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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	Hurstville Glory	1	4	Lugarno	AAW/C	Lugarno	2	1	Hurstville Glory
AA/C	Banksia Tigers	3	2	Lugarno (1)	O35/B	Lugarno	2	4	ASOW
AA/C	Lugarno (2)	3	4	Sans Souci	PWL/1	Lugarno	0	4	Connells Point (1)
AA/D	Lugarno	0	2	Ramsgate RSL	U13G/A	Lugarno	2	2	Bexley North
AA/E	Lugarno	1	2	Carlton Rovers	U16G/A	Lugarno (2)	1	1	Forest Rangers
AA/F	Lugarno (1)	0	4	Oatley RSL	U16G/A	Connells Point (2)	1	3	Lugarno (1)
AA/F	Hurstville Glory	2	4	Lugarno (2)					
AA/G	Lugarno	1	3	Penshurst West					
PL1/1	Kogarah Waratah	2	0	Lugarno					
PLR/R	Kogarah Waratah	9	1	Lugarno					
U12/C	Lugarno	2	1	Bexley North (1)					
U13/C	Lugarno	2	1	Rockdale Suns					
U14/C	Lugarno	2	4	Kogarah Waratah					
U15/A	Lugarno	1	6	Scots FC					
U17/18	Sans Souci (1)	3	1	Lugarno	Friday				
					O45/A	Lugarno	2	8	Hurstville Minotaurs

Canteen & Field Set Up for next weekend:

	Team	Time	Duty required
Saturday 21st May	AAC 2	7am – 12 noon	Set up fields; Canteen set up; BBQ duty; Canteen duty
	7B 1	12 noon – 2 pm	Canteen duty; BBQ duty
	17/18 Boys	2pm – 5pm	Canteen duty; BBQ duty; Clean up canteen; Pull down fields after checking with canteen re: posts required for Sunday games
Sunday 22nd May	O35 B		Set up Field 6, ½ hour before game
	PWL		Pull down Field 6; return posts to lock up area

Match Reports:

6B 3 v Hurstville Glory

Saturday 7th May

POTM: Jarvis

After last weeks win, all the kids were feeling good about this weekend's game. We had a productive training session on Wednesday and were feeling positive we could put out another good performance as a team.

The Hurstville opposition however, turned out to be much more experienced and had the majority of possession and the play throughout.

We started off well, with Samuel continuing his hot form from last week making some decisive runs from the back. Our defence early was strong with Hunter getting back to stop several early Hurstville chances. We held on gallantly for about 10 minutes until they scored their first goal of the game. The first half finished with Kyla making a nice run and narrowly missing our best chance of the game.

Grace gave a memorable HUGE kick to start the second half, and with Zachary L's help we moved forward several times to threaten their goal. Hurstville were too strong though and continued to find the back of the net.



Credit to them, and credit to our players for not giving up. The player of the Match was Jarvis, who played most of the game, putting his body on the line against the bigger opposition. His defence in front of goal and speedy runs through midfield got him the trophy this week. Well done!

It was a tough game, but a good experience for the youngsters. I was proud that they kept their heads up and were still smiling at the end of the game enjoying jelly and snakes.

6B 3 v Hurstville Glory

POTM: Zachary Boyle



7B 3 v Carss Park

Goals Scorer: Michael Nicholson 2

POTM: Michael Nicholson

This was a tough game.....the kids were superstars considering the score, but by the end of the game, you could see they were deflated.

Our opponents were a challenge this week, but 7B3 were amazing. Super proud of the kids not giving up and giving it their everything.

Charlie had some fantastic kicks this week and really got into it. Catherine had some great runs up the field, I think she was glad to be back! Emma and Pip were the dynamic duo, pairing up on the field (and having little chats as they were running too). Mikey scored 2 awesome goals, and Miles had some great runs, so many close goals - well done Miles! Oli also had some great plays this week.

Thanks to Adem, our stand in coach this week!



7B 6 v Carss Park

POTM: Felipe Mancuso



Even though we were unlucky to concede a goal in the first half, Brooklyn, Rebecca, Felipe and Danny did really well to chase the ball. Brooklyn made some great saves and Rebecca was on fire with some terrific ball control and chasing. Danny was hungry for the ball and nearly scored a few times in

the first half but it was Felipe who put one in the back of the net and helped us equalise.

