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AROUND THE GROUNDS

Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday 24th July** – U8 Gala day – come down to Gannons Park and watch some great young talent – BBQ lunch and drinks will be on sale – some extra hands to help will also be appreciated.
- **Saturday 6th August** – the legendary LFC Annual Trivia night – organise your team and book a table – your Manager has more details. Bonus points for booking early!

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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	ASOW	0	3	Lugarno	AA/B	Carlton Rovers	1	3	Lugarno
AA/C	Rockdale Suns	0	3	Lugarno (1)	AA/C	Lugarno (1)	0	1	Carlton Rovers (2)
AA/C	Lugarno (2)	5	1	Kogarah Waratah	AA/F	Lugarno (2)	2	0	Lugarno (1)
AA/D	Lugarno	0	3	Connells Point	AAW/B	Lugarno	3	3	Forest Rangers (1)
AA/E	Scots FC	3	0	Lugarno	AAW/C	Ramsgate RSL	2	3	Lugarno
AA/F	Lugarno (1)	1	0	Connells Point	O35/B	Lugarno	0	8	Rockdale Suns
AA/F	Forest Rangers	7	0	Lugarno (2)	PWL/1	Connells Point (1)	1	2	Lugarno
AA/G	Lugarno	1	3	Forest Rangers (1)	U13G/A	Lugarno	2	2	Oatley RSL
PL1/1	Lugarno	1	3	Oatley RSL	U16G/A	Lugarno (1)	8	0	Bexley North
PLR/R	Lugarno	1	5	Oatley RSL	U16G/A	Connells Point (2)	5	1	Lugarno (2)
U12/C	Lugarno	0	2	Connells Point					
U13/C	Lugarno	1	1	Forest Rangers					
U14/C	Lugarno	2	2	Forest Rangers					
U15/A	Lugarno	2	4	Kogarah Waratah	Friday				
U17/18/A	Arncliffe Aurora	5	0	Lugarno	O45/A	Hurstville Minotaurs	8	0	Lugarno

Canteen & Field Set Up for next weekend:

	Team	Time	Duty required
Saturday 23rd July	AAE	7am – 10 am	Set up fields; Canteen set up; BBQ duty; Canteen duty
	17/18 A	10am – 2 pm	Canteen duty; BBQ duty
	9B2	2 pm – 5 pm	Canteen duty; Clean up canteen; Pull down fields after checking with canteen re: posts required for Sunday games
Sunday 24th July	U8 GALA DAY – No field set up required		

Match Reports:

6B 3 v Peshurst West

POTM: Kyla

After a week off for holidays, the kids were ready to roll on a nice sunny morning. It was really pleasing to see that we brought our "A" Game this week and for the most part outplayed Peshurst in all aspects.

Grace had a memorable game, with several clean breakaways that all but brought her an early goal. She really was the star of the first half, and was definitely in contention for back to back player of the week awards. Samuel also had a super close chance to score early, with a nice run giving him space to take a shot which skimmed the post and bounced out. Zach B told me before the game that he wanted to score a goal, and he too narrowly missed with a cracking run through the opposition goal box. So after about 5 near chances in the early stages, the score unfortunately remained 0-0.

We were mostly dominating field position, and midway through the first half Hunter came on and scored our first goal. It wasn't the smoothest goal (as he was falling and stumbling) but the ball still managed to cross the line and we went up 1-0. Zach L also had an immediate impact, streaking ahead as he has all season to double our lead with a nice finish to end the half.

After halftime, the opposition seemed to tire and our players thrived on the possession, really enjoying the game. Jarvis made several long runs down both touch lines... he has some deceptive speed and a strong left foot strike. Kyla was responsible for several goal assists today, as her big kicks make her our primary option to clear our own half from goal kicks and she laid on some excellent passes for others to score. It was a good reward for her to then also score an excellent goal of her own.

Hunter and Zachary L both chimed in with some more goals towards the end, and concluded what was definitely our most dominant performance of the season, winning 6-0.

From the start of the season to now, it has been very pleasing to see such rapid improvement individually and as a team.



7B3 v Arncliffe Scots

Goal Scorers: Miles Laney 2 / Catherine Kaniouris

POTM: Catherine Kaniouris

We were down a player this week, but the kids were so excited, as we missed out due to the rain last week.

