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Match Results:

Saturday					Sunday				
AG/Div	Home Team	H	A	Away Team	AG/Div	Home Team	H	A	Away Team
U13/A	Oatley FC	1	4	Lugarno	O35/B	Forest Rangers	2	5	Lugarno
U17/18/B	Lugarno - 17	7	0	Kogarah Waratah	PWL/1	Lugarno	1	0	Scots FC
Friday									
O45/A	Hurstville Minotaurs	3	0	Lugarno					

Finals Series:

AG/Div	Home Team	H	A	Away Team	Comments
AA/C	Penshurst West	0	3	Lugarno	
AAA1/1	Lugarno (2)	4	1	Peakhurst United	
U12/C	Lugarno (1)	0	2	Banksia Tigers	
U14/C	Lugarno	1	1	Sans Souci	Lugarno progress
U15/B	Lugarno	0	0	Kogarah Waratah	Lugarno progress

Match Reports:

6B 1 v ASOW

And that's a wrap for the 2019 U6B1 season and what a successful season we had.

Coming into our last game, we had a great Kids vs Parents game during the week, the kids smashed us and were really working hard as a team, passing to each other, and they carried that onto the weekend.

ASOW somehow got an early goal against the run of play, it actually was an own goal after their initial shot hit the post, we then went on a rampage, but somehow kept missing everything by centimetres.

The team kept passing well to each other and a few times, when we should have walked it in, we looked to pass, but we got one right on halftime via Christopher to make it 1-1.

At half time Manager Michael got the boys in a circle with support from Coach Eddy, & our additional RTO JP (Jeremy) fired up the boys telling them 'this is it the last half for the year, leave everything on the field, let's do this'. Bang - the words worked and before we knew it we raced out to a 6-1 lead.



Christopher getting another 3, Elijah got 2 including a massive shot that nearly sent the goals backwards. With Conor & Liam working hard in the middle it also fired up Julian who had his best run of the season and ever reliable defensive machine Benji stopping anything in his way with help from Edmund. We then tried rotating the boys as much and as quick as possible in the last 5 minutes so they all got a run to finish off the season, ASOW got one back and then Liam finished off the season with a goal and we went out 7-2 on top.

A well deserved break coming for the kids, but also for us the parents and, like last year, it was a pleasure to be with such a great team with wonderful families all with a great sense of humour. I personally will miss all the 'GIFS' till next season, haha.



7B 3 v Oatley RSL

Team Photo: R-L George, Dylan, Darcy, Max and Christian (missing a sick Ethan) + Manager Michael & Coach Nick.

MOTM – Darcy in his comeback game from a broken arm and also ever improving workhorse Max





Super Defender Darcy in his return game with George (10) and Max (7) running back in support



Special Award – To Dylan's little brother Benji (from U6B1's) who often backed up and played up to support us when down on troops throughout the year

11B 1 v Arncliffe Aurora

Goal Scorer: Billy

Manager's (John) Trophy winner: Lachie

Coach's (Mario) Trophy winner: Emmason

Team: Malachi, Oscar, Lachie, Abs, Emmason, Michael, Josh, Billy, Elle, Tristan



It's always tough to see the curtain come down on another season, however it was fantastic to see the re-emergence of the old coaches and managers step back into the fold and take control against the might of Arncliffe. Thanks Mario, John and Romeo.

With the early morning WhatsApp message breaking the team news, you could hear the shrieks of joy all across Lugarno from the girls as the announcement came out that 'Girl Power' would be joining forces up front.

With the stress visible on the coach and managers faces from the whistle... it wasn't long before Mario was pacing up and down the sideline giving out tactical guidelines to his players whilst the tense looking John was seen biting his nails as the ball was whipped into the box 😊

The sun was beating down again on Gannons and our little superstars started the better of the two teams.

With Josh donning the gloves and keeping a watchful eye on the goals, it left 'The Rock', Oska, and the 'Energiser Bunny', Malachi, to take control of the defence, whilst Lachie took up his position on the left of midfield, Billy in the middle and Michael on the right so they could feed the attack!

With the wind whistling past our ears, we created a few early chances but couldn't seem to beat the impressive handling of the Arncliffe GK.

After 10 minutes and some heavy consulting between coach and manager, on came Tristan. Within seconds he'd broken away from his man to feed the ball into Billy's feet who cracked the ball goal bound but just sailed past the post.

It was a quiet half for Josh as the defence was in fine form, which kept the Arncliffe attack to long range shots.



The whistle went for half time ... and to the delight of our little superstars the usual routine of oranges (or apples in recent weeks) had been ditched for the more popular jelly snakes!

With the kids pre-occupied with the lollies, it was a case of "how many men does it take to coach a team" ... the picture (left) says it all 😊

A quick change of goal-keeper personnel saw Tristan move into goal which allowed Malachi to roam further in attack. This cunning ploy nearly paid off instantly with Malachi striding forward at every opportunity!