Second half brought a change of line up with Jake, Luca and Joshua coming on. Joshua did an awesome job defending and nearly scored a whopper of a goal from the other side of the field. With some huge kicks, Joshua soon set one up so Jake could score. Luca did well to dribble and control the ball and together with Felipe they pushed forward to get the ball close to the goal. It was Jake who seized the opportunity and scored the final goal for the match.

Well done kids. A terrific way to break the drought!



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81 v Rockdale Suns

POTM: Everybody

Saturday we lined up against Rockdale Suns on their home turf and, as anyone that knows a little about the Rockdale Suns may have guessed, we were in for a passionate experience. We weren't disappointed and Rockdale Suns looked impressive in the warm up, we knew we were in for a tough one.

I am just so proud of the way our team played - we managed to play great defensive soccer and diffused many of the attacks by repeated individual tackles, clearances and saves. Not only this but our game and especially our defence improved throughout the game.

We conceded a number of goals in the first half but we only conceded two in the second half, and in addition we made a number of counter attacks which was an outstanding effort by you all. It is sometimes hard to walk away with defeats, but I wish all the parents to reinforce just what a great job everybody did. Be absolutely 100% proud to have stood so strong against Rockdale, well done team.





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101 v Connells Point

Goal Scorer: Anthony Pejovski 2 / Mitchell Woods 2

POTM: Daniel Prezioska

Connells Point had turned up to play this week and from the whistle they peppered our goal for the first five mins of the match, then the tide turned and the play headed down field through swift passing from Alex and Emmanuel, enabling Mitchell to strike his first of three goals. Credit to Tom, Michael and Nicholas for their defence and Finlay in goals as they stopped the onslaught.

Anthony was striking the ball well, scoring two goals through great support play from Hunter, Lucy and Owen.

Our player of the match Daniel was in fine form this week, training well on

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Friday night and then went into the game on a high, kicking the ball into gaps and made numerous breaks throughout the game

Thanks again to Coach Harry and our regular stand-in ref Mario, very entertaining match and the banter on the sideline is worth turning up each week for entertainment. Back to Gannons again this week for the local derby against Forest Rangers.

11B 2 v Forest Rangers

14th of May saw us down at our beloved home ground Gannons for the first game of the day on the Midi. It is hard to believe we are roughly two weeks from winter as it was a beautiful morning and as it turns out quite hot as the morning wore on.

All the boys arrived on time and I think the weather helped there! Straight to the warm up - early starts always worry me and a early kick around certainly helps with the sleepy eyes.



Boys were called on by the Ref and the boys had the first line up of the year in the middle prior to the game. The Ref was quite firm as he instructed the kids on what he expected and outlined what the keepers could do regarding the kick ins - Ross was our keeper for the day and looked excited for the challenge.

Away we went - it is great to see the boys get into their playing positions quickly and without too much commentary from the coach on the side line, and shows the boys are really starting to understand where they are playing and how our start sheet should look.

The first 10 minutes were quick as both teams tried to fight for possession, we always meet a well-drilled team when playing Forest Rangers and today was no different. It was a 50/50 contest through the open stages, which involved our whole team. Once again our defense line was strong and the mix of Sean, Liam, Nathan and Ross in goals were making things very difficult for our opponents and, more importantly, we're starting to turn defense into attack as we started to win the ball in the backs and then finding passing channels up the field to scoring areas. This led to our first goal as Liam carried and fed the ball through well to a running Jonathan, who rarely misses an opportunity and today he showed form as he hammered home our first.



As always this lifted the boys and within minutes a crossed ball found Cody who is deadly anywhere within a 20 metre range of goals, which again rarely gives the opposition goal keeper any chance, and today was not that day as he slammed home our second.

Our third came from a corner - it is nice to see the team working well in the top of the field as Jonathan closed out on a great corner cross 3 – nil.

