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AROUND THE GROUNDS

Congratulations:

U14 Girls A team who are Minor Premiers for 2014 and qualify to play in the 'Champion of Champions' tournament, after the Finals series concludes. Excellent work girls, Coach Bill and Manager Rob.

Finals Series:

Well done to the following teams who have qualified to play Finals Football – good luck in your quests for the Premiership:

12B, 12Girls B, 13B, 14 Girls A & 14 Girls B, 18 Girls, AAC, AAD, AAF(1), AAG, AAW A & O35B

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Match Results:

Saturday					Sunday				
AG/Div	Home Team	H	A	Away Team	AG/Div	Home Team	H	A	Away Team
AA/C1	Lugarno	2	0	Hurstville Minotaurs	AAW/A	Lugarno	1	0	Sans Souci
AA/D	Lugarno	4	4	Penshurst West	O35/B	Banksia Tigers	2	3	Lugarno
AA/E	Hurstville Glory	6	1	Lugarno	PWL/1	Connells Point	4	0	Lugarno
AA/F	Lugarno (2)	0	1	Lugarno (1)	U12G/B	Forest Rangers	2	1	Lugarno
AA/G	Hurstville Glory	0	3	Lugarno	U14G/A	Lugarno	2	1	Sans Souci
PL1/1	Lugarno	1	2	Carlton Rovers	U14G/B	Sans Souci (2)	0	5	Lugarno
PLR/R	Lugarno	1	1	Carlton Rovers	U16G/A	Lugarno	0	3	Connells Point
U12/B	Forest Rangers	0	1	Lugarno	U18G/G	Lugarno	2	0	Ramsgate RSL
U13/B	Lugarno	2	0	Oatley RSL					
U14/C	Lugarno	0	0	Forest Rangers (2)					
U15/A	Hurstville ZFC	0	0	Lugarno					
U16/B	Kogarah Waratah	0	0	Lugarno	Friday				
U17/A	Lugarno	4	1	Sans Souci	O45/A	LUGA-O45A Lugarno	1	3	SANS-O45A Sans Souci

Canteen & Field Set up Duty Roster for next weekend:

Date	Sat Morning Canteen & Field setup 7am – 12 noon	Sat Afternoon Canteen & Field pull down 12noon – 3pm	Sunday morning field setup	Sunday field pulldown (& lock up posts)	Fields required
Sat 9 th August	8Bee2 (till 10am) 10 Bee (from 10am)	8 Bee 3			All
Sun 10 th August			AAW A	PWL 1	Field 5

Match Reports:

7 Bee 2 v Sans Souci

Goal Scorers: Jack 4 / Cooper 4 / Patrick 3

POTM: All

The game got off to a shaky start because the visitors were found playing an U6 team on an adjoining field. As there was no referee, William's dad, Jason, agreed to referee the match.

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As the score would indicate (11 nil), it was a fast free flowing game.

Most Lugarno players were very good at passing the ball long distances to waiting players who were then able to take shots at goal. There are one or two players who need to look around them and pass to a Lugarno player who is in the clear. Let us make the ball do all the running for us!

The San Souci defence was not good. Their players did not fall back quickly enough to defend.

Our main defender, Max, was at his best and saved several Sans Souci shots at goal. His clearing kicks and passing was excellent.

Cooper was often up front awaiting a long pass from the back. Jack obliged on several occasions and Cooper was quick to take the ball up and have a quick strike at goals.

Patrick had a very busy match and was always fighting for ball possession. He even collided with Jack on one occasion. Once in possession, he made some good runs at goal but often ran into Sans Souci defence.

William played a strong game and was useful in defence and attack mainly around the midfield.

Clark enjoyed his time on the field as the team captain for the week. This is his first soccer season and he is improving every week.

Winning 11 nil is a team record and I know that our coach, Mat, will be very pleased with the team's effort.

Don't forget that we are a team, we all help each other, we pass the ball to each other, we attack and defend, but most of all, we have a good time, we enjoy our game and we shake hands with the other team at the end.

