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# ***AROUND THE GROUNDS***

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## **UPCOMING:**

- **School Holiday Football Camps** with 'Irish'. The fun and popular camps run by Lugarno FC Coaching Director Paul 'Irish' McIntyre are back – see the LFC website for details. Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Book early as places are limited and fill up quickly.
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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	4	3	Hurstville Glory	PW/AA W/A	Lugarno	2	3	Banksia Tigers
AA/C2	Lugarno	3	1	Forest Rangers FC	AA/C1	Lugarno	2	3	Hurstville Minotaurs
AA/D	Penshurst West	1	3	Lugarno	AA/C2	Lugarno	2	4	Bexley North
AA/E	Lugarno (2)	1	2	Ramsgate RSL	AA/D	Kogarah Waratah	4	3	Lugarno
AA/E	Bexley North	3	6	Lugarno (1)	AA/E	Forest Rangers - 18's	1	4	Lugarno (2)
AA/G	Kogarah Waratah (2)	4	2	Lugarno (1)	AA/E	Dolls Point	3	0	Lugarno (1)
AA/G	Connells Point (2)	4	2	Lugarno (2)	AA/G	Lugarno (2)	9	1	Hurstville Glory
PL1/1	Lugarno	1	6	Sans Souci	AA/G	Lugarno (1)	2	8	Penshurst West
PLR/R	Lugarno	1	5	Sans Souci	AAW/B	Connells Point	1	4	Lugarno
U13/A	Lugarno	6	0	Hurstville City Minotaurs	AAW/D	Ramsgate RSL	2	4	Lugarno
U13/C	Ramsgate RSL	5	0	Lugarno	O35/C	Penshurst West	0	4	Lugarno
U14/B	Penshurst West	1	2	Lugarno	U12Girls	Lugarno	1	0	Banksia Tigers
U15/B	Sans Souci	2	0	Lugarno	U14Girls	Arncliffe Aurora	3	2	Lugarno
U16/A	Sans Souci (1)	3	2	Lugarno	U16G/A	Connells Point	0	1	Lugarno
U17/B	Lugarno	8	0	Sans Souci (1)	U16G/B	Ramsgate RSL	0	4	Lugarno
<b>Friday</b>									
O45/A	Lugarno	0	5	Carlton Rovers					



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## Match Reports:

### 6 Bee 3 v Oatley RSL

**Goal scorers:** Michael Nicholson 4 / Catherine Kaniouris 1

**POTM:** Olivar Ametson

We survived an early morning start on Saturday! 8.30am seemed early to us parents, but not to the kids! They were fantastic! We thought we might have had a forfeit from the other team as they struggled to get their numbers, however they made it just on the stroke of 8.30am, and our kids were fired up!

Mikey had some great goals this week, running the length of the field to score. Oli had some great defensive moves, stopping Oatley from getting any more goals. Emma did really well this week, she ran after the ball and was very involved in the game, narrowly missing a goal. Catherine was amazing, scoring 2 goals - great job Catherine! Charlie, Pip and Miles all played well again this week - they all want to stay on the field all the time - it's so great to see the kids so enthusiastic every week, even if it is 8.30am!

Great job Under 6B3! Final score 7 - 1.



### 6 Bee 6



**Player Profile:** 60 seconds with Will  
**Number:** 10

**Age:** 6

**Favourite colour:** Gold

**Favourite team:** Lugarno FC & St George Dragons

**Favourite game at training:** Fox Tails

**What part of football do you need to practice:** Dribbling

**What do you like most about playing football:** that at the end of the game we get to shake hands

**If I'm not playing football, I like to:** Building Lego and playing the iPad

**When I grow up, I want to be:** A builder ... Currently training on Minecraft!

**What is something that mum/dad tells you to do:** no more backheel kicks

### 7 Bee 2 v Bexley North

**Goals scorer:** Josh 2

**POTM:** Chris

We have played away for a number of weeks so it was pleasing to see 7Bee 2 return to a home ground match against Bexley North at Gannons on the weekend.

A solid performance by both teams left the scoreboard unchanged at half time. The first half saw some close moments by both teams, Sam producing a great clearance, and we saw solid defence a number of times by Chris. We were unlucky on a number of first half attempts, and goal kicking by Lucas to players on the





wings was great to watch.

We continued in the second half and Josh produced a couple of goals which were well timed as we saw the goal score see saw between the teams. Excellent field play and skills by Olivia and Liani was so important to the strength of our midfield game. In the end the scores rested even from a game well played. 2 – 2.

