing to South Fayette 2-0.

Sewickley Gold moved into the playoffs by shutting out Peters Township 1-0, edging Bethel Park 2-1 and tying Mt. Lebanon 14-year-olds 1-1. Sewickley Gold was finally eliminated in the

semi-finals when South Fayette scored the game's only goal in the final four seconds.

This tournament climaxed the indoor season for

Sewickley Red and Gold; the 16 players on the two teams will be reunited as one team when it opens its Spring outdoor season on April 5 in the West Penn Youth Soccer league.

Sewickley grabs first

At a recent All-Allegheny County six-a-side indoor soccer tournament held at Deer Lakes, a Sewickley Area Soccer team of under-12-year-olds, copped first place honors.

Coached by Jim Zug, the team won six consecutive games for its second first-place finish in as many tries

during 1981 inter-county competition.

In interdivisional play, Sewickley swept to victories over Dunleavy, 3-1; Hazelwood, 4-1; and Shaler, 3-1.

In the quarterfinals, Sewickley topped Monroeville, 5-1, then squeezed by Shaler in the

semifinals, 3-2, on a goal in the final minute of play.

Sewickley trounced Fox Chapel in the finals, 5-1.

The ten-player roster consisted of Jimmy Zug, Mike Zanie, Jason Roth, Jiggs Rogers, George Strong, Todd Barker, Scott Elste, Benjy Wright, Kenny Johns and Matt Coburn.



SEWICKLEY AREA SOCCER'S under-12 team that won the Deer Lakes indoor tournament included, first row from left, Jimmy Zug, Mike Zanie, Jason Roth, Jiggs Rogers, George Strong. Second row, assistant coach Dick Zanie, Todd Barker, Scott Elste, Benjy Wright, Kenny Johns, Matt Coburn, and coach Jim Zug.

Soccer club president asks for parents' support

Dear editor:

It hardly seems possible, but Sewickley Area Soccer is now in its fifth year of providing organized soccer competition for area young people from six to eighteen years of age.

Serving as many as five hundred young soccer players each spring and fall season, SAS operates on the principle that each child who registers will be placed on a team and play at least half of every scheduled game.

The success of the program can be judged not only from the number of young people participating each season, but the fact that two other youth soccer programs—in Moon Township and in Beaver County—have recently been organized by those formerly a part of SAS.

As a volunteer organization, Sewickley Area Soccer is dependent on the time and dedication of parents and friends within the community who spend generous amounts of their spare time as a coach, assistant coach, or referee at SAS games

and practices.

Unfortunately, we have been relying too heavily on the same people to give of their time and efforts each spring and fall soccer season.

In order to maintain the program even at its current level of activity, it is imperative that SAS expand its base of volunteer support.

If your child has been enjoying participation in soccer, I ask you to consider donating some of your spare time as a coach, assistant or referee for Sewickley Area Soccer this fall.

First-hand experience with the game is not a prerequisite for volunteer participation.

Almost none of SAS' assistant coaches or referees played soccer as kids themselves.

Because the game is relatively uncomplicated and its rules few and easy to learn, the coaching and referee clinics held prior to each season provide a sufficient basis of knowledge for a new volunteer to function effectively in either

capacity.

We need your help.

When your child registers for the fall season, I hope you will consider checking one of the appropriate slots offering your services as a volunteer.

Men and, especially, women are

welcome to fill these needed positions.

Let's keep Sewickley Area Soccer going and growing.

Sincerely,
Bill Strong
President

Sewickley Area Soccer

Chadwick Street arena may reopen as ice rink

The Sewickley Planning Commission learned at its meeting on July 9 that an outside developer is interested in returning the former Sewickley Ice Arena to a spectator sports facility. Christopher Wright, general manager of the Pittsburgh Spirit Soccer team told the planning commission that the Edward DiBartolo interests, owners of the team, are interested in finding a training camp for the professional soccer team and that the Sewickley facility is one of several sites

under consideration.

In fact, Wright pointed out, the Sewickley Ice Arena, on Chadwick Street, is the team's primary site, since it is close to both downtown Pittsburgh and the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport.

Wright said that, initially, the facility would be used for soccer practice for the team, but that was only the start of intended uses for the site.

He said that there could be afternoon and evening leasing of the facility for practice for local teams and

for other activities.

Since the ice-making equipment is still in the floor of the facility, Wright said that it was possible the facility could be used for both soccer and ice-skating as well.