8 Fox v Oatley RSL

Saturday 26th July

Saturday's game at Renown was a mud run. With Oatley far too strong on the scoreboard, the Foxes still had smiles on their faces throughout the much chasing the ball and having fun with their mates.

Well done and great times – Alexia, Owen, Grace, Lucy, Nick, Finlay, Mitchell, Hunter and see you next week Anthony.

Great work on the pics again this week Hammer. Thanks to Coach Harry for his patience at training each week and for making the game fun...





12 Girls B v Forest Rangers Lost 1 - 2

Goal Scorer: Tamar Tchamkertenian

POTM: The Whole Team

What a season it has been for the 12GB team, having struggled to field a team at the start of the competition the girls prepared to face co-competition leaders Forest Rangers having secured their place in the finals. Yes even before the game the opposition noticed that the girls had only 11 players, with star player Olivia Rayner not available for the game, but for the team it has been a luxury to have 11 players as they played the majority of their games throughout the season with just 9 or 10 players! In only one game this season they had the privilege of having a reserve player which in itself proved a weird experience, as the girls were filled with excitement at the thought of having someone sit on the bench other than their coach and manager.

On a sunny yet noticeably cold morning at Gannons Park the team arrived early to play their last competition game before finals football. Coach Raf put the girls through their paces while acting manager Hagop was doing his best enforcing the newly introduced player punctuality policy (the triple P's).

With no referee in site, a volunteer was found and, following a 5 minute delay, the game kicked off. The early exchanges saw Lugarno first to the ball which helped them to push their opponents deep into their territory. With just 2 minutes into the game the early pressure almost paid quick dividends when Luci found Jasmine just outside the penalty area. Jasmine progressed the ball into the penalty area and as the parents and Lugarno supporters started shouting shoot, she did exactly that and as the ball went past the Forest Rangers goal keeper the dreaded goal post got in the way to prevent the ball from crossing the line. A lucky escape indeed for Forest Rangers!

Despite the disappointment of not scoring early the team continues to play some determined football, winning the early exchanges by being first to the ball, supporting each other in play and making an effort to pass the ball. This style of play ensured that it took Forest Rangers almost 12 minutes to cross the half-way line and launch an attack.

As the first half progressed Forest Rangers started getting back into the game but determined defending from Madelen in goals, Charlie, Taylah S, Jasmine, Kiera, Nadine, and Alana, ensured that no goals were conceded. In attack Taylah M, Tamar, Alanna and Luci launched a number of enterprising attacks placing the Forest Rangers defence under enormous pressure.

With half-time being called the team took a deserved break knowing that they were the superior side in the first half and with a bit of luck should have been leading 1-0.

The girls were praised for their outstanding performance and were instructed to maintain the momentum and get more balls into the penalty area in the second half. Alanna took the gloves for the second half with Madelen being placed in attack.

The early part of the second half saw both teams launch attacks in what was a fairly equal contest. It took an uncharacteristic mistake from Lugarno when some hesitant defending resulted in a poor ball clearance enabling the Forest Rangers attacker to gain control of the ball inside the Lugarno penalty area and kick it past Alanna for the opening goal in the 10th minute of the game.

Having gifted their opposition a goal the team, to their credit, picked themselves up from the set back and continued to launch attack after attack. Once such attack resulted in Tamar breaking away from the Forest Rangers defence and, as she was about to shoot for goal, she was brought down in the penalty area. To his credit the volunteer referee made the correct decision and awarded a penalty kick to Lugarno in the 16th

minute. Tamar received the instruction to take the penalty kick from the bench and, despite being the first penalty kick of her career, she stepped up to the mark and converted for her 4th goal of the season.

At 1-1 the game was delicately balanced with both sides determined to score the decisive second goal. An error by Lugarno in clearing the ball gifted Forest Rangers their second goal in the 20th minute. The Forest Rangers kick on goal which was weak and initially looked to be going for a goal kick took a strange turn as the ball hit an uneven patch of the ground and instead of going out harmlessly for a goal kick suddenly ended up at the back of the nets to give Forest Rangers their decisive second goal.

