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AROUND THE GROUNDS

URGENT:

The Club is in need of a Canteen Manager to operate the canteen at Gannons Park on Saturdays and on special events such as Gala days, etc. The incumbent is expected to oversee the canteen's operations during those times as well as order food, drinks and other canteen stock during the week.

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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/C2	Carlton Rovers	3	2	Lugarno	AA/C2	Lugarno	3	0	Kogarah Waratah (2)
AA/D	Lugarno	5	2	Peakhurst United	AA/D	Lugarno	0	6	Ramsgate RSL
AA/E	Lugarno (1)	3	0	Forest Rangers - 18's	AA/E	Lugarno (2)	3	2	Lugarno (1)
AA/E	Connells Point	3	1	Lugarno (2)	AA/G	Kogarah Waratah (1)	1	7	Lugarno (2)
AA/G	Oatley RSL	1	4	Lugarno (1)	AAW/B	Penshurst West	1	4	Lugarno
AA/G	Lugarno 02	1	0	Kogarah Waratah (2)	AAW/D	Lugarno	3	4	Forest Rangers (1)
PL1/1	Lugarno	0	2	Oatley RSL	O35/C	Lugarno	1	4	Arncliffe Aurora (1)
PLR/R	Lugarno	1	2	Oatley RSL	PW/AAW/A	Lugarno	0	4	Rockdale City Suns
U13/A	Lugarno	5	1	Oatley RSL	U12/Girls	Lugarno	2	0	Rockdale City Suns
U13/C	Lugarno	8	1	Hurstville Glory	U16G/A	Rockdale City Suns	0	3	Lugarno
U14/B	Bexley North (2)	3	3	Lugarno					
U14/Girls	Lugarno	2	1	Rockdale City Suns					
U15/B	Lugarno	0	8	Connells Point					
U16/A	Lugarno	1	2	Hurstville ZFC					
U16G/B	Lugarno	8	0	Forest Rangers	Friday				
U17/B	Kogarah Waratah	0	3	Lugarno	O45/A	Scots FC	9	1	Lugarno

Match Reports:

6 Bee 3 v 6 Bee 4

Saturday 9th May

Goal scorers: Michael Nicholson 5 / Pip Finn 2 / Miles Laney 1

POTM: Michael Nicholson

Well, what an amazing game all the kids played after weeks of not being able to train!

From the start of the first half, the kids took off all guns blazing! First goal went to Mikey within the first few minutes of the game and Miles quickly followed with his goal. The kids just went from strength to strength and played so well considering they hadn't trained or played for a few weeks. The goals just kept flying, Pip scored 2 awesome goals running the length of the field both times to score.

A well deserved Player of the Match to Mikey this week - well done!

Great game kids, thanks to you all for being so enthusiastic and our awesome sideline of parents.

6 Bee 3 v 6 Bee 6

Goal scorers: Michael Nicholson 4 / Pip Finn 2 / Miles Laney 1

POTM: Phillipa Finn

Another awesome game by Under 6B3 this week, playing against some of their school friends. Both teams played amazingly well.

Pip has been playing so well these last couple of weeks, so it was fitting that she received player of the match this week.



Half time chat – all listening intently to coach George

6 Bee 6 v 6 Bee 3

Player Profile: 60 seconds with Eamon

Number: 4

Age: 6

Favourite colour: Red

Favourite team: Lugarno FC

Favourite game at training: Stuck in the mud

What part of football do you need to practice: Passing

What do you like most about playing football: When the team scores goals

If I'm not playing football, I like to: Play Disney Infinity

When I grow up, I want to be: A pilot

What is something that mum/dad tells you to do: Don't leave the table until you finish your dinner



8 Bee 2 v Hurstville Glory

POTM: Lachlan

A mid morning match close to home in perfect sunshine, what could be better?

Hurstville proved to be a team with a few very good players. They proved this by scoring an early goal to take the lead. Our players did not seem to have their normal sharp edge and initially seemed slow to move to the ball. Also, there was a tendency to wait for the ball to come to the player.

