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AROUND THE GROUNDS

Upcoming Events:

- Coaches & Managers meeting this Thursday 8pm at Grandviews
- Next week - Irish's Football Camp – last ever camp with Paul graciously donating all profits to the Club. To book in, see flyer for more details
http://www.lugarnofc.com.au/images/Football_camp_flyer_July_2016.pdf
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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/B	Lugarno	2	0	Hurstville Glory	AA/D	Lugarno	1	1	Dolls Point
AA/C	Lugarno (1)	4	2	Carss Park	AA/G	Oatley RSL	3	0	Lugarno
AA/C	Carlton Rovers (2)	1	1	Lugarno (2)	AAW/B	ASOW	5	4	Lugarno
AA/D	ASOW	3	1	Lugarno	AAW/C	Lugarno	1	1	Penshurst West
AA/E	Carlton Rovers	2	2	Lugarno	O35/B	ASOW	2	0	Lugarno
AA/F	Oatley RSL	4	2	Lugarno (1)	U13G/A	Lugarno	2	1	Sans Souci
AA/F	Lugarno (2)	1	0	Hurstville Glory	U15/A	Arncliffe Aurora	3	1	Lugarno
AA/G	Penshurst West	5	0	Lugarno	U16G/A	Lugarno (1)	2	1	Connells Point (2)
PL1/1	ASOW	3	0	Lugarno	U16G/A	Forest Rangers	2	1	Lugarno (2)
PLR/R	ASOW	2	0	Lugarno					
U12/C	Ramsgate RSL	2	0	Lugarno					
U13/C	Bexley North (1)	1	4	Lugarno					
U14/C	Bexley North (2)	4	1	Lugarno	Friday				
U15/A	Bexley North	10	2	Lugarno	AAW/B	Connells Point	0	3	Lugarno
U17/18	Lugarno	3	0	Kogarah Waratah	O45/A	Lugarno	1	6	Hurstville ZFC

Canteen & Field Set Up for next weekend:

	Team	Time	Duty required
Saturday 9 th July	AAG	7am – 11 am	Set up fields; Canteen set up; BBQ duty; Canteen duty
	AAC (2)	11am – 2 pm	Canteen duty; BBQ duty
	15 A	2 pm – 5 pm	Canteen duty; Clean up canteen; Pull down fields after checking with canteen re: posts required for Sunday games
Sunday 10 th July	13 Girls		Set up Field 4, ½ hour before game
	16 Girls A (1)		Set up Field 6, ½ hour before game
	AAF (2)		Pull down Field 4; return posts to lock up area
	AAC (1)		Pull down Field 6; return posts to lock up area

Match Reports:

6B 3 v Penshurst West

POTM: Grace

A great performance by the team on a chilly but sunny Saturday morning. The game started with some huge kicks by Kyla and Grace forcing the opposition to play the early stages of the game deep in their own half. The starting side of Hunter, Zach B, Grace and Kyla all chased the ball with relentless energy and didn't give the opposition any room to play in.

Zach L and Jarvis came on with Zach L making some great runs and go close to scoring on a couple of occasions, but the scores were locked at 0-0 at half time.

Early in the second half Hunter made one of his trademark runs from deep in his own half after Zach B and Kyla had won possession for the team. Hunter was way too fast and scored a great end to end goal giving the team a 1-0 lead. For the next 10 minutes, great tackling and huge kicks by player of the game Grace kept the opposition at bay and it looked like we were going to hang on for a 1-0 win until two late goals by Penshurst meant the final score was 2-1.

A great game by all of the kids this weekend with real enthusiasm making it close until the end. Well done all!



7B3 v 7B7

Goal Scorers: Michael Nicholson 2 / Miles Laney

POTM: Emma Devet

We were a bit sluggish in the first half, but we came good in the second half.

We had some pretty tough opponents this week against another Lugarno team, and also the fact that there were a few that the kids are schoolmates with!

Oli was awesome in protecting our goals, he could see there were some gaps and ran up the field several times to keep the ball away. Miles and Mikey had great games, with each of them scoring goals. Catherine did some great chasing this week, she is always such an enthusiastic player. Charlie has come along in leaps and bounds, his kicking is going really well and he is getting in there and trying his best every week.

Congratulations Emma on being Player of the Match, you played sensationally. All ground, a great team effort this week, congratulations!



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10I v Bexley North

Goal Scorers: Anthony Pejovski / Finlay Whitten

POTM: Nicholas Puckeridge

Backing up from the bye was always going to be hard to motivate Lugarno for the early morning kick off. It was a game of two halves with Bexley getting all the momentum camped down our end of the field, great defence and control from Alex, Michael and Tom keeping Bexley to 2 goals in the first half.

