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AROUND THE GROUNDS

A message from our President, John Taylor:

Hi everyone,

Here we are in August already and as the sun starts to warm the cockles of our hearts, our competition teams are looking forward to semi-final football.

Lugarno has 16 teams vying for a place in their respective grand finals, please wish the following teams the best over the next few weeks:

12Girls, 13A, 13C, 14Girls, 14B, 16Girls A, 16Girls B, 16A, 17B, AAC(1), AAE(1), AAG(1), AAG(2), AAWB, AAWD & the O35 C.

This is an outstanding achievement and the club would like to congratulate each team for their performance over the season.

A special mention to the following teams who are undefeated: the 16Girls A and the 16Girls B, both these teams have had an incredible season.

The draws for all semis are on the web site under 2015 Winter Finals and our teams would love some support from our club members. If you have time over the weekend, check the time and locations and get down to one of the games and cheer for our teams. They will be very grateful for your support.

Best of luck to all teams over the coming weeks.

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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	Hurstville Glory	0	6	Lugarno	AAW/B	Kogarah Waratah (2)	1	5	Lugarno
AA/C2	Forest Rangers	2	6	Lugarno	AAW/D	Oatley RSL	2	3	Lugarno
AA/D	Lugarno	1	4	Penshurst West	O35/C	Lugarno	3	0	Rockdale City Suns
AA/E	Connells Point	0	1	Lugarno (1)	PW/AA W/A	Lugarno	3	4	Forest Rangers
AA/E	Lugarno (2)	1	4	Kogarah Waratah	U12Girls	Banksia Tigers	0	2	Lugarno
AA/G	Lugarno (2)	4	0	Connells Point (1)	U14Girls	Forest Rangers	0	7	Lugarno
AA/G	Lugarno (1)	6	0	Forest Rangers	U16G/A	Arncliffe Aurora	0	1	Lugarno
PL1/1	Scots FC	2	2	Lugarno	U16G/B	Lugarno	3	2	Ramsgate RSL
PLR/R	Scots FC	1	3	Lugarno					
U13/C	Kogarah Waratah	3	2	Lugarno	Wednesday				
U14/B	Sans Souci	0	2	Lugarno	PW/AA W/A	Lugarno	2	4	Connells Point (2) 18G
U15/B	Lugarno	1	5	Sans Souci					
U16/A	Lugarno	0	2	Connells Point	Friday				
U17/B	Sans Souci (1)	1	2	Lugarno	O45/A	Hurstville Minotaurs	6	0	Lugarno

This Saturday's Semi Finals draw:

Time	AG/Div	Home Team	Away Team	Ground
09:25	U14/B	Lugarno	Bexley North (2)	Bush Pk/Carss Pk No 2
09:30	U13/C	Kogarah Waratah	Lugarno	Scarborough Pk North
12:30	AA/G	Lugarno (2)	Penshurst West	Peakhurst No 5
12:30	AA/G	Kogarah Waratah (2)	Lugarno (1)	Gannons No 1
12:30	U17/B	Forest Rangers (1)	Lugarno	Scarborough Pk North
14:30	AA/C1	Lugarno	Banksia Tigers	Peakhurst No 5
14:30	AA/E	Lugarno (1)	Kogarah Waratah	Gannons No 1

Match Reports:

6 Bee 3 v Rockdale Suns

Goal scorers: Michael Nicholson / Miles Laney

POTM: Olivar Ametson

Well wasn't this a hard game this week! Our opponents were a hard team. Within the first few minutes they scored, however we had some great saves by Miles defending our goals.

Miles scored a great goal, as did Mikey. Mikey had some really close scores this week.

It was great to see Emma running up the field after the ball this week - well done Emma!

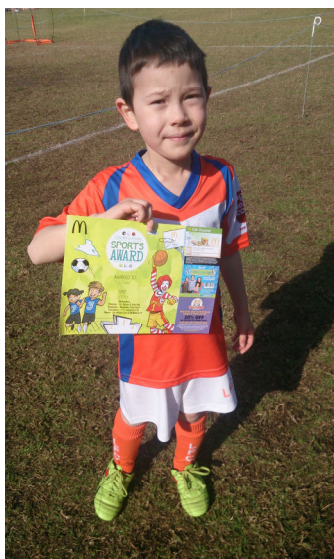
All our team had a great game, congratulations to Oli being Player of the Match. Oli is so enthusiastic every week and hates leaving the field when it's time for a rest, and is always super keen to get back on the field as quickly as possible.