It was unfortunate to see a head clash between two players, and we remind all of the importance of being the 'good sports' that we are. See you all at training on Tuesday.

## **8 Bee 2 v Sans Souci**

**POTM:** Alek & Lachy

The game was played on our home ground, mini field No. 2 in warm winter sunshine. The opposition team had some good players in defence and attack and they played very well even until the final whistle. For a change, our goalkeepers, Pat, Zac, Lachy and Sam were kept very busy by Sans Souci right till full time but they could not score. Great goalkeeping boys!

This is a lesson we all can learn, even if you are behind in the score, you should still play your best and never give up until the game is over.

The scorers were Alek, Max, Jack and Cooper (2). A very good goal was scored with a last minute pass. Jack made a break down the sideline and ran the length of the field, met the defence and passed to Cooper running down the centre field who then scored a goal. Well done both boys. This is what our coach, Shannon, is trying to teach everybody - if you are going to be blocked by an opposition player and you can see one of your players in the open, then pass him the ball.



The game was scheduled for 10.35 but kicked off 10 minutes earlier, thus 3 of our players were a little late which threw all my substitute planning out the window. We try to give every player at least two 10 minute windows of play and 4 players need to be in goals during the match.

Clark and Rex played well, in fact Clark played his best game ever. Rex took a bad knock and was flat on his back. But, he got up, gave a little shake and was back into the thick of it. Brave boy Rex! In sport we will get the odd knock or fall, and the best thing to do is to get straight back into it!

Our team is building up a good reputation as being good in defence and attack because we win by 5 or 6 nil each time. The nil is important because it means that we go back and defend well. I think that deserves some snakes and jelly babies at the next game.

WE are very proud of each and every player - well done boys!

## **9 Bee v Hurstville Glory**

**Goal Scorers:** Bailey

**POTM:** Willis

It was going to be a tough day at the office with 1/3 of the team unavailable due to illness. Hopes for a speedy recovery to our sick team mates, get well soon, we certainly missed you.

The remaining 9B's lined up to play a full match shorthanded, and on one of the biggest 'mini' fields we have ever seen. The field was long and wide. This was going to require a super effort, and what a show they put



on! Everyone went above and beyond in this game. The running up, down and across the field was amazing. One minute we were pushing up in attack and the next we were rushing back in defence, but there was never a Hurstville player without an Orange jersey nearby. Special call outs were the superb effort goal keeping by Cameron and Ashton. Apart from an early goal by Hurstville, they kept everything else out. Callum was incredible and never gave up. He had tough one on one battles and suffered a sore ankle late in the game, but after leaving the field for only a minute or two, he was back on and back in the fold. Willis was literally everywhere over the massive field. I wish we had a GPS tracker on him, as he would have clocked up



a fair distance over the game. His great ball control dribbling skills were invaluable for keeping possession, and he gets this week's POTM award. Bailey and Peri were up forward most of the game. Late in the first half, Bailey put himself in great position in front of the opposition goal with space around him. He took a nice shot at a ball which came his way. It diverted off a Hurstville defender's boot and into net to score our eagerly awaited equaliser. Peri made great runs up the wing, made some nice passes and had some shots which just missed. Willis, Cameron and Bailey all had

further chances, with some heart stopping moments, but the score was to remain at 1 -1 until full time.

It was a super effort by the whole team. We were down a player for the whole match, but for most of the game you wouldn't have noticed. Our ability to control the ball whilst in possession was key. We spread out, found space and either ran with the ball or made good passes. Well done team, you should be very proud of your effort.

## **9 Fox 1 v Banksia Tigers**

**POTM:** Michael Elazzi

A mid-morning kick off saw the Foxes head to Gannons this week and with Mitchell and Nick out, Coach Harry had less reserves on the bench.

This week wasn't the week for the Foxes, however the entire team tried hard and were unlucky not to score a goal. Tom was the closet to score with the solid attempt and with Lucy's huge kicks down field the game was moving end to end. Fin chased everything that moved as did Daniel.

Emmanuel, Anthony and Hunter ran their hearts out, attacking at every opportunity. Owen defended well to slow down the Tiger's momentum. Our Man of the Match 'Michael' was both strong in defence and attack, putting pressure on the Tigers to slow down their play.



A HUGE thanks to Coach Harry and the families in the crowd this week.



