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Match Results:

	Saturday	Sunday							
AG/Div	Home Team	Н	A	Away Team	AG/Div	Home Team	Н	A	Away Team
AA/B	Connells Point	0	3	Lugarno	AAW/B	Oatley RSL	3	5	Lugarno
AA/C	Lugarno (1)	2	1	Kogarah Waratah	AAW/C	Lugarno - 18G	1	5	Forest Rangers
AA/C	Banksia Tigers	4	3	Lugarno (2)	O35/B	Lugarno	2	3	Hurstville Minotaurs
AA/D	Banksia Tigers	1	2	Lugarno	PWL/1	Lugarno	2	1	Sans Souci
AA/E	Lugarno	3	1	Sans Souci	U13Girls	Lugarno	2	1	Bexley North
AA/F	Lugarno (2)	0	3	Carss Park	U16G/A/B	Sans Souci	0	0	Lugarno
AA/F	Forest Rangers	2	2	Lugarno (1)	U16G/C	Sans Souci	0	6	Lugarno
AA/G	Forest Rangers (2)	4	2	Lugarno					
PL1/1	Lugarno	2	2	Connells Point					
PLR/R	Lugarno	1	1	Connells Point					
U12/B	Lugarno	0	6	Peakhurst United					
U13/C	Forest Rangers	0	4	Lugarno					
U14/C	Kogarah Waratah	2	2	Lugarno					
U15/A	Kogarah Waratah	3	1	Lugarno	Friday				
U17/18/Boys	Lugarno - U18	1	0	Kogarah Waratah	O45/A	Lugarno	3	3	Sans Souci

Match Reports:

6B 3 v Forest Rangers

Following a great practice session on Wednesday, the U6B3's were enthusiastic and ready to go for their second game of the season. We were unfortunately without Samuel this week, but the rest of the team were eager to take the field against Forest Rangers. The excellent effort at training transferred to the game, providing family and friends with a highly entertaining and competitive game.

We started the game strongly, enjoying a much greater share of possession than last week. Kyla gave us some amazing kicks and her super speed helped us move out of our own half on a number of occasions. Grace also helped move the ball forward, with her HUGE goal kicks surely making her one of the biggest kickers in all of the U6's.



As the game went on, Rangers just managed to score their first goal midway through the first half. I was really happy that we didn't drop our heads following the goal, and Zachary B stood out with his powerful kicks through the midfield and solid defence. We managed to go into halftime down only 1-0, thanks to the addition of Jarvis as a super defender... He was rock-solid at the back and single-handedly managed to stop about 3 Rangers opportunities.

The second half can give all of us confidence for the season ahead, as we spent our fair share of time in the oppositions end, narrowly missing a goal as the ball rolled across the goal face. Hunter was energetic throughout, making some awesome runs down the side line and created some attacking chances for the team. Zachary L made what could be described as the play of the game, making a fast and super long run down the entire left touch line, narrowly missing a goal.

Rangers managed a second goal as the final whistle sounded, but overall it was a huge improvement on last week. Well done to the whole team!





7B 3 v Forest Rangers

Goal Scorer: Miles Laney **POTM:** Olivar Ametson

We were 2 down 2 players this week, however our kids had a fantastic game. Miles had another great game, with so many great runs at goals. Oli and Pip were on fire, both with some great kicks. Emma tried her hardest, as she does every week, as well as Charlie.

Forest Rangers were a tough team, and we gave our very best. Congratulations to such a tough opponent!

The kids are really getting into the new season, they are having a ball playing and it's great to see them enjoying it.







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9B 2 v Forest Rangers

Goal Scorers: Michael 3 / Vas / Ryah / Olivia

POTM: Vas

What a great game we had today! The kids were ready and raring to go when the whistle blew.

At training, Coach Nick has really been trying to reinforce how important passing the ball is, and this is really sinking in! The whole team had a great game today because they are looking for opportunities to pass the ball to each other, and as a result, we are playing really well as a team.

It is really lovely to see the kids support each other and congratulate each other on a job well done.

Emilyn, Diana and Samuel were great in defence, Jamie, Vas and Vinnie did a great job in the mid field, and Michael, Olivia, Linden and Ryah were great up front. Noah had a great time in goals and then made some great running breaks on the field in the second half.

Special mention must be made to Vas, who scored a long awaited goal today. I have never seen a kid so happy! When it went in the whole team hugged him and congratulated him. Well done Vas! You deserved your player if the match award today.

Congratulations 9B2 on a great game! Final score win 6-1.