Despite Forest Rangers restoring their lead, Lugarno was not bothered and they continued to demonstrate great determination and spent the final minutes of the game playing football deep into Forest Rangers half in search of the equaliser. There were some close goal scoring chances including the last attack when Taylah M, Charlie, Tamar, Luci, Nadine and Madelen all had a go at trying to score but the ball simply refused to go into the Forest Rangers nets and full-time was eventually blown to bring an entertaining encounter to an end.

Madelen started in goals doing a stellar job and then she was full of energy in attack in the second half. Kiera had an exceptional game as the last person in defence helping to neutralise a number of attacks. Charlie cleaned up what needed to be cleaned up in defence, her powerful kicks often turning defence into attack. Taylah S and Alana demonstrated once again great determination in defence, and their quick play and transition on the flanks allowed Lugarno to pressure the Forest Rangers defence. Luci, Nadine and Jasmine were full of energy and running in the middle of the park ensuring that Forest Rangers attacks did not materialise into goal threats. Alanna, Tamar and Taylah M launched sustained attacks helping push their opponents deep into their territory. Alanna proved a constant menace to the Forest Rangers defence in the middle of the park in the first half, while Tamar, Madelen and Taylah M took the attack to their opponents through the middle of the park as well as the flanks.

Well done the girls of 12GB - you have been one of the most outstanding teams of the season having overcome so many obstacles on and off the field and now you find yourself preparing for finals football. Good luck for the rest of the season and no matter what happens during finals time remember one important thing, you have made your parents and Lugarno FC very proud of your achievements this year. Good luck team.

13 B v Oatley RSL

Won 2 - 0

Goal Scorers: James Leftakis / Peter Gazilas

POTM: Evander Berroa

The team assembled 45 minutes before kick-off at Gannons Park on a sunny but windy and cold day. The mission was simple - win the game and the team will play finals football.

Opting for a 4-4-2 formation Will commenced in goals, behind a defensive structure comprising of Mitchell, Evander, Jonah and Raffi. The four player midfield included Harry, Stephen, Mitchell T and Alex. The attack comprised of James and Mark. The interchange bench featured Peter, Issac and MJ.

Having lost the critical coin toss the team was forced to run against a strong breeze in the first half. Despite this obstacle, Lugarno quickly asserted themselves against their opponents and established dominant field position.

In a frustrating period a number of goal scoring chances were wasted by Lugarno as they did everything but score. Some of the misses were so elementary that the players started being interchanged on a regular basis.

For twenty minutes the pattern of play was essentially the same with Lugarno subjecting the Oatley RSL defence to sustained pressure and the opposition defending with determination and occasionally launching counterattacks to keep the Lugarno defence on their toes.

A crucial interchange in the 23rd minute proved instrumental in changing the dynamics of the game. James was reintroduced into the game after a tactical chat with coach Hagop and in the 25th minute was at the receiving end of a great cross by Mitchell T to head the ball into the nets for Lugarno's opening goal.

The goal helped ease some of the pressure and the team maintained the attacking momentum in the dying minutes of the first half. With no more goals being added, the teams went into the half time break with Lugarno leading 1-0.

Half time instructions focussed on switching play from one flank to the other, maintaining structure whilst going forward, better communication amongst the defenders and improving the shooting potency in front of goals.

Running with the strong breeze Lugarno established themselves in Oatley RSL's half and won successive corners early in the second half. An Oatley RSL clearance found Mitchell who kicked the ball towards Peter. Taking on the defence Peter progressed just inside the penalty area and placed a shot in the left bottom corner of the goals for Lugarno's second goal in the fourth minute of the second half.

Despite the early goal Lugarno failed to add to the score line despite creating a host of goal scoring chances. Some of the misses were so unbelievable you had to pinch yourself repeatedly to make sure it was in fact occurring.

When the referee blew for full time the team had achieved its objective of qualifying for finals football. A clean sheet was also kept which is always a positive from a defensive perspective.

Hopefully the substandard team performance represents what all teams normally experience at least once a season and come finals football the team will lift noticeably.

At a player level Will was alert throughout the game and was called upon to make a couple of saves, Jonah and Evander were rock solid in defence and were supported by Issac, Raffi and Mitchell.