Well into the first half saw a little resurgence from our opponents, they made a couple of changes which brought on a very quick forward who twice found himself in front of goals with a one on one

with Ross. Broth occasions saw Ross get something onto the ball but they were clinical finishes and added 2 goals to their tally 3-2.

Our half closed out with reverse of fortune as Alexander found a little space and, like any good forward, did not waste the opportunity and slotted it away to which also finished the half at 4 - 2.

Half time break was needed as the heat of the day was setting in and all the boys looked a little weathered - the unusual heat forced quite a heavy rotation process of all the boys to try and keep fresh legs on the field. Last couple of tips and away we went.

The start of the second half was a little slow which caught us napping as our opponents took the advantage and caught us off guard and snuck a goal from us 4 - 3. They also seemed to pick up their intensity as they started to knock us around a little. Pleasing thing was we matched it and took control back. The second half was a lot tougher as both teams started wear out and there were quite a few loose passes and tackles which saw the Ref intervene to get proceedings back under control.



Our last scoring chance was taken by Liam as he took the ball through the middle and took his first shot on goals - coach was a little distressed as he toe-poked the ball - but the ball ricocheted back to which he hit the perfect volley back on target and rattled the net to closed the game and the score sheet at 5 - 3.

Great day, great team and great win - Well done boys!



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13C v Rockdale Suns

Won 2 - 1

Goal Scorers: Ben M / Josiah

"Winter is coming"... but it felt like a long way away at Gannons Park, where the sun was really quite warm for our mid morning start against Rockdale City Suns. Lugarno kicked off with it at our backs going downhill against a team that had just played Sans Souci twice in a row at their home ground, for a 3-1 win and a 1-all draw. The Suns had only had the 11 players, so their bench was empty, in contrast to the four subs on ours. Peter began as goal keeper, with Ben moving into the centre back role.

The Suns started very well, applying a lot of pressure and earning a few corners in the first 7 minutes, but Lugarno defended staunchly and our midfield starting getting into the game. Some nice play between Logan, Josiah and Andrei earned a corner, and Jake retrieved the rebound from his own corner kick, but his shot hit the side netting. However, Rockdale's goal kick was cut off by Ben moving up from centre right back, and his booming kick from just over the attacking side of half way was on target. Rockdale's goalie seemed to lose the ball in flight (possibly because of the sun in his eyes) and fumbled the ball that then rolled into the net to give us the opening goal in the 11th minute.

Rockdale almost equalised immediately from the restart, coming down the right side and sending the ball into our box where it bounced around for ages between players from both sides before Peter collected it. Rockdale's defence generally maintained a good shape, and it seemed like Lugarno's best chances came on

the counter, finding some room on the right and with Billy releasing Nate with a nice through pass on the left in the 15th minute, but Rockdale scrambled well and kept the ball out; from a corner in the 20th minute, the ball fell to Jordan outside the box, and his well struck shot was tipped over the bar by the Suns goalkeeper. Shortly afterwards, Josi was able to poke a ball through for Alex to run onto, but once again the Rockdale defence arrived to blast the ball away, while at the other end their forwards made a few dangerous runs with one or two crosses that no-one was quite able to get a foot to. The half ended with Lugarno 1-0.

For the second half, Ben swapped back into goal keeper with Peter, and Lugarno came out with a lot of purpose: soon after the restart, Andrei made some room on the right and put through a beautiful centring ball that Alex allowed to go behind him for Josi to hit a neat shot - the Suns keeper showed great reflexes to stick out his left hand to just deflect the ball wide. Nate's right footed shot shortly after was easily collected and we had three corners in quick succession on opposite sides of the field, with Jake making his way back and forth to take them. Rockdale's defence stood firm despite some close calls, and in the 15th minute their skilful and speedy striker made the most of one of their few forays forward to get through one on one against Ben. Ben's dive to left blocked the shot, but he couldn't quite collect the ball as the other Rockdale attacker outpaced our left back to put the ball away and level the score.