Wright explained that since DiBartolo owns the Penguins, Pittsburgh's professional hockey team, that there was the possibility that team's practices could also be moved here.

Planning commissioner and councilwoman Jean George inquired about how

many persons might be at the facility at any one time.

Wright, while not giving an exact number, mentioned figures in the 100 to 200 range.

"The facility will be open to the public," Wright said, noting that the teams' owner would want to recover as much of his initial investment as possible through the use of the facility.

Borough manager Martin McDaniel, who brought the matter up before the planning commission and introduced Wright said, "This

is the first time I've heard ice skating mentioned. They told me before that all that ice equipment had been sold."

Wright explained that while the refrigeration equipment for making ice had been removed, "The piping's still in the floor."

Part of the ice equipment had been removed when the former ice arena had been under a sales agreement to a developer who wanted to convert the facility into a racquetball club. That proposal had received ap-

proval from Sewickley Council in the form of a zoning amendment that eliminated the use of the site for ice skating and had replaced it with a racquetball club as a permitted use.

The old Sewickley Ice Arena, which eventually went bankrupt, was finally foreclosed upon by State Capitol Savings and Loan of Harrisburg.

It had negotiated with the racquetball club developer on the property, but that deal

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Sewickley Soccer under-12's win at South Park

In Allegheny County's final six-a-side soccer competition of the 1980-81 season, a team of under 12 year-olds representing Sewickley Area Soccer went undefeated to win the championship in the Independence Day tour-

namment on July 4th at the SouthPark oval.

Coached by Thom Roberts, Sewickley Gold won all five of its inter-divisional games, topping Bethel Park, 5-1; Hazelwood YMCA, 9-0; Fox Chapel 3-0; Monroeville, 7-0; and previously unbeaten

Charleroi, 3-1.

In the finals, Sewickley burned off the other undefeated divisional winner, Moon Township, netching a 4-1 victory.

For the day, Sewickley Gold ran up a goals-for-and-against differential of 31-

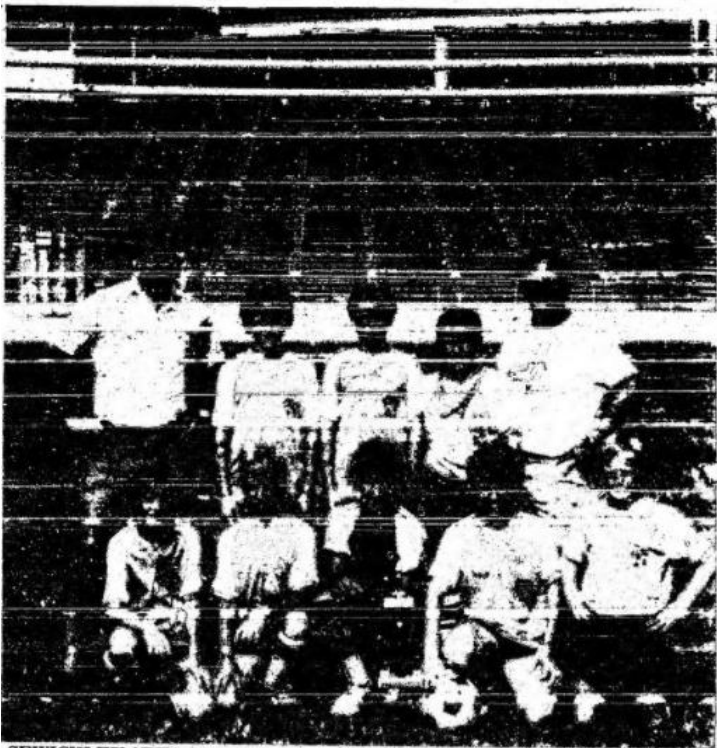
3. The eight player roster consisted of forward Kenny Pryor, George Strong, Jeff Roberts and George Linge, halfbacks Benjy Wright, Mike Bergeron and Billy Lauder and goalie Jake Sonnett.

Three other teams

representing Sewickley Area Soccer also participated in the Independence Day tournament. Sewickley Red, and under-12 team coached by Carol Blackburn and Jan Hempel, last only once all day to Moon.

Two under 14-year-old teams-Sewickley Gold,

coached by Leo Moss and Sewickley Red, coached by Ron Hitchins played eight games each. The Gold team reached the semi-finals before falling to tournament runner-up, Don Leary. The Red Team finished sixth in the team field.