Whatever half the ball is in, that is the half you should be in. Hurstville made the mistake of bunching up around the ball so that when the ball was cleared, they had few players near the ball.

Patrick scored first for us with a good individual effort. He made several good individual breaks but could not get that last pass away to our waiting players in the clear.

Lachy in defence was outstanding. On several occasions, he was the last line of defence and Hurstville were in attack. Lachy's clearing kicks saved the day and certainly saved at least two goals. For his efforts in defence, Lachy was man of the match.

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Jack and Cooper both scored 2 goals each and played to their usual high standards. Well done boys!
Max as usual was busy all over the field and made some very good individual breaks.
Alec and Lachy both had a turn in goals and Clark, Samuel, Rex Harley and Zac all put in solid performances.
Main lessons from the game: don't bunch up and move up and down the field with the ball.



8 Bee 3 v Hurstville Glory

POTM: Diana

After a lengthy time of no games due to weather, public holidays and other sides forfeiting, our team finally had a game!

Hurstville Glory are a very good team with very skilful players and we matched them very well in the first half with a score of 1-1 at half time thanks to Olivia's goal.

We had many missed opportunities at goal. Michael, Olivia and Diana all made good breaks but were unable to beat the Hurstville Glory defence.

Linden and Vinnie had a tough time in goals. We are still getting used to being able to use our hands to save a goal, but both tried extremely hard against a strong attacking side.

A special mention should go to Jamie who had a great game. He found his stride and made some great breaks, taking a great shot at goal which hit the post.

All of our players had a great game against a tough side and should be very proud of themselves. Diana was chosen as player of the match for her determination, strong defence and attack! She did a great job.

Next game, let's listen to Coach Nick and "Spread out and pass the ball".

9 Bee v Oatley RSL

Goal Scorers: Willis 2 / Peri 2

POTM: Peri

We were a man down with Bailey on the sidelines recovering from illness, so we started the match against Oatley with 5 on the field and 1 in goal. The opening effort that Cameron, Callum, Anthony, Willis, Ashton and Peri showed was fantastic and you wouldn't have known we were short unless you actually counted players. Pretty soon, Emily came running down the hill and straight onto the field to complete the side. She was closely followed by Sebastian who ran on to give Cameron a welcome rest after 10 minutes of shorthanded play. Peri swapped his striker position for a stint as goalkeeper in the first half and did a fantastic job with some brave saves in amongst opposition kicks. Willis and Anthony were our main attackers early on and our first goal came off a fabulous running pass from Anthony on the wing to Willis in the centre who didn't delay making a shot and scoring. It was followed up with another from Willis not long after.

Second half highlights were Cameron's star jump to let a rocket of a ball pass under his legs up field, Anthony's heading skills which seem to come into play every game, and Ashton's effort in the midfield to

win us the ball on a number of occasions. Peri returned to attack in the second half and scored 2 great goals with post goal celebrations to match. For his great performance as goalkeeper and goal-scorer in the same game, he gets this week's Player of the Match Award. Cameron also had a great game and was very unlucky not to come away with a goal after a good chance up close and some good breaks mid field. Callum was keeper for the 2nd half and made some wonderful saves. One memorable one was a firm goal kick that that rebounded off an Oatley player's boot right back at goal, only to be saved by a sideways run and dive. Sebastian and Emily were our defensive guards and played a big part in denying Oatley scoring opportunities. The only one to get past them and Callum was a super high kick that went a good 5 meters up and just floated into the goal before the crossbar. I don't think many could have stopped that one.