Final score Lugarno 2 – Rockdale Suns 3.

2 weeks to go everyone! I think we're all going to miss our games and training every week.



6 Bee 6



Player Profile: 60 seconds with Liam

Number: 9

Age: 5

Favourite colour: Yellow

Favourite team: Canterbury Bulldogs

Favourite game at training: Coach Says

What part of football do you need to practice: Tackling

What do you like most about playing football: Having fun!

If I'm not playing football, I like to: Play rugby league

When I grow up, I want to be: A football player

What is something that mum/dad tells you to do: Have fun

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7 Bee 2 v Sans Souci

Goal scorer: Josh

POTM: Liani & Josh

I am not sure how many Sans Souci teams there are however we met Sans Souci number 9 at Gannons on Saturday for what was a great game.

The match was competitive and both halves were full of good play, it is fantastic to see the level of teamwork increasing. Several instances of sportsmanship shown from both teams was a highlight to be proud of. The efforts of two players are noted, with Liani in the backs defending a number of one on one attacks from the opposition and also from Josh who was great upfront and scored the two goals. However the best part of the goals was that both came from solid teamwork, the first being a 3 pass combination which went from Sam to Chris to Josh, and the second also resulting from Olivia defending followed by team passing prior to Josh finishing the job. Lucas was solid in the mid field and made a number of great tackles. Olivia was also great at defending and also with mid field play and passing. Chris made some great tackles and attacks and was unlucky not to score several times. Great game team.

Thanks Bill for refereeing and keeping the coaches under control. Thanks Sash for another great game, enjoy your break, think of us all on Tuesday night. See you all Tuesday.



8 Bee 2 v ASOW

POTM: All

The game was played at Gannons Park Mini field No.1 at 10.20 am. It was cool, with a steady cold southerly reminding us that it was definitely snowing somewhere.

It was a comprehensive win by Lugarno against the Oatley West team with the score being 12 nil - our highest score this season. Our goal scorers were; Max with 4, Cooper with 3, Jack with 3 and Patrick with 2. Alek had several opportunities and was unlucky not to have scored at least 3. What was most pleasing was that players were passing to people in the open who then scored - a great team effort - well done everyone.

Credit must go the Oatley West goalkeepers who made many, many, saves. Also, the Oatley team, although behind on the scoreboard, did not give up and stop trying. They kept playing as best they could till the final whistle blew.

Our coach was very pleased with the players who, when blocked by an opposing player, passed the ball to one of our players who then could score a goal. Passing the ball to one of our players in the open is the way to win matches and wear out the other team which is chasing the ball.

It was especially pleasing to see Samuel and Lachy improve. They kicked the ball and then followed up to kick again - they are starting to think, "this is my ball and no one else is going to get it until I choose to pass it to one of my players or I score a goal." Clarke tried hard and found himself in the thick of things on several occasions.

As can be seen by the score, our goalkeepers had a quiet day with Oatley mounting very few attacks. Our goal keepers will not always have a quiet day and may, one day, have to save a goal to win the match!

It was very pleasing to see all the players shake hands after the match. Two more games to go and the season is over. We may have to consider promoting some players next year to the higher level where they can be more challenged and develop to be better skilled players. We are currently playing at the "Bee" level and may apply next year to the higher "Fox" level. Food for thought, I would welcome your views.



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9 Bee v Penshurst West

Goal Scorers: Willis / Perry

POTM: Everyone

Another great game, with two evenly matched teams fighting it out to the end, and everyone putting in a great effort.

The team welcomed back Sebastian from his extended holiday, and he jumped straight back in with a full game in defense. He had a lot of work to do, along with Bailey, Callum and Cameron, as Penshurst West made attack after attack with some great passing on their part. The defense and goalkeeping was great and the boys stayed their ground well. Our attack was decent as well, Anthony, Willis, Peri and Emily fought hard to get possession in the midfield and take it up forward. There were some great passes from wing to centre and some great corner kicks from Peri (lucky he practiced them just before the game). Peri and Willis were both rewarded for their persistent effort and scored 1 goal each, and again Emily was unlucky to come away empty handed. We had 1 shot which must have rolled about a meter along the goal line, but apparently didn't quite get over and into the net, so we finished with 2 on the scoreboard.

