

# Getting involved in soccer

"You can fund a whole soccer team on what it costs to suit one football player," soccer enthusiasts often say.

Perhaps that is why there are so many soccer teams that seem to spring out of the grass every fall, when most local soccer programs get started.

Information on soccer leagues, where to watch their games and how to get involved follows.

- **Austin Women's Soccer League:** First of all, head out to Zilker Park today and tomorrow for a pre-season tournament involving as many of the 20 women's teams. Shortened 40-minute games without referees will be played from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday. The season starts next Sunday. Most games are Sundays, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

- **Austin Municipal Soccer League:** 30 teams, all men. Some of the best soccer players in Austin, as well as many new players. Sundays at Zilker. League begins with a tournament Sept. 18.

- **North Austin YMCA:** 600 child-

ren, ages 6 to 14; coed teams. League starts today. Games at Murchison Junior High on Saturdays. Contact Ken Johnson, 459-9720.

- **Central YMCA:** With 250 kids, ages 6 to 17, the coed program begins its fifth year today with registration at the downtown Y, 1100 W. 1st. Contact Roy Poole, 476-6705. All-morning clinic set for Sept. 17 at Williams Field, across the street, where games will be played on Saturday mornings.

- **Jollyville, Town and Country Optimists:** 700 kids, ages 6 to 15. Separate girls and boys teams. Registration underway. First game Oct. 15 at new Optimist Field, Jollyville. Contact Bill Bartling, president, 258-6595.

- **Austin Parks and Recreation Department:** Soccer clinics and possibly a city youth league, to be announced.

- **University of Texas:** Men and women play intercollegiate soccer at the field next to the freshman practice field, behind Jester Dormitory. Games are usually on weekends. The men's team plays TCU at 2 p.m. Sunday on Freshman Field.