The teams were fairly evenly matched and it made for a great game. Both teams scored good goals and spent a fair amount of time drawn up at 2 all, but we got the edge in the second half and the boys were happy with their win. Most importantly we had fun and a great game. It's nice to see skills in running with the ball, passing, and striking transfer from practice to the games, along with the one on one match ups and some great teamwork. Great job team, see you all at practice

9 Fox 1 v Ramsgate RSL (2)

POTM: Daniel Preziosa

The team was excited to have our first game at Gannons for over two years. With everyone on deck, the Foxes were pumped up this weekend. From the kick off Lucy and Emmanuel attacked the ball and with Anthony setting the pace, the Foxes were looking good for a win this week.

Nick and Finlay defended well, with Fin in goals and Nick covering the back of the pitch keeping Ramsgate's attack to zero. Hunter attacked well, with Tom his partner in crime. Michael also put himself in the right positions, to ensure the Foxes were provided every opportunity to score.

Mitchell ran hard driving the match down field and was unlucky not to score



and, with Owen running his heart out, the Foxes couldn't break the strong defence of Ramsgate. Likewise they couldn't break us either.

Our player of the match was Daniel, following the ball around the park and positioned himself well and was also unlucky not to score after making a break down field.

Well done team and we are back on the road this week...



10 Bee 2 v 10 Bee 1

Finally Saturday morning rolls around and it's a double bonus – early game so no waiting and down at our home arena Gannons!

I will admit there was a touch of nervousness relating to the forecast but once we arrived at the park they were clearly wiped as we were presented with a beautiful sunny morning and perfect weather to play.

Today we were playing the other U10Bee team from Lugarno so it was going to be a mate against mate sort of affair but either way the kids were busting to play.

With everyone kitted up and teams in formation the ref called on the event. It was a very close first couple of minutes with both defence lines being tested but I will say that Nathan, Liam and Jonathon were well

drilled and were strong at the back and, as I say, games are won from defence. As our opponents attacked we took control as our back line fed the middle row and we pushed forward with several raids to which led to our first goal as Alexander hammered his first for the day and opened the account at 1 – nil.

As the half wore on we really began to control the game and started to hold the ball and consider each pass which gave us several opportunities to which Alexander found himself again finishing off a great move to update the scoreboard 2 – Nil.

Although we were two up all the advantage was not with us as our opponents had several of their own raids which led to some great defence – notably was some great individual skill as Nathan, Zack and Ross made several runs beating one and two players at a time which was great to see.

2 - Nil led us to the halftime break and gave the boys a chance to take a break and to shuffle the team. Once again the opening minutes were a real test and it went back and forth. Our first chance came from a corner to which Zack bagged his first for the day – 3 – nil.

With the continued pressure we started to push forward probably beyond where we should, which opened us up to a counter and left our keeper, Luke, with a one-on-one situation – as we watched and wondered, our opponents thundered down on our goal, Luke stepped forward and stood his ground and, with great patience, waited for the shot which he disarmed and deflected to the side – solid keeper is what came to mind.

It was amazing as that solid play regained our ownership of the ball and game and we shuffled forward again and gave Cody his second attempt for the day, which he hammered home his first for not only today but the year, 4 – nil.

Our mid field again took charge as Sean had several great touches that included two and four touches prior to delivery and fed the front two with plenty of opportunity and led to the next goal from Zack 5 – nil.

Last 10 minutes was a see-sawing game giving both teams opportunities to which Luke disarmed and both Zack and Alexander pinched another goal each leaving the score at 7 – nil at the close.

It was a great result – looking beyond the goals but at the team play, holding the ball and making a lot of decisions that led to positive pressure and eventually leading to goals.

Well done boys.



Goal Celebration....



12 Girls v Rockdale City Suns Won 2 - 0

Goal Scorer: Alanna Cogle 2

POTM: Taylah Samardzioski

Lugarno finally got to play at their home ground Gannons Park having played their previous three games of the season all away. As coach Raf had his own game commitments for this game with the over 35's, team manager Hagop took on the task of coaching and running the team for the game.

A 3-1-4-2 formation was chosen for this game which saw Lugarno face fourth placed Rockdale City Suns who had only conceded a single goal in their first three games. The pre-game instructions focussed on the girls playing together as a team, maintaining structure in attack and defence, engaging in good support play, getting first to the ball and communicating constantly during the game.