Harry and Alex, using their pace, covered enormous ground helping the defence and aiding in attack. Mitchell T put in another determined performance and was instrumental in setting up the opening goal. Stephen, MJ and Peter contributed in the midfield at different stages of the game, while James and Mark constantly pressured the Oatley RSL defence and were at the receiving end of some great goal scoring opportunities.

As the team welcomes the opportunity of playing finals football it does so with the knowledge that it has the potential to significantly improve its overall performance. That is a good aspect to take into finals football.

Game stats:

	Lugarno	Oatley RSL
Total shots	21	6
Shots on target	16	2
Goals	2	0
Corners	11	2
Possession	60 per cent	40 per cent

The logo for Mortdale Grind Cafe is displayed on a black rectangular background. The text "MORTDALE GRIND CAFE" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. "MORTDALE" and "CAFE" are in orange, while "GRIND" is in white. A large, stylized, grey letter "G" is positioned behind the word "GRIND", partially overlapping it.

Goal Scorer: Emily

With the warmth of the sun back out, so came the shorts and we know we are edging ever closer to those semis. Today was our penultimate game of the season and we have the challenge of 2nd placed Ramsgate RSL whom we have yet to beat this season. If we are to dare to dream and win this comp, we need to be able to work out how to beat teams like this. We had team photos today, so coach Paul had plenty of time to give the girls a good warm up, talk tactics and get them ready for the match. Today's captain was Alyssa, who proudly led the girls out for the game behind a beaming smile.

The ref's whistle blew and we were underway, bathed in sunshine with a nice breeze blowing mostly cross field. We were under pressure right away with the opposition going on to the attack. Busiest of all were the defence where Alyssa and Jessica were in the thick of things ably supported by Lucinda and Sienna. Jessica especially, working hard and doing a great job in defence, using her body, feet, whatever, to stop that ball getting through. When it did, however, Sophia in goals was her usual self pulling off some great saves under pressure. Subs Ruby and Giovanna came on to assist and did a great job helping out some tired legs.

Our midfielders Sarah, Tia, Monique and Emily had more of a defensive job to do early on, helping out whenever they could. They were presented with few opportunities in attack, but made the most of them when they did. Emily was enjoying a fantastic half, showing great fight and determination when challenging for the ball and enjoying a couple of runs down her favourite left hand side of the field. Monique was also in the thick of things giving Olivia up front a couple of opportunities and managing a sniff of a goal. Tia, again showing great improvement each week managed the pass of the half with a great through ball to Sophie who managed to get free, fire off a shot on goal with only the outstretched hands of the goalie denying her the opening goal.

However just as we were starting to even out the contest, a little lapse in defence gave one of their better players just a bit too much room to move near goal and managed to get one past goalie Sophia. We tried hard to even out the match over the next 10 mins or so of the half, but our finishing wasn't quite there even though we had a few opportunities. Before we knew it, it was half time and time for a breather. Paul gave the girls a few words of advice and encouragement and we were back into it.

Whatever coach Paul said must have worked because about 90 seconds after the break, Olivia delivered a beautiful through ball aimed right at a waiting Emily who ran past a couple of defenders and slotted the ball right past the goalkeeper and in to the back of the net. It was a great goal and well cheered on by the appreciative crowd.

Unfortunately, as quick as we got out of the blocks, the opposition did the same and delivered a reply within a minute of ours. Bad luck girls. The half continued and we strived with all our hearts to get that equaliser back, but the game had settled into a midfield tussle with both sides finding it hard to get shots at goal. Many questions were asked of our defence during the latter stages of the half and we answered with everything we had. Giovanna was again having a great game and managed some great tussles against their strikers and never gave an inch. Ruby, Alyssa and Monique all chiming in during the half helping out in defence when the need arose. Sienna and Sarah showed their skill often with some great covering defence saving us on many occasions. Sophia of course, rock solid in goals again contributing with another couple of genuinely good saves.

We strove as hard as we could for that equaliser but unfortunately it never came, not for lack of effort from the girls. Before we knew it (and by my measure about 50secs before time), the ref's whistle blew and along with it the chance of any more goals. Great effort again girls, well done to all, great teamwork again. Maybe next time if we meet again the semis. Next week we have our last regular game before the semis and a chance to improve even more.