10I v Sans Souci

Goal Scorers: Anthony Pejovski 3 / Mitchell Woods 2

POTM: Anthony Pejovski

Back to Gannons this week for our second game of the season in near perfect conditions. Another very entertaining game for all the spectators that turned up, with the Sans Souci coach barking instructions to his team 'pick up an orange' which pumped Lugarno to move into attack mode.

Our player of the match – Anthony dazzled the opposition in attack scoring three of our five goals. Mitchell scored two goals through effective attack and smart passing from Lucy, Alex, Owen and Daniel.

Coach Harry moved the team around the pitch shifting from attack to defence, with all the team rising to the challenge - Finlay, Hunter,

Nicholas, Emmanuel, Tom and Michael held their own with Sans Souci only scoring a handful of times after holding the majority of procession

A special mention goes to Ref Whitten who kept the game flowing... thanks Whit.

Back to Gannons again this week for our game against Ramsgate



11B 2 v Arncliffe Aurora

Week two and we were the ground-opening game as we got the 8.30 kick off down at our home park Gannons. Last year our early games always seemed a little tricky as we were slow at the start but I was hoping with a solid warm up and a year older we may have improved in that area - time would tell!!

Our opposition was Arncliffe Aurora and as always it would be an interesting contest between football and self preservation. As in the previous week, we are really trying to focus on positional play, passing and possession, our boys are generally very good at each aspect but the trick is to focus on all 3 for the full game.



Without spending too much time on the first half we were out muscled, our start was slow and we were forced off the ball too easy. I will say that we held our positions well but were just a little slow to the contest, which gave our opponents the advantage. Our opponents rarely showed good build up but rather toeing the ball forward to slow returning forwards that took advantage to turn and toe poke the ball which are difficult to stop on line. Luke the goalkeeper for the day did a great job, as the ball was toe blasted at him several times throughout the first half.



It was great to see the defense effort rewarded with some forward moment and determination for the team to see our first goal by Daniel to close the half out.

It was a good half time chat as I reminded the boys about wining possession and earning the ball - it is really important to put pressure on the opponents' ball carrier and try and win the ball as early as possible and not give any free ground. The positions were shuffled slightly and we tweaked our 3 4 1 formation as I wanted to stiffen the middle of the park into the second half.

Second half started with a bang and our boys went up another 2 gears as we fought for the ball in all 3 areas of the field and more pleasing were the options that started to appear for our ball carriers as we began to win the ball and control possession. It looked really good and at times frustrated our opponents as they lacked structure and it allowed our boys to play proper football.

Our second goal came from great build up and finish from Cody as he is starting to show the ability to pop up

in the right areas and finish from a distance with a solid crack and well worth the goal that came from it.

Equally pleasing was our 3rd goal and well worth the effort as Ross ran all day and never left any contest unattended, on this occasion Ross was shadowed by 2 defenders to which he turned and held up enough to hit one to the bottom left corner of the goal, again great build up.

Our 4th and 5th goal again were contributed to solid build up and ball movement and great finishes from Cody who finished on 3 for the day.



That closed the second half off and we finished on top and won that half, very pleasing considering the first half was a little slow.

I really look forward to continuing to work on the boys' skills and team structure as to date it seems to be working as we have 14 goals in two games. Our outside halves are seeing plenty of the ball and covering a lot of ground which is pulling our opponents from corner to corner and is also giving us time to get numbers in the middle to finish off the chances.

Once again our boys improved through the game and did not get distracted by anything other the game - well done boys and once again have done us proud.



13C v Forest Rangers Won 4 - 0

Goal Scorers: Alex 2 / Logan / Andrei

Another beautiful morning saw Lugarno take on Forest Rangers in the most local of derbies; with our striker Josiah out with illness and regular goalkeeper Ben away, Peter stepped up as #1 as we went in with just the one sub on the bench.

The first half was a pretty even affair, with both defensive lines cleaning up and the goal keepers not having to do too much, until a great corner from Jake on the 14th minute wasn't cleared from in front of goal and bounced around a bit before Alex poked it past the Rangers keeper to open the scoring. Our backs Jake, Jaden, Bailey and Cooper continued to chase hard and defuse the through balls and long balls, and we went to the break 1-0 up.