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## **10 Bee 2 v Hurstville ZFC**

13<sup>th</sup> June saw our first official game of the year away from our home turf and would prove to be the first challenge of the day. Parkside Drive is a confusing park to find but with a few calls and messages eventually got all our boys at the same spot.



Numbers were tight with 2 of our boys away, so it left us with the required 9 and meant there was no subbing and the boys needed to run the full 50 minutes.

With that in mind and running a little late, we had a very light warm up that included some throwing and controlling drills and once the ref was right we were called on for the meet and greet and away we went.

The pressure was immense in the early exchanges and, if not for some early saves from Nathan, it may have tipped the

score board in our opponent's favour but, with that pressure, came our own return fire and with some solid foot work and ball movement between our boys, which found Zack up front who made a solid run to goals and, like at our end, the only difference was the keeper which kept the score at Nil – Nil.

This period of the game was tight and a real arm wrestle back and forth which ended with a goal to our opponents as they found a stray player deep in our half that left us exposed, which they capitalised on and opened the score sheet 0 – 1. There was a heavy sniff of offside but understand that as the boys are still trying to understand the concept, the Ref allowed the goal and probably was the right decision.



There was no real hang over to the goal as our boys took it up another gear and really worked the ball forward well and created small combinations all over the park with 2 and 3 ball movements, short and long runs and really started to control the game.

Notably the control between our middle three Daniel, Cody and Sean during this period was outstanding as they delivered great service to both Zack and Alexander, which really started to test their goal keeper. This period also saw us win several corners and it was nice to see some clever positional play and, if it was not for some fair scrambling, it would have led to more than one goal.

At one point there was a stray arm that got in the way of a most likely goal and gave Alexander an opportunity from the spot, and again the opponent's goal keeper was outstanding to hold off the solid crack at goal.

With the half coming to a close, sustained pressure finally found Alexander in front of goals and, with a small little step over, crunched the ball to the back of the net – 1 – 1 and a fair end to a solid half of soccer.

Although there was a shuffle in positions on the field there was not a lot of coaching needed as the boys seemed calm and confident moving into the second half as they took a breath and a drink during the break.

The second half started a lot like the first but the boys managed to gain the control very early and pushed forward. Once again the new combination of the middle 3 of Jonathan, Nathan and Liam did an outstanding job controlling the speed and tempo of the game and while Jonathan and Liam worked forward carrying the ball on several occasions feeding it through to the forwards - Nathan worked equally hard covering the middle and back section of our half and supporting the back three like any top rated centre mid should do.

It was great to see a really strong second half from our boys and dare I say the best I have seen and reported on this year. Daniel and Sebastian worked tirelessly up front and ensured our opponents were on their toes. Sebastian was a handful as he carved his way through on several occasion and turned their defence line, and once again scrambling and a little luck was the only thing denying Sebastian from adding to the score sheet. Today also saw Jonathan in the mix controlling the game with his head, literally with his head as he took the advantage away from our opponents, winning the ball early in the air with some clear headers.

Our second goal came from a perfectly weighted ball from Liam as he played through and turned his opponents and found Jonathan on the run, who does not waste any opportunities, as he neatly pushed it past the keeper to tip the score sheet in our favour 2 – 1.

The game was called to an end at 2 – 1 and a well-deserved win and with highlights all across the field which makes it difficult to mention them all.

Closing comments go to the team and to congratulate them on a great spirited game and it's great to see their skills and friendships develop over this year.



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## **12 Girls v Banksia Tigers      Won 1 - 0**

**Goal Scorer:** Charlie Argent

**POTM:** Angela Piccini & Nadine Younes

The team was back at Gannons Park on a wonderful sunny winter morning for the clash against Banksia Tigers. As the opposition began arriving, the girls started wondering if this was the same Banksia team that we played in round 2. The opposition players seemed to have experienced a growth spurt in the space of six weeks. The checking of the cards before kick-off by acting coach Hagop however soon confirmed that they were indeed in the right age group.

Lugarno started with a 3-1-4-2 formation. The team was going to be tested by the fact that a number of players were playing in unfamiliar positions. Angela took up the gloves to be goal keeper, supported in defence by Zena, Alana P, Taylah and Tamar. The midfield formation comprised of Capri, Simone, Luci and Mia, while Alanna C and Jade paired up in attack. The four interchange players comprised of Nadine, Charlie, Madelen and Kiera.