Lugarno commenced the game with great intensity, immediately winning the ball from kick-off and pushing deep into their opponent's half. The early exchanges saw Lugarno dominate field position and possession and in the process they created a number of goal scoring opportunities. Alanna Cogle at the receiving end of a pass from Tamar advanced into the penalty area and scored Lugarno's opening goal as well as the first goal of her club career after seven minutes of play. Well done Alanna.

Inspired by the opening goal Lugarno set into a pattern of attacking football that saw much of the game being played in Rockdale City Sun's half. Lugarno deservedly were rewarded for their sustained pressure when Alanna Cogle scored Lugarno's second goal in the 12th minute. There were other opportunities for Lugarno to add to the score line but a number of good saves from their opponent's goal keeper ensured a 2-0 score line at half-time.

The team was reminded at the half-time break that at 2-0 the game was not yet won and they had to maintain their intensity, structure and overall support play. The midfield and defensive players were also cautioned to expect more attacking play from the opposition as they start chasing the game in the second half.

To Lugarno's credit they also dominated the second half with a number of chances falling to Alanna C, Tamar, Alanna Cogle and Nadine. But despite their dominance Lugarno did not add to the half-time score and the game ended 2-0.

In what was an inspirational performance all the girls deserve a credit for playing so well during the game. Simone in goals had a quite game but always remained alert and focussed. The players who played in defence at various stages during the game did an exceptional job at breaking down their opponents attacks before they were able to enter the dangerous final third of the field.

Charlie, sporting a trendy new hairstyle, played as our stopper. She navigated the team from the back moving in both directions to keep the opposition players at a safe distance. On the rare occasions when the defence was breached, Charlie was there to stop the prevailing attacks. Taylah ran with great determination getting to the ball first and turning defence into attack. Alana P was composed in her right back position taking great goal kicks and launching attacks down the right flank. Angela our stopper made sure no one went past her providing great support to her fullbacks.

Kiera closed the gaps in midfield and her powerful kicks ensured the ball was being played in the opponent's half; Zena covered a lot of ground with some determined running and she chased down opposition players; Luci playing central midfield was a critical link between attack and defence; while Nadine, with her determination and speed, constantly took the game to the opposition.

Tamar, using her dribbling skills and pace, undertook some great attacking runs and her crosses on the left flank constantly pressured the Rockdale City Suns defence. Madelen, with her timely kicks and long throw-ins, was instrumental in the quick transition of play. Capri, playing as a defensive midfielder, made a number of timely tackles and she helped break down the opponent's attacks. Jade was deployed as an attacker and defender at different phases of the match and performed both roles exceptionally well. Mia was very busy as usual on the field kicking and chasing after the ball and coming back to support the Lugarno defence when required.

Alanna C and Alanna Cogle between them had more attempts on goal in this game than in the previous three games combined. Alanna C was back to her best with some great runs while Alanna Cogle used her speed to make some incisive runs and ended up scoring a brace.

13C v Hurstville Glory Won 8 - 1

Goal Scorers: Michael Crimmins 3 / Alexander Athanas / Anthony Azzi / Billy Finn / Jayden Montoya / Peter Kladis

Round 5 was played at home under blue skies and Gannons 6 provided a great field to play on. We had a great turn out of supporters and as always the boys were eager to strut their stuff.

This week we had a full squad; meaning sub rotations could be used resting players as and when required. It also gave us the opportunity to try different techniques and formations should the need arise.

Unlike previous games, straight from the start Lugarno placed pressure on the opposition, and within the first minute Billy pushes the ball through to find Michael who slides the ball into the nets. Not long after, Michael cleanly kicks the ball from about twenty metres out which once again hits the back of the nets to give us a 2 nil lead. The boys, now full of confidence and holding their positions well, continue to press Hurstville relentlessly and at the 11th minute mark, we see our striker Jayden place a nice shot at goal, unfortunately hitting the post, a bit of a scurry ensues with James having a go as well, but it was Alexander who finally put the ball into the back of the goal to take us to 3 nil.