At the break Coach Harry rotated the team and we bounced back, with Mitchell upping the tempo enabling Finlay and Anthony to score their goals - thanks to great support from Lucy, Hunter and Emmanuel. Owen and Daniel positioned themselves well throughout the match and both were unlucky not to score.

Our player of the match this week was Nick, strong in defence and kicked well down field to ensure Lugarno were well placed in attack.

Another week off this week for Lugarno to rest up over the school holidays and be ready for our next match against Kogarah at Scarborough the following week.





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11B 2 v Rockdale Raiders



2nd of July saw our first field trip down to Scarborough Park versing Rockdale Raiders. Was to be a challenging one with a couple of troops missing and a couple of late starters.

It was a beautiful morning and the field itself was in outstanding condition; flat, hard and was well covered in grass. Our warm up included some passing drills over a larger distance just to show the boys how quickly the ball could move over a large area and to encourage more open play.

We held up as long as we could but the ref called us on with only seven to start. Clearly

that affected our opening minutes as we found ourselves quickly 2 goals down, in saying that I thought the boys worked out of their skins trying to cover the space but were just outnumbered.

At the 10 minute mark Jonathan arrived and filled the hole in the middle which was just what we needed. One extra just gave the support that was needed and we started pushing forward with a couple of solid breakaways from Cody that found Alexander in the middle on more than one occasion. With this pressure came several attacking raids which earned us our first goal as Cody fished a well worked corner 1-2. This closed the half out.

Positive message at the half time break as our boys were well on top and it would only be a matter of time if they maintained the pressure. With a couple of position changes away we went.

Ross started the half well with a couple of early opportunities and I would suggest very unlucky not to have added to the score sheet. With this continued pressure saw 4 goals consecutively starting with Cody, followed by Tommy and 2 from Jonathan leaving the score at 5 - 2.

Daniel was strong in goals today, and although a natural ball play on the field did well to keep them to 2 with some good line goal saves. Also Nathan was strong today in our back line and worked overtime trying to cover a huge amount of space and making several important tackles and controlling the game from the back.

Well done to my U11B2s - well played.





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13 Girls A v Sans Souci Won 2 - 1

Goal Scorers: Alanna Caracoglia / Tamar Tchamkertenian

POTM: Mia Barbara & Anastacia Stamatelatos

A combination of players on holiday (Madelen and Alana P) and injuries (Monique and Stephanie) meant only 12 players out of 16 were available for this crucial game.

The team, which had commenced the season so strongly with six consecutive wins, then managed three consecutive draws before losing for the first time during their last game. At training during the week and before the game the team discussion focussed on returning to the winner's circle and the 4-3-3 team formation chosen for this game reflected the strategy to go all out and secure a win by taking into the game an attacking formation.

The early exchanges saw Lugarno take up good field position into the opposition half which enabled the team to exert pressure via some fine attacking football. Both Alanna and Tamar went close with Tamar hitting the goal post before a fine movement saw Anastacia release the ball deep into the opposition half which resulted in a Lugarno corner kick. From the corner Taylah found Alanna who, without any hesitation, blasted the ball into the nets for Lugarno's opening goal ten minutes into the game.

Lugarno lifted in intensity after the goal and they continued to sustain the pressure as Sans Souci desperately scrambled to prevent Lugarno from adding to their goal tally. Sustained pressure paid off for Lugarno when Alanna played the ball out wide to Tamar on the left flank, Tamar took on the defence and as she progressed to the penalty area launched a powerful kick past the Sans Souci goal keeper to make it 2-0 to Lugarno after 16 minutes of play.

With Lugarno dominating possession and playing the game at the opposition end, goal scoring opportunities also fell to Taylah and Jade. As the half progressed Sans Souci continued playing counter-attacking football but the Lugarno defence of Nadine, Charlie, Anastacia and Josephine held firm successfully defusing a number of attacking raids. Mia who had her first game as goal keeper was called upon to make a number of important saves and grew in confidence as the game progressed.

The midfield was a hub of activity with Tiana, Celine, Alanna and Capri stopping the Sans Souci plays from developing into dangerous attacks and helping Lugarno launch their own attacks. Upfront Taylah, Jade and Tamar successfully pressed and when in possession took the ball to the opposition's penalty area looking for goal scoring opportunities.