The first half saw both teams trying to establish field position with the ball moving from one end to the other. Angela in goals was very alert during this period coming off her line on numerous occasions to secure the ball and neutralise the Banksia attacks. Lugarno were using the flanks to launch attacks, with Alanna C and Jade pushing forward at every opportunity. In the middle of the park Simone and Luci, with determination, were winning their share of the ball, while out wide Capri and Mia were getting the ball forward and pressuring the Banksia Tigers defenders.

Alana P, Taylah and Zena were solid at the back halting Banksia's attacks while Tamar, playing as a stopper, used her pace to initiate counter attacks. On the 15th minute mark, with the score delicately balanced at 0-

0, some of the tiring players were given a deserved break and the interchange players were introduced. With the players now resorting to their familiar positions the game dynamics started to change and Lugarno started imposing their superiority by dominating field position and playing the game at the opposition end.

When introduced into the game, both Madelen and Kiera were full of running in midfield, getting to the ball first and delivering passes to their support players, while Nadine and Charlie provided the protection at the back and were instrumental in helping to launch attacks and counter attacks.

A desperate defensive clearance by Banksia found Charlie, who embarked on a 35 metre run on the left flank, dribbling past several Banksia players, before penetrating into the penalty box and, as the Banksia goal keeper started advancing toward her, she calmly kicked the ball inside the right goal post for Lugarno's opening goal in the 19th minute. The goal was a deserved reward for Lugarno's dominance.

Half-time talk focussed on the need to play at Banksia's end with the midfield players urged to win the ball in the middle of the park and then quickly pass it to the flanks. Support play and marking of the opposition was also emphasised.

As it turned out the Lugarno players implemented the second half game plan so well that Lugarno goal keeper Angela did not touch the ball in the second half. Banksia failed to advance beyond 20 metres into Lugarno's half. During this period of dominance Lugarno secured a number of corners and came close to adding to the score line with Kiera, Alanna C, Tamar, Capri and Charlie all going close to scoring.

The game ended 1-0 which, on the score board, is a narrow win but with Lugarno enjoying 75 per cent possession and going tantalisingly close to scoring on a number of occasions, the final score did not reflect the dominance and overall superiority of Lugarno.

Well done girls for securing back to back wins and climbing to third place on the competition ladder.



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## **14B v Peshurst West**

**Won 2 - 1**

**Goals Scorer:** Mitchell Trajkovski 2

**POTM:** Mitchell Trajkovski

First placed Lugarno played third placed, and the form team of the competition, Peshurst West who had gone six games without a loss. Expecting a tight game a 4-4-2 formation was used that saw Will start in goals, behind the defensive wall of Harris, Mark, Jonah and Raffi. The midfield composed of Peter K, Mitchell T, Stephen and Mitchell, while Harry and Kane paired up in attack. Evander, Peter, Issac and Alex were the able reinforcements for the game.

With Lugarno kicking-off what transpired next was truly unbelievable. A chain of passes found Mitchell T who cut inside two players and powerfully kicked the ball past the Peshurst West goal keeper and into the nets for Lugarno's opening goal....wait for it.....21 seconds into the game. If no one from the Lugarno historical society can confirm a quicker goal in the 53 year history of the club, then Mitchell T's effort could stand as the quickest goal scored by a Lugarno FC player.



The face of the Penshurst West coach said it all - he was simply stunned. With the side 1-0 up the team went forward with confidence and they continued to apply pressure on Penshurst West until the first counter attack by Penshurst West caused confusion in the Lugarno defence, which led to Penshurst West's equaliser in the fifth minute. Both teams thus succeeded in scoring from their first shot on goal.

Lugarno quickly composed and regrouped after the defensive lapse and dominated both field position and goal scoring opportunities. A through ball from Mitchell found Kane, who got to the ball first, calmly went around the goal keeper and, rather than shooting from an acute angle, passed the ball inside for Mitchell T who kicked the ball in for Lugarno's second goal in the 10th minute.

Ten minutes gone and three goals scored - the prospect for a high scoring game were there but strangely there would be no more goals for the game. Despite the goals drying up it was a very fast and entertaining game. Lugarno had the lion's share of shots on goal but Penshurst West used their speed effectively upfront to launch a number of counter attacks which really tested Lugarno's defence.