SEWICKLEY AREA SOCCER's victorious under-12 Gold team included, first row, from left, George Linge, George Strong, Jake Sonnett, Kenny Pryor, and Jeff Roberts. Back row, from left, assistant coach Bill Strong, Mike Bergeron, Billy Lauder, Benjy Wright, and head coach Thom Robert.

Jeff Rona playing in soccer tournament

Quaker Valley student Jeff Rona has been selected to a team of 16 players representing Western Pennsylvania in a major national youth soccer tournament.

A member of a Sewickley Area Soccer traveling team for two seasons, Rona was selected during tryouts involving 90 boys from all over Western Pennsylvania.

The tournament is being held at Slippery Rock College where the local team will compete against some of the most outstanding youth soccer players in the Eastern United States.

State select teams from Virginia, Connecticut, New Jersey, Southern New York and Eastern Pennsylvania will meet the Western Penn-

sylvania squad in two days of competition.

Rona has been playing soccer only since 1979 when he first moved to Edgeworth and was quickly chosen to play in local tournaments and on the select Sewickley Area traveling squad.

He is the second youngest player on the Western Pennsylvania team.

Sewickley soccer registration

Registration for the Fall season of Sewickley Area Soccer has begun.

Children born in the years 1966 through 1969 will play in either an in-house league or the West Penn Youth Soccer League. The season will run from Sept. 19 through Nov. 7. The final day to register for this age group will be Saturday, Aug. 22.

Those children born in the years 1970 through 1975 will play on in-house teams with a season from Sept. 19 through Nov. 7. Final registration will be on Tuesday, Sept. 1.

For additional information, call 741-7452.

Partenheimer signs with Spirit

Sewickley Academy graduate Hal Partenheimer has signed a contract with the Pittsburgh Spirit of the Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL), the club announced last week.

The son of Sewickley Academy athletic director Stan Partenheimer rejoins the club after it had suspended operations at the end of the 1979-80 season.

A 1978 graduate of James Madison University in Virginia, Partenheimer played one year with the Detroit Express of the American Soccer League before joining the Spirit in January 1980.

A midfielder, Partenheimer earned a soccer scholarship to attend James Madison after lettering in soccer and basketball at Sewickley Academy, from which he graduated in 1978.



Hal Partenheimer

An all-Sewickley final in tourney

It was an all-Sewickley weekend at West Deer where two Sewickley Area Soccer teams came away with two first place trophies in the West Deer Community Days Tournament.

On Saturday, Sewickley won five straight matches and tied a sixth, outscoring its opponents 20 to 3, to easily take the Under-14 championship. The following day Sewickley's Under-12s matched this performance with four wins and a tie.

High scorers for the

Under-14s were Jeff Rona with seven goals, Matt Konecny with six, Dave Tomachesky with four and John Maruca, Chris Gariti and Frank Courtney with one apiece. For the Under-12s Darren Torbic and Mark Smith each scored four times, Matt Danko had

three goals and Mike Bergeron, Jeff Roberts and Andrew Hutchinson one each.

Sewickley's opponents for the two days were North Allegheny, Moon Township, Ross Township, Butler, West Deer, Monroeville and Hampton Township.

Last day to sign for soccer

Today, Wednesday, Sept. 2, is the last day for boys and girls born in the years 1970 through 1975 to register for the Fall season of Sewickley

Area Soccer.

The season will run from Sept. 19 through Nov. 7.

For more information, call 741-7452.

Expect no miracles in QV soccer

By Rick Xander

HERALD Sports Editor

Eugene Klein would probably not make a very good traveling medicine show man.

Because if there is one thing the new head soccer coach at Quaker Valley High School asks, it is not to expect miracles. At least overnight.

"We're building here not rebuilding," said the former Carnegie-Mellon University head coach. "It's our goal to develop the Quaker Valley soccer program into a top-notch program. With the help of the school administration and community, we can do that."

Klein, 29, was hired away from Carnegie-Mellon to take over a third-year program that floundered in the cellar of WPIAL Section 2 the past two years. He will

also coach girls' basketball at Quaker Valley.

The question is, why would a young coach return to coaching high school athletes after coaching on the college level, supposedly the career goal of many high school coaches?

"I guess it is (a reverse move), but my feeling was this was a real good opportunity," Klein explained. "High school coaching has a lot of rewards college coaching doesn't have, and I just feel I needed a change personally."