The score was tied at 2 all in the second half, when luck didn't go our way. Penshurst West made a few close shots count, while our attacking shots either went just wide of the net or weren't quite hard enough to beat the goal keeper. It was still a cracker of a game, and again it was hard to pick out one POTM, so it's a team award again this week. Well done team!

9 Fox 1 v Sans Souci

POTM: Nicholas Puckeridge

The Foxes ventured to Claydon this week for their match against Sans Souci, and the entertainment on and off the pitch was smashing.

With only Tom missing from the team, the Foxes were near full strength. Both Daniel and Lucy up front peppered the attack and were unlucky not to score. The game moved from end to end with the Foxes moving from attack to defence with fine middle work from Hunter and Owen. Fin and Emmanuel rotated the goal keeping each half and were kept busy from the attack from Sans Souci.

Michael moved around the pitch well, placing himself in good field position to strike when opportunities arose. Two of our strike weapons Anthony and Mitchell worked hard looking for opportunities to put us on the board and were close, but no cigar. Our Man of the Match Nicholas read the game well defending up back and injected himself at the right time to slow down the attack from Sans Souci.

The entertainment wasn't restricted to our game, with nearby teams muscling up to each other and, when the police arrived, their game was cut short.

A HUGE thanks to parents for turning up (and the police) to support the team and Coach Harry for his motivation game plan





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10 Bee 2 v Bexley North

This week was another early start down at our beloved home ground Gannons Midi - it has been a real advantage to play at home as it tends to bring out the best in our players.

Today's game was against Bexley North and we were the first game of the day. I will start our match report today with the result of 3 – 1 loss and work back from there.

Our game finished really strong as we pressed looking for equalisers and, to be honest, more than likely cost us at least one of the goals.

Our goal came from a solid break away and nice pass through to Alexander that was neatly placed into the net and, although it was the only one of the day, it was celebrated like it was the winner!

Our defence worked tirelessly today and absorbed at least 6 corners which were all handled well as our back 3 were very solid, and on many occasions helped clear our line. On more than two occasions Luke was isolated as a solo defender and on each occasion dismantled the attacking raid with precision and has shown how his confidence has grown throughout the year.



Also Jonathon showed great leadership in the middle of the park as he called plays and also directed traffic well.

All in all a good effort from the boys but we need to continue to work on our passing as we close the year out.

Minus 10 for our opponents coach's comments from the side line coaches box but plus 100 for our boys and sideline for their ability to ignore the comments and just play/watch the game – well done.



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12 Girls v Banksia Tigers Won 2 - 0

Goal Scorer: Charlie Argent / Tamar Tchamkertenian

POTM: Nadine Younes

A fantastic morning greeted the girls as they met Banksia Tigers at Gardiner Park in a must win game for Lugarno.

Recent weeks has seen the team fail to convert game dominance into competition points having even outplayed the undefeated competition leaders. Hesitant finishing has been letting opposition teams off the hook but today the girls were determined to secure the maximum competition points.

Lugarno started with a 3-4-3 formation that saw Kiera in goals behind a defensive structure comprising of Alana P, Nadine and Madelen. Tamar, Luci, Capri and Taylah held the midfield position while Charlie, Alanna C and Alanna Cogle formed the attack.

The interchange players for the game comprised of Jade, Simone, Angela and Zena.

Given clear instructions to play an attacking football, Lugarno adopted an offensive orientation from kick-off playing the game in the opponent's half. A clever through ball by Alanna C found Charlie in open space. Using her pace, Charlie got to the ball first and, with precision, placed it past the advancing Banksia Tigers goal keeper to open the scoring for Lugarno after just four minutes of play.

The goal lifted the team as they launched wave after wave of attacks. During this period of complete dominance, Lugarno created a number of scoring chances with Taylah, Tamar and Alanna C all going close to scoring.

Lugarno's dominance was justly rewarded in the 21st minute when a defensive clearance found Tamar outside the penalty area. Tamar took on the Banksia Tigers defence dribbling past two defenders then finished the move with a well-placed kick in the bottom of the left hand corner. At 2-0 up the team looked confident and in total control of the game.

The limited counter attacks of Banksia Tigers were dealt with effectively by Lugarno's defence with Nadine, Alana P and Madelen featuring in the play and helping turn defence into attack.