Overall today's game represented a great defensive performance with no goals being conceded for 50 minutes of game play. Will in goals was constantly communicating and organising his defence. He pulled off some good saves to deny Penshurst West an equaliser. Jonah, Harris, Mark, Issac and Raffi had a superb game in defence. Even when they were outnumbered in the last 10 minutes of the game they remained composed and determined playing intelligent football.

Mitchell T, with a brace, was back to his goal scoring best and he put in another tireless effort. Peter K came close with a couple of goal scoring attempts. His pace and dribbling skills always kept the Penshurst West defence on their toes. In the middle of the park Harry, Mitchell, Stephen and Evander, at different phases of the game, took on the physical Penshurst West players who were getting frustrated as they chased the game. Some of the opposition's tackles resembled more like rugby tackles and the constant pushing, pulling, and tackling off the ball unfortunately were not in the true spirit of the game.

Alex, Kane and Peter used their pace up-front to effectively take the ball deep into the opposition half and establish field superiority. Alex went close on a number of runs, Kane set-up the second goal for Lugarno while Peter was a constant threat on the flanks.

Well done team for a very gutsy win. While some of the tactics employed by the opposition did not contribute to attractive football, that is their issue to deal with and hopefully address as a more experienced referee would certainly have sent a number of their players off.

Lugarno's win consolidates the team's position at the top of the competition table. In this game the team tasted finals football which came some two months earlier.

#### Game stats

	Lugarno FC	Penshurst West
<b>Total shots</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Shots on target</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Goals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Corners</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Possession</b>	<b>53 per cent</b>	<b>47 per cent</b>

#### **14 Girls v Arncliffe Aurora Lost 2 - 3**

**Goals Scorer:** Olivia Margan 2

It was a top of the table clash at Arncliffe Park. As usual there is never a referee to cover at this ground.

The game from kick off tough with both sides going for it, neither side taking a backward step. There were decisions and fouls that our girls were subjected to that, to their credit, they didn't retaliate. It's very hard when you play against a team that uses intimidation and a biased parent as a referee and a coach that yells abuse from the side line to his own players.

We conceded first with a long shot that bounced over the head of Sofia in goals 1-0 to them.

Then 5 mins later Olivia Margan took it upon herself to win the ball, dribbled past the defenders, got tripped, got up and somehow, through her determination, poked the ball in 1-1.

Second half our girls again were subjected to constant abuse from their spectators behind the goals and dubious non free kicks given. They then scored 2 quick goals and made it 3-1, then we had 2 goal scoring opportunities that we should have scored but as luck would have it, the ball didn't go in.

Then with a few minutes to go Olivia scored her 2nd goal.

All the girls - Sofia Roy, Sienna, Alyssa, Sofia K, Sofia V, Sofie, Sarah, Olivia R, Victoria, Jasmine, Yasmine, Giovanna, Taylah, Monique and Emily put it great efforts.

But it was Olivia Margan who played a man of the match game scoring 2 goals and working hard all game, getting tripped over, shirt pulled .... you name it, she endured it.

One thing that I am very proud of is that our Lugarno girls never once dropped their heads or resorted to intimidation or name calling to win a game.

I just hope that St George Association starts to take control of these situations and appoints referees at Arncliffe Park so that visiting teams stand a fair chance.



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**AAG (1) v Kogarah Waratahs      Lost 2 - 4**

**Saturday**

**Goals Scorer:** Anthony Smith 2

Another double header weekend, with games against the second and third placed teams. Saturday took us to J Graham reserve where we had 11 starters against Kogarah, who had a well-stocked reserve bench.

The first goal against us was a blatant off-side which set the tone for the game. Our 2 goals came from Anthony, showing his typical acceleration and speed in the first as well as his tenacity in the second, following the ball to the goal keeper and benefitting from a mistake. Jack had a good first half in goal, and Adam showing up near half time had a great second half, seeing plenty of action.

A good effort with everyone giving it their all.

**AAG (1) v Penshurst      Lost 2 - 8**

**Sunday**

**Goal Scorers:** Mitchell Slater / James Waters

These Sunday games are killing us! With people injured, working, studying and with family commitments, we started with 7 on the field against a side with good passing skills and goal scoring ability who quickly went 3 nil up and looked like going on with it. Pat, Brock and Jordan settled the defence and spoiled many Penshurst opportunities and ran their legs off. Mitch, Jackson and James played mid and the rest of the field with Anthony in goals. The weight of numbers showed with too many Penshurst players with overlaps to stop

them running up 6 goals in the first half. Our one goal was a superb effort with some great passes and a cross to Mitch who slotted it in the back of the net.