"There's a good youth program here, the people are enthusiastic, and I hope this is the place to build a good program," Klein said.

"Within 3-4 years, we can be up there with the teams like North Hills, Shaler and North Allegheny," Klein said.

Prior to his four years as head coach at Carnegie-Mellon, Klein served as an assistant coach at Bethel Park High School for two years. He played college soccer at Pitt, and still plays for Dunleavy in the Keystone Soccer League as a goalkeeper. His arm is now in a cast as the result of a play in a recent game.

"I find it very relaxing to play, it's something I need to do at times," Klein says.

The nucleus of a good program already exists at Quaker Valley, according to Klein. This nucleus includes twin brothers Jeff and Ted Jenkins, a pair of juniors who have played since they were freshmen; freshman goalkeeper Charles Thorne; sophomore sweeperback Kevin Thompson; and sophomore midfielders Julian Keshaw and Marc Happe.

"These kids have the physical material, and they have to get more confidence in themselves," Klein said.

"I never knew what they had here before, I never saw them play," Klein said after last Thursday's 4-3 loss to North Hills. "I know now that we're very thin. We have 35 players out, but as far as varsity players, if we lose four or five players out of our nucleus, it'll be a detriment to us. If we get any kind of injuries, it could be a disaster."



A GOOD KICK IN THE PANTS is what this unidentified Quaker Valley High School soccer player delivered to a North Hills opponent during QV's 4-3 loss last Thursday.

(Photo by Rick Xander)

SEWICKLEY ACADEMY SOCCER

All matches 4 p.m. unless noted

Sept. 12	NORTH ALLEGHENY 1 p.m.
Sept. 17	at WPSD 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	MONTOUR 1 p.m.
Sept. 23	KISKI SCHOOL
Sept. 26	BLACKHAWK 1 p.m.

QUAKER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

WPIAL SECTION 2

All games 4 p.m. unless noted

Sept. 3	3 NORTH HILLS 4
Sept. 8	at Blackhawk
Sept. 10	NORTH CATHOLIC
Sept. 15	MONTOUR
Sept. 17	at Central Catholic
Sept. 22	at North Allegheny
Sept. 24	SHALER

QUAKER VALLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

All games 3:30 p.m. unless noted

Sept. 17	at Canevin 4 p.m.
Sept. 24	CORNELL
Sept. 30	at West Allegheny 4 p.m.
Oct. 8	NORTH CATHOLIC
Oct. 15	at Northgate 8 p.m.
Oct. 29	AVONWORTH

Academy wins backyard rivalry

Senior Henry Clement blasted a 20-yard free kick home with three minutes remaining to provide the margin of victory as Sewickley Academy bested Quaker Valley 1-0 to win the 1981 Sewickley Academy Soccer Tournament played at Nichols Field.

Clement found an opening in the left side of the QV net after a tripping call gave the Academy a direct kick which decided a match headed for overtime. The goal ended an intense battle that saw both teams start and end the game with tremendous energy and fine soccer play.

The Panthers made it to the championship showdown

on the strength of a 5-1 win over Sacred Heart on Friday in round one of the tourney. Lewis Brewster rewrote his own modern day academy record by scoring all five Academy goals. Only the outstanding play of Sacred Heart goalie Eddie Plucinski kept the game close as he stopped numerous breakaway attempts and was the recipient of over 40 Sewickley shots.

Quaker Valley, on the other hand, found its offense in Jeff Jenkins who scored two goals to boost the Quakers to a 3-1 win over Linsley Institute of Wheeling W. Va. to set up the confrontation between the two local schools.

Quaker Valley seemed to have a slight advantage through the first period of the championship game with Sewickley, missing several close scoring chances.

But it was the Panthers who seemingly took the lead in the second period when Clement stole the ball from a QV defender and slid the ball into the net. A pushing call nullified the score and sent the game into a see-saw type battle.

Sewickley began to generate a more constant attack in the third period but this surge died when Brewster had to leave the game with a knee injury. The momentum carried back and forth with each

squad missing chances until the 17 minute mark of the fourth quarter when Clement connected on his free-kick.

"It was just a super game and one that neither team deserved to lose," commented Sewickley Coach

Lee DeFreitas. "Both teams came ready to go and played their hearts out. If anyone

thinks that good soccer isn't alive and well in this town, then they obviously haven't

seen these two teams play. There is definitely some fine talent in both schools."