They were a team to be reckoned with though, however all the kids tried their best, with Miles scoring 2 brilliant goals and Catherine scoring too this week.

Emma and Oli were zigzagging all over the field today, defending the goals and keeping the ball at our end.

Pip and Charlie were forces to be reckoned with also, with some great kicks and running up the sidelines.

Not long to go of the season now, just 5 games left. Congratulations team for another great game.



7B6 v Sans Souci

Goal Scorers: Jake Eastwood / Danny Foster / Felipe Mancuso

POTM: Jake Eastwood

A great performance by the team on a beautiful sunny Saturday.

The starting side of Joshua, Jake, Felipe and Brooklyn really put into practise what we went through in training. The kids followed instructions and seized several scoring opportunities.

Rebecca and Danny came on half way through the first half and had some really good runs.

The second half proved just as successful as the first half with the kids taking possession of the ball and passing to each other. Some great kicks were made at goal, some went in and others just missed.

All in all it was a great game by the kids. Well done.



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8B1 v Rockdale Suns

Goal Scorer: Oskar

POTM: Josh

What a game! It was real 'edge of the seat' stuff...

The game really didn't deserve a 1-1 draw as we had so many chances to win, but as they say in the industry.... 'Football is a funny old game'!

We were up against a real strong side, but it really does go to show how much our young Aussie Battlers have improved over the last couple of months.

As soon as the whistle blew Rockdale were up against it, our grit and determination was evident to see.... There was no way through our stubborn midfield, the tackles were flying in left, right and centre from Michael, Piper, and Josh. Our mighty midfield general Oska was bossing the park with his passing and dribbling and our first half goalie Lachie had the 'sticks' covered...



We created a number of chances early on with both Abbie and Tristan going close on a few occasions. It was only a matter of time before the Rockdale rearguard would be opened, as the pressure was relentless. A great through ball found Oska who controlled it nicely, looked up to see where the goal keeper was and slid the ball into the back of the net... The crowd went wild, as did our U8's after a passionate celebration by Oska (Not sure if it was re-created after playing PlayStation or maybe its something he's seen his dad do) ;-).

Rockdale seemed worried by our relentless pressure and they changed their formation to try and stem the flow of our attacks.... the second half was much the same with Josh now covering every blade of grass to break down any on-coming threat and to try and help get that 2nd goal.

Unfortunately it was Rockdale that managed to sneak through and open up our solid defence and slide the ball past into the net. We kept battling all over the park and we kept creating chances with the best one

coming from the 'drag back' king (Tristan)... as he danced past a couple of defenders he looked up to see where the keeper was positioned and let loose with an almighty right boot.... only to be foiled by the bar ... which I think is still moving from the power! So unlucky!!

Again I wish we had a Player of the week trophy for you all as everyone played so well.... we continue to improve week by week with our passing, tackling and skills but the stand out this week goes to our youngest player Josh who seemed to be everywhere... Well done buddy another great game and a well-deserved POTW trophy!

101 v Kogarah Waratah

Goal Scorers: Mitchell Woods 2 / Emmanuel Elazzi

POTM: Finlay Whitten

Back on the road this week saw perfect conditions and the team knew their soccer season had arrived. Coach Harry had the team warm up in a new environment ready to take our A game to Kogarah.

From the whistle Kogarah went into attack with 'good hustle' and although there were numerous shots at goal, Tom, Alex, Nicholas and Owen kept the last line of defence intact and Lucy defended well.

Our attack this week was stop and start and the game went down to the wire, with Daniel, Hunter, Michael and Anthony all very strong enabling Mitchell to score two goals in the first half and the winning goal on the bell by Emmanuel.

Our Player of the Match this week was Finlay, ran his heart out and was strong in attack, turning up at the right time to keep the momentum with Lugarno and a clear stand out.

Back to Gannons again this week for our game against Rockdale Suns





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13 Girls A v Oatley RSL Drew 2 - 2

Goal Scorers: Taylah Samardzioski / Stephanie Konjarski

POTM: Charlie Argent, Stephanie Konjarski, Josephine Konjarski & Capri Bishop

With team numbers depleted due to injuries and players not available due to other commitments, the team welcomed Stephanie back after several weeks out due to an injury and Mia, who was initially going to rest this game due to an ankle strain, was asked to play to cover the missing players.