Chris showed up in his work clothes just before half time and we quickly got him geared up and on the field. The second half was scoreless until the very end, which showed the gutsy effort our guys put in. Jordan had a blinder in goals and may be called upon more often. Anthony playing with a set of relatively fresh legs, ran the entire half, and Jackson still had the energy to jump! A consolation goal for James, was a cracker in the dying moments after which he collapsed with cramps in both legs and came off! Peshurst played very defensively in the second half, (which suited us fine!) showing us a lot of respect. All up it was inspiring to see how hard the Lugarno guys tried and the effort that they all put in! I was very proud to be involved with this amazing effort, as were the Lugarno supporters watching. Next week, I bet we have all 18 turn up to play!



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**AAG (2) v Connells Point Lost 2 - 4**

**Saturday**

**Goal Scorers:** Jihad / Fotes

Game 1 of our weekend double header. With a few players missing, an average playing surface and no official referee...we knew this was going to be a tough game.

From the get-go, it was clear we were off our game. ConnPt dominated from the start and opened the scoring. Some poor Lugarno marking allowed ConnPt to head the ball in from a corner. ConnPt 1-0

Against the run of play, Lugarno equalised via Jihad's stunning strike. From just outside the box, Je's sweetly struck left-footed shot lobbed the keeper and dropped in under the crossbar. Je, thinking his shot was heading over the bar, turned away to get ready for the goal kick. We had to tell him he actually scored! 1-1

Lugarno's only other real chance in the 1st half came when Jeremy's glancing header bounced just wide of the post.

ConnPt dominated possession and looked more dangerous throughout. They restored their lead just before halftime after they capitalised on a defensive error by Lugarno.

Halftime: ConnPt 2-1

The second half was much like the first. Lugarno struggled to get their passing game going...while ConnPt looked sharp and confident. They extended their lead midway through the half after their striker slotted away after a through-ball. ConnPt 3-1

Now chasing the game, Lugarno pushed men forward in search for goals. With 10mins left, Lugarno pulled one goal back after Fotes converted a penalty. ConnPt 3-2.

That goal sparked Lugarno into action. Enjoying a little more possession, we created some half chances and came close to equalising. But in the final minutes, another defensive error by Lugarno lead to ConnPt sealing the result with their 4th goal.

Full time: ConnPt 4-2

In summary, it was Lugarno's poorest performance this season. ConnPt were the better team and deserved their win. Perhaps it was "the loss we had to have" to help us re-focus for the 2nd half of the season.



**Goal Scorers:** Peter B 3 / Big Frank 3 / Jeremy 2 / Bernie

With a number of players absent, we went into this game without any substitutes. Missing our regular keeper, Yare stepped in as our makeshift No.1. After our previous day's loss, (and with our new matchball in hand!) the boys were keen to get back in the winners circle.

With Hurst.G starting the game with only 8 players, Lugarno dominated possession. Early on, we struggled to capitalise on our numerical advantage, but after a few close calls, we finally opened the scoring after Pete B got on the end of big Frank's pass.

That goal settled us down and we made it 2-0 soon after via Jeremy's close range strike.

At the other end, Hurst.G looked threatening on the counter-attack... but Yare snuffed out their few half-chances.

Lugarno then killed off the game by halftime. To the delight of our entire team, Big Frank scored his maiden goal after he coolly finishing from a tight angle. He later played the last pass to Jeremy who bagged his second of the game.

Halftime: Lugarno 4-0

Lugarno got off to a quick start in the 2nd half, as big Frank slotted his 2nd goal of the game from inside the box.

Despite some late arriving Hurst.G players joining the 2nd half, Lugarno continued to dominate possession. A nice through ball by Fotes was expertly finished off by Pete B who chipped the keeper to make it 6-0.

Moments later, after some good lead up play from the right, big Frank completed his hat-trick when he converted at the far post.

It was then Bernie's turn to break his goal scoring drought! Being at the right place at the right time, Bern was quick to react as he headed the ball over the keeper's head from close range. Bernie's facial expression to his first ever goal was priceless!

Hurst.G created some chances of their own... and managed to score a consolation solo goal through their skilful striker.

Towards the end of the game, Pete B completed his hat-trick from close range after he converted from a goalmouth scramble.

Full time: Lugarno 9-1

Overall, a good team performance ...highlighted by 2 x hat-tricks and 2 x first time goal scorers!

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