Goal Scorers: Olivia 2 / Emily / Sophia / Sarah

This was our last game of the regular season and our final opportunity to show our wares and perhaps experiment a little in readiness for the semi-finals. Our place on the ladder as well as our semi-final opponents are already known, so the result today didn't really matter in that regard. Again, we were blessed with a beautiful day and a warmth belying the "coldest morning this year" headlines. Coach Paul had all his charges available, gave them plenty of time to warm up especially goalie for the day Alyssa. Captain today was Emily and if her recent form continues, she'll be leading from the front.

The whistle blew and we were on the attack right away. I hadn't even picked out the best vantage point before the crowd started cheering, I looked around and saw the opposition goalie retrieving the ball from the back of the net. Ninety seconds gone and 1-0 already. Play had settled in front of goal when Olivia picked up a pass just inside the big box, outpaced her opposition and calm as you like, slotted it right past the goalie.

Play re-started and again, we were right on the attack, the opposition a little shell shocked from the early goal, organising as best they could, but not quite good enough. Within another 2 mins, Olivia put a brilliant through ball from about the half way line to a waiting Emily who pounced onto it, seized the opportunity, ran past everyone on her favoured left flank all the way to goal and leaving the goalie no chance at all, whipped it into the back of the net. Cheers erupted from the crowd, up 2-0 with under 4 mins on the clock. Great work girls.

We could get used to this, but another kick off beckoned and play started to take a bit more familiar look, still with us attacking and setting the pace, but play moving between both sides of the field. It took new goalie Alyssa around 10 mins to get her first touch (an easy save) which meant the defenders were doing a great job. Though not under too much pressure, Sienna, Jessica, Toni and Sophie all worked well together to help keep a clean sheet.

In the midfield, Monique, Emily, Sarah and Tia were seeing plenty of the ball and making good use of it by giving Olivia and Sophia upfront as many chances as possible.

Before 10 minutes were up, Lucinda, Giovanna and Ruby were brought into the mix and the team didn't miss a beat. Again, the play concentrated mostly up front and soon enough, our hard work brought us another reward. This time Monique found herself with a bit of room to move and managed to get one over the top of the goalie well outside her area. We all watched as if in slow motion, the ball bouncing its way toward goal, but Olivia wasn't risking anything and put the issue beyond doubt by nudging the ball over the line for her second goal of the day. Great work girls. A quarter of the game gone and now up 3-0.

Again, another kick off and play was still dominated by us, the opposition still working out how to best defend against us. However, the party wasn't over just yet, this time Sophia, making the most of her time out of goals, received another great pass from the midfield and clear of any defenders with just the goalie to beat, slammed another one home for us. Less than 20 minutes on the clock and 4-0 up.

The rest of the half continued in the same vein with our girls controlling most of the possession. Defenders still having a bit of work to do and Sienna and Jessica playing particularly well, both using the speed to provide vital cover defence when required. By the time the half was over, Alyssa in goals had only touched the ball a handful of times. We still kept trying for goals but the opportunities were becoming rarer, the best was probably a great effort from Sophie to find a bit of space and fire off a shot, but managing to extract a great save from the goalie. As the ref's whistle blew, it was almost total domination at 4-0.

Coach Paul gave the girls a well-deserved breather under the shade of a tree and praised their efforts. The focus of the second half was more of the same and trying our best to concede nothing.

The second half started and it was a bit more even this time, the opposition girls still fighting hard, making us earn everything. This half, Olivia was goalie and Alyssa had an opportunity up front. Early on, Olivia's goalkeeping prowess was tested but again (as she has all season) came up trumps. Her first save, a very physical encounter with both ball and player, and having the better of both. She took a bit of a knock but with her indomitable spirit, picked herself up and dusted herself off, ready again to play.

Our defenders had a bit more work to do this half, Lucinda, Ruby and Giovanna working well but it was Jessica who stole the show at the back with some great cover defence with possibly a couple of goals saved. Great effort Jessica. Giovanna, again improving made nothing got past her either. In the midfield, Monique, Sarah, Tia and Emily were again controlling things, but we had to fight harder for the goals this half.