On the resumption, the defence continued with their great work, with Billy, Jordan and Spyridon in the mids putting good additional pressure on the ball carriers. We hit a purple patch on the 35th minute, when Logan timed his run to perfection to get on the end of a counter and slot the ball past the keeper. 6 minutes later, Nathaniel made a great run down the left and his cross gave Alex plenty of time to fire home his second goal of the game. On 47 minutes, Andrei put together a terrific individual effort on a very narrow angle to net our fourth goal past the keeper.

Forest Rangers did put together some attacking runs, with Peter making a good reflex save and coming off his line to cut off a dangerous through ball. We were perhaps fortunate not to concede a goal when, after making a save, the ball dribbled towards the far right corner to be just cleared off the line. Also we put together some more passes down the left which we couldn't quite finish off in the same style, and 4-0 was the final score line.

Overall, another strong performance, with our main difficulty being getting back in defence to help the backs; the warm conditions, and full sized field were all probably factors in this. We look forward having our full squad next week as we are against Sans Souci, who are also on two wins from two games.

13 Girls v Bexley North (1) Won 2 - 1

Goal Scorers: Taylah Samardzioski / Jade Reno

POTM: Madelen Gianissis

Round 2 action saw the team face last year's Premiers Bexley North - the team that remained undefeated during 2015 and won their first round game 11-0. Lugarno was almost at full strength for this crucial game with only Mia unavailable.

Positive talk before the game ensured that the girls remained focussed and, despite the imposing game statistics of the opposition, the team were reminded that every game is different and past results are of little relevance or significance to the task at hand.

For this game a 1-3-4-2 formation was chosen with Madelen starting in goals supported in defence by Alana P, Nadine, Anastacia and Celine. Stephanie, Tiana, Monique and Tamar comprised the midfield players while Alanna and Taylah paired up in attack. The interchange players were Jade, Capri and Charlie.

The opening passage of play saw both teams go on the attack with attacks launched at either end of the field. Slowly Lugarno started gaining the upper hand and started dominating field position deep inside their opponent's half. With Lugarno dominating field position and overall ball possession, Bexley North started resorting to counter attacking football on the left flank which at times stretched the Lugarno defence. One such attack resulted in a cross which caused confusion in the Lugarno penalty area and, as the play evolved, Lugarno conceded an own goal.

Despite going down 1-0 Lugarno kept up their focus and continued to play attacking football, quickly reestablishing themselves in the opposition's half. A number of goal scoring opportunities were created by Lugarno during this phase of domination but some hesitant kicking and some good goal keeping by the Bexley North keeper, meant the teams went to the half time break with Lugarno down 1-0.

At the half time break the team discussion focussed on better execution in-front of goals and maintaining the pressure on the opposition. Closure of spaces in the middle of the field to limit counter attacks by the opposition was also emphasised.

The game dynamics did not alter significantly in the first half of the second half, with Lugarno establishing clear superiority in terms of field position and ball possession. The goal attempts were being made and the team went agonisingly closed on a number of occasions but frustratingly some poor finishing and decision making by Lugarno in the final third was undermining their efforts and keeping the opposition ahead and more importantly in the game.

As the half progressed, Bexley North continued relying on counter attacking football and on a number of occasions they managed to progress to the Lugarno penalty area. Determined defending by Alana P, Nadine, Charlie, Anastacia, Celine and a number of brilliant saves by Madelen ensured Bexley North did not add to their half-time score. In the middle of the park Capri was full of running before an injury brought a premature end to her time on the field. Stephanie, Tiana, Monique and Tamar all put in solid running performances to constantly take the play to the opposition, while up front at different phases Jade, Taylah and Alanna were at the back end of a number of attacks helping maintain pressure on the opposition defence.

With 15 minutes left in the game and Lugarno once again on the attack, Tamar received the ball just outside the Bexley North penalty area before releasing a ball through to Taylah who ran into the penalty area to create a one on one situation with the Bexley North goal keeper and the deserved equaliser for Lugarno was scored. As both teams chased the game rather than settling for a draw, the last 15 minutes was end to end football with Madelen and the Lugarno defence doing exceptionally well to neutralise Bexley North's counter attacking football, while Lugarno created more goal scoring chances but poor finishing was undermining their efforts in front of goals.

As the clock wound down to just six minutes remaining, Jade was at the receiving end of a cross which she succeeded in kicking past the advancing Bexley North goal keeper for Lugarno's second goal. The dying minutes saw Lugarno focus on defence and they successfully managed to prevent the opposition from threatening the Lugarno goals. When the final whistle was blown by the referee a tense game was finally brought to an end.

This was certainty not monkey business as the game turned out to be a very competitive and tense affair. The opposition threw everything in the dying minutes at Lugarno but the team held firm displaying great resolve and team spirit and deservedly left the field as winners against last season's premiers.