Undaunted, Lugarno continued to threaten, with a Rockdale defender sticking out a back leg and almost deflecting the ball into his own goal from a good cross from Nate: several other half chances and slightly wide shots built the pressure, but just as it seemed they might escape with a draw, in the last minute the Suns keeper dived to save a shot from Logan. The resulting goal kick was intercepted by Cooper on the right, who sent a great ball in to Josi, who was then able to thread the shot into the bottom right corner of the goal. With Ocky making a final substitution to prepare the boys for a frenetic finish, the referee blew her whistle for full time just after that was done, before the restart, for a very close and exciting win against good opposition.

In other results, the #2 Bexley North side drew 1-all with Arncliffe Aurora, while the #1 side maintained their 1 point lead over us with a 4-2 win against bottom of the table Forest Rangers; Sans Souci rediscovered some of their old form in a 6-3 win over Ramsgate and remain 3 points behind us - with the bye next week, however, they can't get any closer (for now). We travel away from Gannons for only the second time this season to play Ramsgate in a late game, while the table leaders take on Rockdale at Bicentennial Park, who actually won their Round 3 game against the Bombers #1 side but lost it on appeal for fielding unregistered players, even though those players were younger than 13 years of age; we'll see whether that makes a difference at season's end. See you next week!



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13 Girls A v Bexley North

Drew 2 - 2

Goals Scorer: Tamar Tchamkertenian 2

POTM: Tamar Tchamkertenian

The team went into the game with a 4-1-4-1 formation that saw Monique in goals, Charlie, Nadine, Mia, Madelen and Alana in defence, Celine, Taylah, Stephanie and Tamar in midfield and Alanna C upfront in attack.

Tiana, Anastacia, Jade and Capri comprised the interchange players for this week.

The game started cautiously with the initial passages of play restricted mostly to the middle of the park. While both teams were aiming to play attacking football the defensive aspects of both teams' play were dominating the attacking aspects with some good defensive play and clearances featuring in the early phases of the game.

With Lugarno departing from their game plan of playing the game wide on the flanks, the opposition started gaining the upper hand and a noticeable momentum shift took place in the game as Lugarno became more defensive oriented.

Some great defensive work by Monique, Mia, Madelen, Alana, Charlie and Nadine ensured the opposition's attacks were effectively neutralised but Lugarno's overall field position was causing concerns.

As Bexley North started dominating possession, they also started dominating and establishing themselves in super field positions as they started playing deep into Lugarno's half.

The deep defending caused Lugarno midfield players to be stretched with Tamar, Stephanie, Celine and Taylah being forced to cover great distances in both defence and attack.

Upfront the chances were limited but Alanna C and Jade were chasing the through balls and at every opportunity they were pressing the Bexley North defenders.

Superior field position and some hesitant Lugarno defending gifted the opposition two quick goals with the second goal being the by-product of a deflection by a Lugarno defender.

Down 2-0 at the half time break the girls were down in spirit but some inspiring team talk at the half time break helped to lift the team's spirits.

Lugarno started the second half positively and on the front foot and, enjoying the early momentum, the Lugarno goal came in the sixth minute when Madelen passed the ball to Jade who, with great composure, distributed the ball to Tamar on the left flank. Tamar then managed to by-pass two Bexley North defenders and kicked the ball past a diving goal keeper to make the score 1-2.

The goal clearly lifted the Lugarno team and they started attacking on the flanks with Stephanie and Tamar making strong runs.

With Lugarno clearly on the ascendancy, the midfield players started to control the game winning more of the ball in the middle of the park and immediately launching attacks. Tiana, Capri, Taylah, Mia, Charlie Anastacia, Madelen and Nadine were winning the race to the ball and helping maintain the attacking focus of the team.

With the opposition's defence stretched to the limits, Lugarno also started being awarded free kicks into the opposition's half. One such free kick, which initially looked like a penalty kick, was awarded just outside Bexley North's penalty area. Tamar was given the task of taking the free kick and, despite the impressive wall constructed by the opposition, Tamar managed to bend the ball around the wall and into the lower left corner of the goals for Lugarno's equaliser with 10 minutes still left to play.

Lugarno, now with all the momentum and running and having come back from being 2-0, pressed forward in search of the winning goal. The opposition started resorting to playing very physical football as they attempted to desperately hang on. During this phase of the game a number of fouls were conceded by the opposition.