Our next goal came midway through the second half when a handball gave us a free kick inched outside the big box. Sarah put up her hand immediately to take the free kick and I think she had something special in mind. By the time the opposition wall was built, she had already sussed out the best way to goal. As calm as you like, she took the free kick, perfectly placed right over the wall and just to the right of the outstretched hands of the goalie and rattling the back of the net. David Beckham would have been proud Sarah, great job. If only we caught it on video!!

The rest of the half was more of the same, to the opposition's credit, they never gave up and made us work for everything, and nothing was given away. Olivia brought off another couple of great saves and a made sure we kept a clean sheet, ably supported by our defenders. Midfielders continued to supply some good ball to our strikers, but our sixth goal became elusive. Before we knew it (and again a tad early), the ref blew time and the regular season was at a close. Great effort once again girls, the final score being 5-0. Our regular season was over and it's now time to focus on Sans Souci (1) and the first week of the semis. Congratulations to coach Paul, assistant John and all players on a great season, a well-deserved 3rd place on the ladder.

17 A v Sans Souci

Won 4 - 1

Goal Scorers: Conor 2 / AJ / Brock

We finally got our 2nd win of this season, which has been a long time coming. It's late in the season, hence both teams struggled with numbers. Nevertheless, after coming close to beating (or at least getting a draw) with Sans Souci, it was 3rd time lucky for us with an overall very good team performance.

Many thanks to Kyle from U16Bs that gave us a hand. One more game to go and hopefully we can get one more win to lift us from the bottom of the table.

Let's go U17As!!!

18 Girls v Bexley North

Won 3 - 1

Sunday 27th July

Goal Scorers: Olivia Florance / Selena Green / Iva Nikolaeva

Half hour before kickoff we only had the bare 11 players for today's game but we did have our strikers back from holidays, Iva and Olivia. Bexley is above us on the table in the no 2 spot and this now our 4th time playing each other - who knew what was going to happen? A draw would be great result for us today but the girls did one better and made it a win.

First half score was equal at 1-1 – the goal was scored by Olivia. The girls started strong in the 2nd half, with 2 quick goals in the first 15 mins of the half, one each by Selena and Iva. The girls held their positions with a strong defence from our backs of Mia, Anna, Georgina and Kristen, and back up from our midfielders Joanna, Jessie, Jade, Iva, and Marina and Olivia up in the forwards.

Our goalies this week - first half was Selena a great job, well done; and Jade in the second half, again a great job.

Thanks to coach John filling in for Michael who's away at the moment.

Well done girls - a great effort from you all on the field. It so good to see how you have blended together as team so well.

AAW A v Ramsgate RSL Won 4 - 0

Sunday 27th July

Goal Scorers: Lauren Cassar 3 / Rakia El-Debel

After the photos in the morning we slowly started to lose players either due to studies and/or injuries as Yr 12 trials were starting on Monday. With a few phone calls we did have the bare 11 to take the field.

Starting with only 10 players and with 2 of our defenders and strikers not playing, Coach Ivan had to mix up the player position a lot more than normal.

With midfielders playing in the backs, backs playing up the midfield or up in forwards.

Rakia scoring her first goal for the season, the goalie lost control of the ball and Rakia followed through, got the loose ball and finished off with a goal, well done.

Our other goal scorer Lauren got in a hat trick today with 3 goals - well done. Watching her last goal as she sliced through the Ramsgate back line and past the goalie, placing the ball into the back corner of the net.

Great defence from our back line Annika, Caitlin, Karlie and Andronika; with the mighty midfielders of Maeetal, Nicole, Renee and Jessica D; and the fancy feet forwards Rakia and Lauren.

Our starting goalie today being Annika, then thanks to Jasmine who did come to the game (after our earlier phone calls) making up our 11th player, who then went into goals for the rest of the game.

We ended up with a few ankle injuries to Annika and Lauren, rest up girls to get ready for next weekend.

See you at training Sydney FC players are going to be there.



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