Lugarno went into the half-time break with a well-deserved 2-0 lead. The team was reminded at the break that there was still another half of football to be played and, irrespective of the half-time score, they should be treating the game as if it was still 0-0. The importance of continuing to be competitive in the middle of the park was emphasised to the team as the opposition's attacks were eventuating from the middle of the park. On the flanks Lugarno's defence was coping well due to superiority of speed.

Unlike the first half, the second half was more even as Sans Souci started chasing the game - they became more attacking oriented. This helped to create more gaps in the opposition's defence which was exploited by Taylah, Jade, Tamar, and Tiana who was switched to attack for most of the second half. While a number of goal scoring opportunities were created in the second half with both Charlie and Tamar hitting the crossbar, and Alanna, Jade, Tiana and Taylah going close to scoring, Lugarno did not add to their half-time tally.

Mia in goals was called upon to produce a number of important saves in the second half before Sans Souci managed to score a freakish goal with just three minutes left to play. A kick from the Sans Souci midfield player hit Charlie in the face, the ball then fortunately fell in front of the Sans Souci attacker who shot at Lugarno's goals from just inside the penalty area for a Sans Souci goal. Despite conceding a fortunate goal, Lugarno held firm in defence to close the game and register a 2-1 victory.

While the scoreboard suggests it was a close game, with a bit of luck Lugarno could have won the game by a more significant margin as the team hit the goal post and cross bar on three occasions during the game and the Sans Souci goal keeper also was called upon to make some critical saves during the game.

Besides securing an important win, another pleasing aspect of this game was Lugarno managed to put on display some fine attacking football with 15 attempts on goal including 10 on target. This type of attacking football from Lugarno had been missing in recent weeks so it was good to see it re-emerge during this game.

Mia's performance in goals was inspiring, remaining very focussed throughout the game; Nadine, Anastacia, Josephine and Charlie were solid and outstanding in defence; Alanna, Tiana, Capri and Celine were full of running and constantly took up the ball into the opposition half; while Tamar, Jade and Taylah played a fine brand of attacking football and towards the end of the second half supported the team's defensive effort.



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13C v Arncliffe Aurora

Drew 2 - 2

Saturday 25th June

Goal Scorers: Josi / Billy

v Sans Souci

Won 1 - 0 (Amended to 3-0)

Sunday 26th June

Goal Scorer: Billy

v Bexley North (1)

Won 4 - 1

Sunday 26th June

Goal Scorers: Josi 3 / Nate

The Saturday before last, the wind carried a biting chill as the team arrived for their 8:50am photos; unfortunately, said photos did not get under way until almost 9:30, which left the kids about 10 minutes to warm up for their game against Arncliffe Aurora on Gannons 4. We started with the slight downhill advantage and dominated the first half in almost all aspects, going ahead after only 4 minutes when Josi cut off a kick that had gone from the Arncliffe goal keeper to their left back, slid the pass over to Andrei on his left, Andrei's shot hit the left corner post and came back out for Josi to pounce on once again and put it away. A few minutes later, Jake sent a great long ball in for Billy to run onto, but the Arncliffe keeper made a good reflex save and stuck out his left hand to deflect Billy's solid shot. Aurora almost equalised in the 14th minute when their marginally off side left wing was allowed to play on and got through one on one with Ben, but he scuffed the shot on the outside of his right foot. Soon after, Andrei ducked and wove through 3 or 4 defenders, but his shot at a very narrow angle was deflected by the keeper. The Arncliffe coach had a considerably different approach to Ocky, telling his team at the half time interval that they were "absolutely pathetic" and telling one of his team that "that's the last time you'll play the striker as long as I'm the coach here". On the resumption, the keeper had swapped out into the forwards.

Arncliffe were applying a bit more pressure in the second half, but our defence was good, with some strong carries of the ball forward. We went ahead 2-0 in the 42nd minute when Nate's high kick from mid field bounced past the defender, and Billy was able to get there and slot a good finish into the bottom left corner.

Unfortunately, 3 minutes later, the ref let another marginal offside go and, running downhill, the Arncliffe striker got through and put his shot away into the top left corner to bring the margin back to one goal. Lugarno continued to play well and came super close in the 50th minute, when Alex and Billy had some nice passes and had some good shots, but with four minutes to go, Arncliffe found some space on the left, raced downfield with our defenders chasing, and fired a shot into the top right corner that Ben could couldn't deflect away.

In the end, a very similar game to many of our previous ones, where we played well out the back, dominated in midfield most of the time, generated some good chances but just lacked that last killer blow, and suffered from some unlucky bounces, marginal calls, and very slight lapses to let our opponents back in.