The midfield players were winning the majority of the contest with Luci, Tamar, Capri and Taylah providing the support play and go forward for the Lugarno attack. Up front Alanna C and Alanna Cogle chased the ball and were at the receiving end of some penetrating passes.

Player rotations saw Simone and Angela play in defense while Zena and Jade paired up in attack.

The second half action saw Lugarno again dominate both possession and field position with Kiera having a relatively quiet time in goals. A number of chances were created during the second half with Alanna C, Charlie, Tamar, Taylah and Alanna Cogle all going close to scoring.

Some brilliant goal keeping kept the score line respectful and the Banksia Tigers goal keeper managed to keep a clean sheet during the second half.

On the final whistle Lugarno almost added a third goal but Alana Cogle's attempt was brilliantly saved by the Banksia Tigers goal keeper.

The girls put in a dominant performance and managed to convert the overall dominance into goals. Another plus was the clean sheet for the game, which in itself is a reflection of great team focus until the final whistle.

Despite a number of player rotations in during the game, the team managed to maintain its structure to such a great extent that Kiera's goal keeper gloves did not require cleaning after the game.

The win helps secure fourth place for Lugarno. This has been an outstanding achievement for the team to make the finals on the back of last year's grand final appearance and runners-up finish. With so many new players joining the team this season the team has bonded exceptionally well and now plays and functions as a competitive unit.

13C v Kogarah Waratahs Lost 2 - 3

Goals Scorer: Jayden Montoya 2

The last round game was played away from home at Scarborough Park against a very determined Kogarah Waratah. On the ladder it was third versus fourth; a win for Lugarno meant we held third place and a loss meant we'd dropped to fourth. Win or lose it would make for an entertaining game as previous clashes have always been tough encounters.

Full of confidence, Lugarno were quick to score, within two minutes we see a play form out of the centres to place us in front of the goals. Michael has a nice shot on goal, but was deflected by the goalie, however our trusty striker Jayden was quick to swoop in and clean up. Lugarno 1-0.

The game builds with pressure mounting from both ends, unfortunately for Lugarno, Kogarah found a gap at the 15th minute and capitalised on the opportunity to even up the score. Whilst Lugarno continued to hold possession well and found a few occasions to score, it was again Kogarah who extended their lead to 2-1 near half time.

Second half begins with Lugarno keeping the pressure on and our centres and attacking line are doing a great job keeping Kogarah guessing on the next play. On the occasions that Kogarah got into our half our defensive line was quick to react and squash down any real threats. The game pushed on and Lugarno were desperately trying to find that equalising goal, we found ourselves in the Kogarah half on numerous occasions but were unsuccessful to convert our chances. At the 54th minute, Kogarah seized an opportunity to score and extended their lead to 3-1. Our second half goalie Alexander put in a great effort diving high and wide but Kogarah's ball placement was near impossible to stop.

With only one minute to go, Lugarno's last attempt at goal was deflected by a hand ball just outside the 18 yard box and the ref awarded Lugarno a free kick. Kogarah built up their wall while Jayden, our striker, lined up for the free kick. All I can say is what a cracker of a shot - Jayden cleanly strikes the ball over the heads of the wall straight into the top right hand side of the net, leaving the opposition goalie with no chance. The game ends with a win to Kogarah 3-2.

A very entertaining game, well done to our defensive line and goalie for limiting the advances of Kogarah, they did a tremendous job and the frustration could be seen from Kogarah's attacking line. We need to carry over that energetic and solid play as we enter into the next stage of our games.

So with the end of the round games, we find ourselves in fourth position and qualify for the finals campaign. From here on every game needs to be a win, today's game will be repeated with Kogarah in the coming weeks. I'm confident we'll win - looking over the stats, Lugarno had more quality chances to score, the team played enthusiastically and the coach's minor changes to positions and formation highlighted the depth within the team.

Good luck boys and expect plenty of crowd support for the next game.



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14B v Sans Souci

Won 2 - 0

Goals Scorer: Kane Spiteri / Peter Katsoulas

POTM: Harris Kostanti

The last game of the normal competition season saw first placed Lugarno play last placed Sans Souci. Having wrapped up the minor premiership a week earlier, Lugarno made a number of changes to the starting line-up. Opting for a 4-4-2 formation, Will commenced in goals, Harris, Issac, Jonah and Mark formed the defensive formation. The midfield comprised of Peter, Mitchell T, Stephen and Peter K while Alex and Kane formed the attack. The interchange players for this game comprised of Raffi, Mitchell and Harry. Two players were unavailable for this game Evander and Omar.