In an unfortunate turn of events a Bexley North defender punched and kicked Taylah which earned the Bexley North player an instant red card with seven minutes still left in the game. The game resumed after

the on-field incident with Lugarno maintaining the attack and continuing to play football deep into the opposition's half.

Lugarno finished well on top of the opposition but could not get the elusive winning goal when the final whistle was blown to end the game 2-2.

Games against Bexley North are always tough and competitive and while the opposition does have a clear size advantage which sometimes leads to rough play on the field, the Lugarno team more than makes up for the size deficiency by displaying true determination and grit as well as playing skilful football on the field.

Great game team especially the second half performance which was more in tune and reflective of how the team is coached to play the game. It was also a great come-back managing to draw the game and continue to remain undefeated after seven games.

It is a credit to the team for displaying great maturity by focussing on playing football instead of reacting to the opposition's intimidation tactics.



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16A Girls 1 v Connells Point 2 Won 3 - 1

Goals Scorer: Sophie Hilton 3

Report courtesy of a couple of (anonymous, by their own request) players' brother and boyfriend (budding sports journalists, NOT):

- Izzy threw the ball in, Gabby Potter earned a corner, some nice early touches, with a nice piece of control too
- Annabelle with some good chest control and headers
- Sophie almost ended the stalemate forcing a smart save
- Annabelle whips in a teasing corner but unfortunately no one was able to meet it
- Lovely Bella pirouette
- On the sidelines, Seb has returned from McDonalds with a frappe
- Izzy's wonderclass continues, Annabelle fires over from 22 yards
- Potter forces save from the CP keeper
- Sophie & Bella with some nice passing play but ball ended up with keeper, unlucky Bella
- The man with the golden shaved calves, Bill, tries to rally the troops as we enter the latter stages of first half
- Sophie finally breaks the deadlock – Gabby K with some nice lead-up
- Ruby's neat distribution almost puts Annaliese through on goal

Half time speech – coach Bill is very animated “swamp them like a bee”! He's also lining up his next opponent for his next great sprint at Wednesday's training – which he's no doubt going to lose again!!

- Potter earns a corner with a nice surge up the left flank, Annaliese shoots it just wide
- Gabby Lakos volley, goes just over crossbar

- Ashley with a thumping tackle, likened to a Rottweiler by coach Bill
- Bella plays Annaleise through to goal, keeper anticipated the finish and got a strong palm to it, deflected into the path of Sophie who bundles home the rebound 2-0
- Connells gets one back with a good finish to their first foray into our half all game - 2-1
- This brings the Connells crowd out of the bushes and very vocal, in anticipation of ...???
- Bella – Lakos – Sophie – Ruby – great interplay but poor finish
- Sophie, with a burning desire, makes it 3-1 GOAL!!!

16A Girls 2 v Forest Rangers Drew 1 - 1

Goal Scorer: Taylah Sukker

What a tough day at the office - we were graded up to the 16 As and the difference in the pace and intensity was there to be seen.

They were putting us under pressure from kick off - the girls did really well to hold on and tough it out.

Then after a goal mouth struggle the ball popped up for Taylah to guide her shot into the net.

Our back line worked hard all game and stopped attack after attack putting their bodies on the line.

Alyssa and Monique, the stand outs out the back, playing well as twin stoppers.

Sophia in goals pulled off save after save and, with 5 mins to go, they hit a ball which took a deflection and went in.

Overall it was a great effort all round but we must now learn that we need to concentrate all game as the speed of the game is much faster.



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AAC 1 v Banksia Tigers Lost 3 - 2

Goals Scorer: George A 2

Match abandoned.

I have decided against writing a match report for our game.

Our keeper Stephen Redmond was taken out in a horrible challenge by their player. This resulted in Stephen sustaining a back injury and he was taken by ambulance to hospital.

Thankfully it is not serious but he has some very bad bruising. His welfare and recovery is more important than any football game.

While he was down a few Banksia players stayed around and offered support to us. This was very well appreciated and I will personally email their President to thank him.

I would like to take this chance to wish him a very speedy recovery. He is a great asset to our team and we are grateful to have him.

Cheers, Rob

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