John Moyer recorded the
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TAKING A SHOT on goal for Quaker Valley in game against Linsley Institute is Pat Rona, right, with Jeff Jenkins trailing. Quaker Valley won this game 3-1 in the first round of the Sewickley Academy Tournament.

Academy wins rivalry

shutout for Sewickley in goal. Moyer just two minutes left to get on the board. His QV counterpart Charles Thorne played equally as well, making several outstanding saves throughout the game and tournament.

Pat Rona, Jeff Jenkins and Ted Jenkins as well as keeper Thorne had fine games for the Quakers. Scott Brocius, Tad Coburn and Mike Chapman received

praise for their work on the Sewickley defense.

For his outstanding effort, especially in light of Friday's five goals, Brewster was named the Most Valuable Player on offense. Sacred Heart goaltender Eddie Plojciniskj was chosen as the Most Valuable Player on defense.

In the consolation match, Linsley defeated Sacred Heart 3-0 to take home third place in the two-day event.

A large contingent of fans

from both QV and the Academy watched the Championship game, played under sunny skies and cool temperatures making it a perfect day for soccer.

Sewickley Academy ended its season Tuesday when it hosted Shadyside Academy for a game at Nichols Field. It was the final game for 13 Academy seniors.

SCHOOLS

Twelve join QV faculty

Eugene Klein is teaching social studies and serving as the boys' soccer and girls' basketball coach at the senior high school. Mr. Klein is a graduate of Chartiers Valley High School and holds a B.S. degree from the University of Pittsburgh. He is currently working on his master's degree.

Sewickley's 'Mr. Soccer' plays a new position

By Kathy Schaffer

Fear not Sewickley, the United Workingmen's Store, 435 Beaver Street, is not

leaving town. True, there is a new owner, Leo Moss, who says, "We plan to stay here and we will be here for a long time."

Moss, of Leetsdale, became the owner around

Oct. 1 when Phil Bernstein, who ran the shop for 41 years, retired.

Moss has lived in the Sewickley area for five

years. Four years ago he started the community youth soccer program in the

Valley. He no longer runs it but the program is still going strong with 200 children participating.

Before coming to the

Valley, Moss had served as a hospital administrator in Ohio, a restaurant manager

and as a manager for a women's ready to wear store. He also spent six years in the Peace Corps. He served overseas in Micronesia and as director of the corps in Malaysia.

Now the owner of his own business, he wants it to be "as complete a men's and boys' store as possible." The "New United Men's Store" will continue to carry the same merchandise. Moss hopes to expand the boys,

student and teenage boys wear. Plans are also in the making to enlarge the store, and expand the merchandise to cover sportswear, especially soccer gear.

He is in the process of increasing the stock on the shelves. The store's inventory includes, working clothes, Levi jeans, Levi corduroys, turtlenecks, shirts including button down, flannel wear and men's ac-

cessories. Izod shirts will be available for Christmas.

When in need of a gift for men or boys, try the "New United Men's Store, for men and boys." "We're a moderate price store," said Moss.

The two employees (one full-time and one part-time) and the owner will offer personalized service. Store hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 5

p.m., Monday through Saturday. Extended hours are scheduled to begin after Thanksgiving and will probably include some evenings.

"People have told us Sewickley needs this kind of store," he said. His goal is

"to make this a place everyone in Sewickley will think about when they need men's or boys' wear."



BEHIND THE COUNTER of his new business at 435 Beaver Street is Leon Moss, who is known as "Mr. Soccer" to those of Sewickley. Moss is the new owner of "The New United Men's Store, for men and boys."

Saturday is Sewickley Soccer Day at the Civic Arena

The Pittsburgh Spirit professional soccer club has designated Saturday, Dec. 12 as Sewickley Area Soccer Day at the Civic Arena. Prior to the Spirit's game with the Buffalo Stallions, a

team of 1968 Sewickley Area Soccer players, coached by Leo Moss, will play in a special six-a-side tournament on the arena floor, starting at 12:30 p.m. At 2 p.m., the Spirit kicks

off its match against Buffalo.

At halftime of the Spirit game, one player from each of the 32 Sewickley Area Soccer Fall 1981 teams will be selected at random to participate

in a special shootout to win a prize, courtesy of the Spirit. All interested parents, relatives and friends of Sewickley Area Soccer players who have not

already purchased tickets for the event may acquire \$3 general admission tickets at the box office, starting at 12:30 p.m. A section of the arena has been designated for Sewickley Area Soccer.