Player of the match went to Madelen for her great efforts in goals producing a number of important saves during critical phases of the game and for staying focussed even when Lugarno was dominating field position and was engaged in attacking football.



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15A v Kogarah Waratahs Lost 1 - 3

Goal Scorer: James Arfanis **POTM:** James Arfanis

With the team not yet at full strength, more positional changes were deployed for the second game of the season against Kogarah Waratah who had finished runners up last season.

Will started in goals supported in defence by Harris, Raffi, David and Harrison. Mitchell, Stephen, Peter and James comprised the midfield while the two attackers were Omar and Jonah. The interchange players for the game were Nick, Issac, Alex and Mark.

In a quick start to the game the opposition, from kick-off, penetrated deep into Lugarno's half and the opening goal came on the back of sustained pressure in the third minute when a through ball found the Kogarah Waratah number 10 who later turned out to be their key striking weapon in a gap for the opening goal.

To their credit Lugarno quickly composed themselves and started getting back into the game by launching attacks on the flanks. The attacking orientation resulted in Alex making a run on the left before passing the ball to James who arrived in support, James cut inside the Kogarah Waratah defence and shot in the right hand corner for Lugarno's equaliser in the 19th minute.

The rest of the half saw end to end play with both teams going close to scoring but some brilliant defending from both sides kept the score at 1-1 at the half-time break.

Lugarno's defence was really tested in the first half with the Kogarah Waratah number 10 showing great pace and skill to constantly trouble the Lugarno defence. It was due to some heroic defending by Will, David, Harris, Raffi and Harrison that kept Lugarno in the game.

A defensive error gifted Kogarah Waratah their second goal five minutes into the game when the Lugarno defence failed to properly defend from a free-kick. The next 20 minutes of the game was pretty even with Lugarno slightly shading their opposition in terms of goal attempts.

Mitchell, James, Stephen, Peter, Issac and Mark were all involved during the phase in midfield play and upfront Omar, Alex, and Nick were creating scoring chances and placing Kogarah Waratah's defence under constant pressure. As Lugarno pushed forward for the equaliser Kogarah Waratah benefited from the open

spaces in the middle of the park and a brilliant counter attack launched by their number 10 a movement that covered 40 meters resulted in the third goal for Kogarah with just four minutes left to play.

Losing 3-1 to last year's runners-up is nothing to be shameful about especially as the score was only 2-1 with four minutes left to play. The Lugarno team played competitive football for the entire duration of the game and with certain players having to play out of their normal position overall it was a good team performance.

Whilst two crucial lapses in defence proved costly with both resulting in early goals to the opposition, other than those defensive lapses the team defended with great determination and focus. A number of chances were created especially in the middle part of the second half when Lugarno was attacking and chasing the game but a combination of poor finishing and execution in-front of goals undermined the team's effort to get back on level terms on the score-board.

The team will not be at full strength until round four but it is pleasing that they have been ultracompetitive in games so far and the players have shown the right attitude prior, during and after games. At this level attitude is a critical factor and the team is definitely displaying the right attitude at the moment.

Game stats

	Lugarno FC	Kogarah Waratah
Total Shots	12	13
Shots on target	8	7
Goals	1	3
Corners	2	3
Possession	47 per cent	53 per cent

15 Girls v Sans Souci Won 6 - 0

Goal Scorers: Olivia 2 / Jasmine 2 / Emily / Sarah

Another game we dominated from start to finish.

We had just bare 11 players with 4 players away due to holidays.

It took us a while to hit the target as we should have been up 8 nil in the first 25mins but missed plenty of attempts that should have been converted.

But when it finally hit the target the flood gates opened.

We played smart football and improved on last week.

We had 3 of the U13 girls arrive at half time to help out which was great to give the girls at bit of a rest.



AAW B v Carlton Rovers Drew 4 - 4 Sunday 3rd April

Goal Scorers: Selena Green 2 / Cara Heath / Shontelle Swinfield

POTM: Jessie Ferguson

First game of the season and first time playing Carlton Rovers, Rovers were the better team in the first half but the girls worked hard to even the score at 2-2 at half time.

We came out the second half a different team but with the heat and only one sub, the girls were struggling. We were matched goal for goal in the 2nd half, with 5 min left to go we were down 3-4. We finally got our last goal from a corner with a long ball from the edge of the goalie box.

Nice finish girls, let's hope we have a few more players next week.