A 4-4-2 formation saw Madelen start in goals with Charlie, Celine, Josephine and Anastacia in defence, Taylah, Alanna, Tamar and Capri were selected in midfield while Tiana and Stephanie paired up in attack.

The interchange players for this game were Jade and Mia.

Lugarno started slowly allowing the opposition to take up good field position inside Lugarno's half and sustain pressure at Lugarno's end. While the game was being played at Lugarno's end, the opposition did not really threaten Lugarno's goals during this phase of the game as the Lugarno defence held firm.

Despite the opposition's early dominance, Lugarno started getting control of the game and started asserting their dominance over the opposition. The game dynamics shifted noticeably and Lugarno started playing the game at Oatley RSL's end and in the process created a number of goal scoring chances for Stephanie, Tamar and Alanna.

Jade also went close to scoring when her shot was cleared off the goal line before a Lugarno attack resulted in the ball being passed to Taylah, who brought the ball under control and, from outside the penalty area, blasted a powerful kick high above the Oatley RSL's goal keeper to open Lugarno's scoring after 18 minutes of play.

The closing stages of the first half saw Lugarno in attack mode winning a number of corners and going tantalisingly close to scoring the second goal.

At the half time break the team was reminded that despite their dominance of possession and goal scoring opportunities the game was still in balance due to the narrow 1-0 lead. With a bit of fortune Lugarno could have easily led 3-0 at the break.

Lugarno maintained their attacking focus in the opening phases of the second half and both midfield and defence were handling the counter attacking football of Oatley RSL without any issues.

A pass from Anastacia found Alanna in the middle of the field who released Tamar on a run on the left flank, Tamar cut inside the Oatley defender and shot at goal. Oatley's goal keeper saved the shot but the ball fell towards an alert Stephanie who kicked it in for Lugarno's second goal. The Lugarno supporters shouted "welcome back Stephanie."

Up 2-0 and with less than 15 minutes to play the Lugarno defence was strengthened to close the game out. Lugarno conceded a free kick for hand ball just outside the penalty area which was perfectly executed by Oatley RSL to open their scoring.

The goal lifted the opposition and when they were awarded what was clearly a dubious penalty kick five minutes later the score suddenly became 2-2.

In the final stages of the game Alanna, Jade and Taylah all had chances to score Lugarno's winner but Oatley survived and the game ended in a draw.

Lugarno could consider themselves very unlucky to have drawn a game that they dominated in every aspect from ball possession to goal scoring opportunities to even comprehensively winning the final corner kick count. Unfortunately the referee played a major part in influencing the final result when he awarded what was a highly controversial penalty kick to the opposition.

But that is football and the girls will no doubt learn from this experience and better respond next time.

A big thank you goes out to Mia for coming to help out the team despite an injured ankle.

In goals Madelen put in a great performance, as did Charlie, Celine, Anastacia and Josephine who were first to the ball and timed their tackles exceptionally well.

Capri, Taylah and Alanna were active in midfield closing the gaps and challenging for the ball, Tamar and Stephanie made incisive runs on the flanks and delivered great crosses to their support players, Jade and Tiana were constantly hassling the opposition's defence and were at the receiving end of the attack, while Mia provided the opportunity for some tiring Lugarno players to rest by playing in critical phases despite being injured.

Next game sees the team playing Oatley RSL again in back to back games. Hopefully Lugarno will have more luck in front of goals and the game and final result will not be influenced by bewildering refereeing decisions.



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13C v Forest Rangers

Drew 1 - 1

Goal Scorer: Peter

A cold morning but with blue skies and the early sun beaming out our Lugarno 13's, we were set to play Forest Rangers for the third time this season. Having beaten this team in the previous encounters, the boys were confident leading up to the game. With Lugarno sitting equal first on points with Bexley North (1) but second on goal difference, the game plan was to not only win but to bridge the goal difference between first and second.

With the whistle blown Lugarno start strongly and for the first ten minutes rarely lost control of the ball with play mostly inside the Ranger's half. Our centres and attacking line put great pressure on the opposition, but to their credit the defence did well not allowing any real threats to their goal, but you could sense a Lugarno goal was on its way. Well, it didn't arrive and the game seemed to settle down, but Lugarno still held the majority of the play and whilst they threatened they were unsuccessful to convert plays into goals.