All players wishing to be eligible for the halftime goal-shooting and goal-keeping competition are requested to wear their Sewickley Area Soccer Fall 1981 team uniform and rubber-soled shoes.



MEMBERS OF SEWICKLEY AREA SOCCER RED team include, first row from left, Frank Courtney, Benji Wright, Kenny Johns, George Strong, Kenny Pryor, Scott Elste, Dave Tomachesky. Second row,

coach Jim Zug, Jimmy Zug, Matt Coburn, Jake Sonnett, John Maruca, coach Bo Kirby, Jeff Rona, Matt Konecny, Bob Kirby, and coach Leo Moss.

SAS Red wins Northern title

The Sewickley Red Under 14 Soccer team ended their season with a 0-0 tie. This clinches their Northern WPSYSA division title and gives them a 7-0-1 record.

Sewickley Red scored 50 goals on the season and allowed 3 against.

Leading the defense for Sewickley with outstanding goalkeeping, combining with five shutouts, were goalkeepers Benji Farls and Dan Eakle.

The offense was led by Chris Gariti, Chris Hitchens, and Mike Zanie.

Strong midfield play by Terry Canney and Steve Sergio, and outstanding play by the fullbacks, led by Todd Barker, gave Sewickley a strong defense team.

Coaches were Ron Hitchens and Dick Zanie. This year's team roster included Chris Gariti, Chris Hitchens, Jeb Griffith, Chris Miller, Mike Cain, Terry Canney, Steve Sergio, Benji Farls, Todd Barker, Bill Driscoll, Bill Lauder, Mike Zanie, Dennis Furness, Jeff Howard, Mike McConomy, and Dan Eakle.

Sewickley Area Soccer catches the Spirit

By Joseph F. Smith

Any kid who has ever played on a community or school sports team has to have dreamed—when watching his professional counterparts—of some day playing where the pros play, if not with them.

Members of the Sewickley Area Soccer Association got to do just that last Saturday, at Pittsburgh's Civic Arena as the Pittsburgh Spirit sponsored Sewickley Area Soccer Day.

Before the Spirit's game with the Buffalo Stallions, which the Spirit won 8-7, junior soccer players from the Pittsburgh area

took the floor for twelve-minute, single elimination rounds.

The Under 10 team from Monroeville bested Bethel Park, 3-0; then the Under 12 team from Robinson defeated Hazelwood, 1-0.

When the Sewickley Under 14 team came out, there was a rousing cheer from some 800 players, parents, and fans from Sewickley who attended the event.

For a time, it looked as if the Sewickley team, coached by Leo Moss, was going to edge out the Peters Township team, but

two goals booted in by Peters' Alan Duda brought the score at the final buzzer to 2-0.

"Well, I wish we could have had a win," mused Sewickley Area Soccer Association president Bill Strong, who organized the event, "but we tried."

But there weren't really any losers for the youngsters who participated in the shootout contest at half-time.

Two players from each of SAS's thirty-two teams got an opportunity to kick and block a penalty shot at the Spirit's goals.

Afterwards, the amateur soccer players

had hustled down into the tunnel leading to the press' locker rooms and regrouped.

There, the Spirit's Dennis Kohlmeier gave all the contestants tee-shirts with his team's logo on them and tickets to an upcoming Spirit game.

Happily donning their Spirit shirts, the SAS players didn't seem to care who had scored or missed a shot.

And maybe it isn't whether you win or lose.

Maybe it's all in how—and where—you play.

Photos by Joseph F. Smith



FLORENCE HASSLER, of SAS, missed blocking a penalty kick during the halftime contest at last Saturday's Pittsburgh Spirit game.



PROUD of their tee-shirts, presented by Dennis Kohlmeier, of the Pittsburgh Spirit, at left, are, from left, Chad McFarland, Kenny Fryer, Tim Merrill, and Jeff Roberts, with Bill Strong, president of Sewickley Area Soccer, and Tom Roberts.

SAS liked article

Dear Joe,

On behalf of Sewickley Area Soccer, I would like to thank you for the **Herald's** excellent coverage of the recent SAS Day at the Pittsburgh Spirit game in the Civic Arena.

The pictures and the article really captured the fun and excitement of the

afternoon.

For the **Herald's** continuing support and coverage of special competitions and events involving SAS teams and players, all of us involved in Sewickley Area Soccer are most grateful.

Sincerely,
Bill Strong
President, SAS