AAW B v Oatley RSL Won 5 - 3

Goal Scorers: Selena Green 2 / Iva Nikolaeva 2 / Mariam Kourouche

POTM: Mariam Kaurouche (3 points); Jessie Ferguson (2 points); Tiana DeSilva (1 point)

Another hot Sunday but we had a full bench this week with 5 subs - made it a bit easier this week for everyone to have a chance to rest.

Oatley RSL, an experienced team, dominated in our half for the first half with the scored line 2-3 down, we still had another 45 min to even out the score.

After a good half time pep talk the girls came out more attacking and great defending. 22min into the 2nd half the goal of the season was scored by Mariam from the half way line, she kicked the ball it went high, long and landed behind the goalie in the back of the net. Iva and Selena added 1 more goal each giving us a come from behind win.

Great game girls, keep it up.

PWL v Scots FC Lost 2 - 7 Sunday 3rd April

Goal Scorers: Karlie Jersek / Rebecca Radcliffe

POTM: Lauren Cassar (3 points); Alicia Lovell (2 points); Melissa Difilippo (1 point)

First game of the season and the girls are up against the old Kogarah Waratah finalist team now known as Scots FC.

First game together as the new PWL team, the girls really played well together although the score didn't reflect this.

The first half score 0-5, but this didn't stop the girls. They came into the second half stronger with a 2nd half score of only 2-2. The girls showed they have a never give up attitude. Great goals under pressure from Karlie (hopefully more to come from you Karlie) and Rebecca.

Thanks to our goalies for today - Jasmine and Annika, great jobs girls.

<u>PWL</u> v Sans Souci Won 2 - 1

Goals Scorer: Rebecca Radcliffe

POTM: Rebecca Radcliffe (3 points); Sarah Watt (2 points); Laura Dalby (1 point)

With a few less players this week, only 3 subs on the bench. The girls had a great game with a come from behind win today.

First half both teams we very even with end to end play, but Souci just get one up on us in the first half with a 0-1 score line. With the same ambition like last week, the girls were the stronger team in the second half with some great breaks from Rebecca scoring 2 goals.

Thanks to our goalies for today - Sarah Watt and Jasmine - great jobs girls.

AAC (1) v Kogarah Waratah Won 2 - 1

Goal Scorers: Ton / Juzzy

Lugarno FC made it two in a row with a gripping victory over a strong Kogarah Waratahs side at Gannons 4 on Saturday. Luggers got off to the perfect start only a few minutes in when young gun George Mouyiaris laid off a pass into the box for speedster Ton Assiouras who pounced onto the ball, curling his shot around the keeper to put Lugarno 1-0 ahead.

The goal gave some momentum to the home side for the next 20 minutes before manager Sir Rob Rice called for the first substitution of the match, young George for Old George. Some good passages of play were made by both sides for the remainder of the half, however both teams lacked that final execution and the game slowed right down due to some wayward long balls. Despite that, Lugarno's defense and work-rate stayed intact with defenders Nathan Dean, Aaron, Bozic and club legend Ray all putting in the hard yards which helped take Luggers to the break a goal ahead.

A revved up halftime team talk by Ricey urged the team to play less long balls and pass the ball to feet, in particular to goal scoring machine Justin Dean. This proved to have made a significant difference in the second half when Lugarno dominated the run of play orchestrated by Atu and Nem who were instrumental in the midfield and with a cool as ice Redmond in goals, Lugarno look set for a comfortable victory.

In the 60th minute some nippy footwork by Hugh began a play which landed Justin Dean a golden opportunity only to come within inches of the goal. Justin made amends moments later however, when Atu opened up the Waratahs defense finding me open in the box only to be denied by the keeper, but Justin was there to pounce on the loose ball, putting Lugarno up 2-0. The momentum continued for the home side who were left ruing a golden opportunity when young George played a glorious ball leaving me wide open with only the keeper to beat, and the chance was squandered.

With not much happening for the Waratahs, it was left to the referee to bring them back in the match with a controversial penalty call which cut the lead back to 2-1, leaving a passionate Nick Assiouras and Thorpedo more furious than anyone. The goal seemed to have breathed life into the visitors who tried everything to get the equaliser, including a last minute effort which was denied by Redmond at full stretch. With Andrew Mouyiaris and veteran Nathan Phillips not 100 percent, it required a maximum effort by Lugarno who held on to win 2-1. A proud manager praised his side for their gutsy effort after the match.

3: Atu 2: Ton 1: George M

Author: George A