Our catch up game was against Sans Souci on the following Sunday at the picturesque cricket ground Harold Fraser Oval, an adjunct of Carss Bush Park. Surrounded by a white picket fence, the ground seemed huge from our slightly more removed vantage point, but the weather was less bitter than the day before. Without an official referee, Alex's dad Nick "volunteered", and retained the job at half time despite some angst from

the Sans Souci players and (to a lesser extent) their coach. Regular goalkeeper Ben couldn't make this match, which meant that Peter went back into goals and Jake came back into central defence.

In a great sign, Lugarno started strongly once more, and in the 6th minute Josi was able to move Nate's pass on to Billy, who then beat the keeper with a shot into the bottom right of the net. It proved to be the only score of the match, Sans Souci's midfield made better use of possession than many of our other opponents and threatened at times, especially during a 5 minute period in the second half. Lugarno showed great composure and put in a strong effort across with park, with Jake making some great tackles and always dangerous with the free kicks from range, and Jaden was excellent running the ball out of right back. Peter showed good timing to meet some of the long balls coming in, and was solid without (thankfully) needing to do anything spectacular, with Sans Souci's best chance perhaps coming late in the game, when the ball stayed in front of our goal for some time from a corner being kicked around until Sans Souci sent their shot very high and wide. Lugarno had some good chances too, with Alex laying off a great pass to Billy on his right, but the goal keeper was able to parry the shot away and Josi couldn't quite get his boot to the loose ball. A great result and good reward for the performance the team put in. On review of the match sheets, the Association found that Sans Souci had fielded some ineligible players and the result was extended to 3-0 in our favour, adding slightly to our goal differential.

On Saturday July 2nd, we were at Kingsgrove Avenue for the top of the table clash with the ladder leading Bexley North (1) team, whose only loss was way back in Round 1, where we scored a last gasp goal to defeat them 3-2; since then, they had won every game except for a 2-all draw with Sans Souci last Saturday. Winter had eased, but as an early 8:30 game, we had a slight advantage with the angle of the morning sunshine at our backs. With everyone available, Jake started in the backline with Cooper moving out to left back and Alex partnering Josi up forward. The team started brilliantly, with a nice kick into the middle of the park taking a good bounce, which Josi then ran onto and past the last defender to lob the oncoming keeper in just the 3rd minute; all of the boys continued to play really well for the whole half, with some excellent passing and terrific pressure. Bexley North did show dangerous signs coming at our defence in numbers at times, but the back line were usually able to force them to shoot from distance without enough accuracy or direction; the hairiest moment was in the 8th minute, when Ben came out to try and shut down one such move, and the Bombers striker's lob over him bounced up, hit the top crossbar, and popped out. From Ben's goal kick, Lugarno mounted a great counter all the way up the field that forced the Bexley North keeper to come out and kick the ball away, and in the 11th minute, Josi took a throw in from Nate, jinked a couple of times and fired a high shot over the keeper's head from a fair way out to double our advantage. The Bombers continued to press at times, earning some corners, but our midfield controlled possession for a lot more of the time, with Billy and Nate moving and passing well down the wings, and getting dangerous crosses in. In the shadows of half time, Peter made a great run out of defence and fed the ball to Josi once again: his low shot was blocked, but Nate was able to smother the attempted clearance and in the resulting scramble Josi put the ball away for a hat-trick.

The team kept the momentum going after halftime with some substitutions, and another great tackle and run out of defence - this time from Cooper - found Andrei, who switched the ball to Billy; his nice through ball released Josi once again, but the Bexley North keeper was able to come out and parry the shot away; it fell to Nate in good position, and his controlled chip gave us a 4-nil lead in the 34th minute. Bexley North then began to wrest some control away from us in the midfield and apply more pressure, and when our backs got stretched the Bombers were through: despite throwing himself full stretch to his left, Ben couldn't stop the goal from reducing our advantage to 4-1 in the 40th minute. The remaining 20 minutes were a much more even tussle, with both teams making some great runs but with the defences applying enough pressure to prevent any really good shots on goal; the Bombers' best chance was in the 55th minute, when a pass slid across the face of our goal without either of the two Bexley North players getting there quickly enough to tap it in. The score line remained 4-1 at full time.

With all of the away teams winning this weekend, Lugarno is now just the one point behind Saturday's opponents, with the result of our appeal of the draw against the Bexley North (2) side still pending - if the draw stands, we would join the Bexley North (1) side on 31 points but remain second on goal difference.

Sans Souci have had some hiccups, and drop back to a pack of teams vying for 3rd to 6th place separated from each other by only 2 points. The race is very much on!


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