As expected, Lugarno dominated proceedings from kick-off establishing good field position in the opposition half. Early goal scoring opportunities fell to Mitchell T, Kane and Peter K but the score line did not change until the 12th minute when sustained Lugarno pressure allowed Kane to receive a well-timed pass from Jonah cut inside his marker and place the ball above the Sans Souci goal keeper and into the top left hand corner.

Displaying total control of the game Lugarno started passing the ball around the pitch from side to side including a number of back passes to the goal keeper enabling the attacks to be re-launched from the back. With Lugarno in attacking mode Mitchell, Stephen and Kane also went close to scoring on a number of occasions but a combination of good fortune falling Sans Souci's way and some hesitant finishing kept the score at 1-0.

Lugarno's defensive composition was rarely threatened in the first half by Sans Souci. Jonah and Issac at the centre of the defence played a compact game while Harris and Mark did not allow the Sans Souci attackers space to cut inside pushing them instead towards the sidelines. Will played like a sweeper pushing his defenders forward to maintain the compact defensive structure.

Second half action did not vary significantly from the first half as Lugarno maintained their dominance over their opposition. Chances were being created at rapid pace such as the ball hitting the post and an open goal opportunity being missed as well as some other tantalisingly close goal scoring opportunities. A sweeping move involving Mark and Harry released Mitchell T on the right flank who delivered a perfect cross for Peter K to place the ball into the nets for Lugarno's second goal some 12 minutes into the second half.

While 2-0 was definitely a better reflection of the game it still did not reflect the extent of Lugarno's dominance of the game. Despite regular player rotations Lugarno's dominance did not wane. Raffi was solid in defence, Mitchell and Harry were active in midfield, Alex and Stephen constantly pressured the Sans Souci defence. Goal scoring opportunities also continued to be created but the final piece did not fall into place for the score line to be extended.

Overall the game provided a good run for Lugarno leading up to the finals campaign as Sans Souci played a very physical game as they grew frustrated. Another clean sheet and some exceptional ball movement were some of the other positive features of the game. Areas that require some refinement include better decision making in the final third and better use of support play.

Well done team for finishing strongly with five successive wins and four points ahead of our nearest rival. Let us now end the season the way we commenced it - in style.

Game stats:

	Lugarno FC	Sans Souci
Total shots	22	4
Shots on target	14	2
Goals	2	0
Corners	8	1
Possession	60 per cent	40 per cent

14 Girls v Forest Rangers Won 7 - 0

Goal Scorer: Olivia Margan 2 / Giovanna / Jasmine / Sophia V / Sophia / Monique

POTM: Monique

We spoke before the game that today we needed to lift and play with hard, fast intensity.

We started a little slow for the first 20 mins before Olivia won the ball and hit a 20 yard left foot cracker 1-0. That's how the first half finished.

Half time talk was time to wake up and put on the pressure and that we did.

We won every ball and took our chances.

Our second goal was a long shot from distance by our man of the match Monique 2-0.

We then were awarded a penalty which our goal keeper Sophia took and made it 3 nil.

4th and 5th goals were by Olivia and Sofia V.

Our 6th goal came from Giovanna scoring her first ever goal. Well done.

Then to round off the day Jasmine took her chance 7-0.

Great work girls - it's great to see you back to where we were 2 weeks ago, playing fast, exciting football.



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AAG (2) v Connells Point (1) Won 4 - 0

Goal Scorers: Peter B 2 / Coxy / Nesh

With the minor premiership wrapped up, confidence was high within the team. Despite Connells being one man short, they were keen to put in a good performance and improve their position on the ladder.

LFC started reasonably strong, quickly getting ahead with big Pete snatching the first two goals, one a beautifully met header from a corner.

Tim, our missing-in-action super-sub finally arrived and bamboozled everyone (including himself!) with his fancy footwork. Some of his work led to a ball falling to Coxy who pulled the trigger with a left footed screamer to make it 3-0 at half time!

Nesh, still looking for his first competition goal this season, was keen to get on the score cards! His chance finally came midway through the second half, calmly slotting away to make it 4-0.

Overall, a comfortable win by the boys leading into next week. Bring on the semis!

Special thanks to Foti and Sir Beef for the celebratory feast that followed.

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