With the wind behind our backs and the silky skills of both Josh and Billy in the middle of the park, we started to push forward, however as the passing broke

down it allowed the Arncliffe attack to get in behind the defence and strike the first goal low to Tristan's right post.

Not sure if it was the goal against us that perked us up or the instant hit of sugar from the snakes, however for the next five minutes we pinned them back in their half and put them under pressure but couldn't seem to break through.

Unfortunately for us, it was Arncliffe that broke again and their striker cracked the ball from just outside the box which left us no chance and 2 nil down.

Again, we pressed and pressed and had chance after chance with the best chances falling to Michael and Josh.

Soon after that the Arncliffe defence got a little bit complacent as they walked the ball out of defence but it was Billy with fire in his belly (and a couple of snakes) who tackled on the edge of the area and let off a ferocious drive that left the GK clutching thin air!

With 5 minutes to go we tried and tried with chances falling to Abs, Elle and Emmason but there was no way through.

The game finished 2-1.

Another great game played by all and I've seen each player improve this season. The Manager's trophy was awarded to Emmason for her constant running and passing, and the Coaches trophy to Lachie for his tough tackling and passing. Thanks to the stand in coach and manager for a job well done 😊

As I reflect back on the season, it really has been 'superb' (one for you Darren)! I think we've surprised a few teams when we've played them – in particular the infamous 6-1 win against Rockdale Raiders with 4 girls in the team 😊

We have a mixture of individual skill, goal scoring abilities, tough tackling, grit and determination. But the overall factor is you've played together as a team and the passing at times has been brilliant to watch.

It really has been a pleasure to walk out on the field surrounded by not only a great bunch of players, but a great bunch of families!

Thanks to you and your little superstars for another enjoyable season. Bec, thanks so much for all your organisation it doesn't go un-noticed and is much appreciated!

To the dads that have helped with pitch set up and the training sessions where I couldn't make it and to the mums that have helped with canteen duty – we've had a few!

Thanks all for contributing to a thoroughly enjoyable and fantastic season.

With the end of season party now out of the way, that just leaves the Kids v Parents game on Wednesday, Club presentation and our own U11B1 presentation – date to be confirmed.

14C v Sans Souci

Drew 1 – 1

Major Semi Final

Goal Scorer: Harrison V



Today we play Sans Souci (SS) for a spot in the Grand Final. Our games this year against Sans Souci have been very tight and we are expecting the same today.

We were privileged today to have our club president Hagop and his wife Mary at our game.

With the wind at our backs in the first half we started the half well. We went on the attack early and had a number of attacks at the SS goal.

Tim provided a good ball to Harrison V. Harrison V shot went just wide of the SS goal.

For most of the first half the match was very tight and we were finding it hard to break the heavily stacked SS defence.

Adam provided a good cross into the SS penalty box from the right hand side.

We then saw some good passing from Daniel C to Ray. Ray put Zack into some space. Zack's shot went wide of the mark.

Ray, Harrison V and Adam then combined with a neat passing move.

Adam then hit the side netting after being put through by Nathan. The first half ended 0-0.

In the 2nd half I wanted the team to continue with the momentum and close the SS players down. I wanted the team not to rush their passes. Against the wind the ball should hold up for our forwards to run onto it.

The 2nd half was as tight as the 1st. Both teams were not giving an inch. Our defence were holding firm and making it hard for the SS attackers to get into our penalty box.

Sean was putting some good long balls up to our forwards. One saw Harrison V on his way. Unfortunately, Harrison V was called back for offside.

Another long ball from Sean found Ray who then flicked the ball into the path of Harrison V. Harrison V outpaced the SS defenders to place a left foot shot into the SS goal. 1-0 our way.

Ray was making some excellent runs down our right hand side.

SS then came at us but our defence did well to keep them away from our goal.

With only 5 minutes left, SS had a shot outside our penalty box on the right hand side. With the wind behind the shot the ball sailed over our keeper Noah into our goal. There was nothing Noah could do with the goal. 1-1.

The team kept their heads up and continued to defend well and press the SS goal right up to the end of the 2nd half. The match ended 1-1.

We now have 5 minutes (each half) of extra time. If the scores stayed the same after extra time we would progress to the Grand Final.

The two halves of extra time were as tight as the whole match. It was very nerve racking for both teams and spectators.

SS had a chance with the last kick of the game after they were awarded a free kick just outside our box. The SS player who scored the long range goal stepped up to take the kick. Lucky for us his shot sailed over our goal to safety.

The match ended 1-1. We have progressed to the Grand Final in two weeks time. The match was a very torrid affair. The whole team played out of their skins today and made their families very proud of them.

Good luck team in the Grand Final in two weeks time.

17B v Kogarah Waratah Won 7 – 0

Goal Scorers: Ibby 2 / Matt 2 / Jake / Sam / Cameron



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