For near thirty minutes Forest Rangers had no shot on goal, but that all changed when, just before half time, they made the most of an opportunity where they found themselves one on one with our goalie. Ben did

well timing his run out to scoop the ball, but the Forest Rangers attacker chipped the ball to find the back of the net and Lugarno head into the break 1-0 down.

The half time pep talk was a reiteration of the basics, first to ball, take your opportunities, and fix your mistakes. The boys also seemed lethargic; maybe it was the week off, but they needed to lift and put a few on the Rangers.

The second half began and we saw more urgency from the Lugarno team, the Rangers consolidated into defensive style football while Lugarno were all attack. Lugarno came close a number of times, just over, slightly to the left or even hitting the side bar, but getting that ball into that elusive net seemed to be getting out of the boys reach. Forest had minor opportunities from counterattacks but our backline was able to chase down and squash any real threats.

With full time nearing, our goalie boots the ball clear and with our defence pushing up, Peter who plays centre back traps the ball about mid way where he starts his aggressive run straight through the Rangers, he finds himself facing off with the oppositions goalie and manages to score and equalise the game. Shortly after the goal and after a spate of unsuccessful attempts to press ahead, the game ends 1-1.

The boys were disappointed, as was the coach; it will go down as another game we should have won. With two rounds left, the games are ever so important as we want to give ourselves every opportunity to finish on top of the ladder. Let's make the two remaining round games wins.



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15A v Kogarah Waratah Lost 2 - 4

Goal Scorer: Raffi Tchamkertenian 2

POTM: Will Simmons & Raffi Tchamkertenian

The team was down on numbers with 6 players not available due to holidays and injuries. As a consequence only 10 players were available to take the field against a Kogarah Waratah side that had 3 interchange players.

Given the circumstances a 5-3-1 formation was chosen that saw Will start in goals supported in defence by Nick, Alex, Stephen, David and Mark. The midfield comprised of Kane, Raffi and Harrison while Issac played as the lone attacker.

Despite playing a player short Lugarno scored the opening goal through Raffi after three minutes of play.

The opposition, using their superior numbers and a healthy interchange bench, started dominating field position and placed the Lugarno defence under sustained pressure.

Great defensive work from Will, Nick, Alex, David, Mark and Stephen managed to repel the opposition's attacks.

Raffi, Kane and Harrison were active in the midfield helping the defence and then being involved in launching counter attacks. Issac upfront pressed the opposition's defence and helped defend as well.

With no interchange players to give the tiring ten players of Lugarno a rest, the opposition camped themselves in Lugarno's half and launched a series of attacks - one of which resulted in the equaliser for the opposition after 20 minutes of play.

Lugarno, relying on playing exclusively counterattacking football, created a number of goal scoring opportunities with Kane and Harrison going close to scoring before Kogarah Waratah grabbed their second goal three minutes from the half time break.

Second half instructions focussed on playing more compressed football which succeeded in frustrating the opposition's attacks in the early part of the second half.

Lugarno competed effectively against their opposition despite having just eight fit players in the second half with both Issac and Raffi carrying injuries and effectively being passengers on the field. As both came off at different stages to recover on the sidelines, Lugarno was temporarily reduced to just nine players. The team bravely held on and did not concede a goal despite being two players down.

In the 12th minute a counter attack by Lugarno resulted in Raffi scoring his second goal and the score was locked at 2-2.

A nervous and embarrassed opposition started to make regular substitutions in an effort to break the Lugarno defence. Finally the opposition managed to benefit from their superior numbers and scored two goals in the last ten minutes of the game to run out 4-2 winners against a valiant, committed and exhausted Lugarno team.

As far as games go this was a strange game as the losing side Lugarno left the field feeling like winners and the winning side were subdued and left the field with a clear sense of relief.

To their credit both the opposition coach and manager congratulated the Lugarno players after the game for their courageous effort.

Well done team for engaging in such a character defining game.

Game stats

	Lugarno FC	Oatley RSL
Total shots	7	22
Shots on target	5	10
Goals	2	4
Corners	0	4
Possession	32 per cent	68 per cent



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