Hurstville Glory had their chances, and it was great to see our defensive line consisting of Jaden, Conner, Alexander, Louis & Kevin all working well together shutting down any potential opportunities. Peter was our first half goalie, and let's just say he was well protected.

First half whistle blows and its 3-0 to Lugarno.

Ocky was pleased with the first half effort, but as always is straight with the boys and constructively provides feedback on the good and the not so good. The directions were clear; play confidently and finish your opportunities.

Second half begins and Lugarno are scattered and not holding their positions well, they pay the consequences with Hurstville scoring in the 34th minute. Not letting the goal rattle them, they regroup and it doesn't take long for Peter who steps out of goal keeping duty to plant a cracker about twenty metres out, scoring in the top left goal area. It's 4-1 at this stage, great play ensues with Kevin and Louis bouncing off each other and eventually finding Billy who finds the net making it 5-1.

Our final three goals were great plays; Jayden makes it 6-1, embarking on a solo run, planting the ball firmly into the nets. We then see James push a long ball to find Anthony who makes it 7-1. Our final goal consisted of Billy having a solid attempt at goal which was deflected by their keeper only for Michael to follow up and finish the job with the full time whistle leaving the score at 8-1.

A flood of plays were created off the back of Lachlan, Cooper, Jordan and James who did well to control play and provide plenty of opportunities up front. It was also pleasing to see the confidence of our defensive line moving further up the field and causing all sorts of issues for the Hurstville attacking line.

The Hurstville boys were out played on Saturday, but they played with heart and all credit to them for keeping their heads up and not giving up.

14B v Bexley North (2) Drew 3 - 3

Goal Scorers: Kane Spiteri 2 / Mitchell Trajkovski

POTM: Kane Spiteri

Two undefeated teams faced each other at Scarborough in extremely windy conditions. Lugarno was forced into late positional changes as three key players - Will, Mark and Omar were all ruled out of the game due to injuries and sickness. While not an ideal way of going into the match these things sometimes happen in football and when they do it is a good way to test the team to determine if they are up to the challenge.

Lugarno commenced the game with a 3-2-3-2 formation which allowed, in theory at least, to position players in a diamond formation both in attack and defence. Raffi started in goals in the absence of Will; Harris, Jonah and Issac formed the defence. Midfield comprised of Peter, Mitchell, Peter K, Evander and Mitchell T, while Alex and Kane paired up in attack. The reinforcements on the bench included just Harry and Stephen.

Running with the wind behind them Lugarno quickly took control of the game and established good field position in Bexley North's half. During the open exchanges Lugarno kept pressuring their opponent's defence which, while stretched, was just holding on. Such was the early dominance of Lugarno that it took almost eight minutes before Lugarno keeper Raffi touched the ball for the first time in the game.

The sustained pressure finally paid dividends in the 12th minute when a well-timed ball by Peter K split the Bexley North defence and Lugarno striker Kane, using his pace and determination, was able to break away from the defence. Kane progressed into the penalty area and fired a shot which was initially blocked by the Bexley North goalkeeper, but benefiting from the rebound save that came his way Kane managed to get to the ball first and his second kick was more clinical, as the ball was smashed into the nets for Lugarno's opener.

Bexley North attempted to pick up the pace of the game and they started targeting Lugarno's weakened left hand side of the defence. To address the weakness caused by missing players and players playing out of their normal positions, coach Hagop kept rotating the left back position to counter the Bexley North attacking threat.

Lugarno responded through a well taken goal from Mitchell T in the 26th minute which provided the team with some breathing space going into the half-time break.

Half-time instructions took into account the wind factor which was gathering in strength and was now destined to clearly favour the opposition. Short passing movements, support play, keeping the ball on the ground as much as possible and releasing the ball early to support players were emphasised.

As has been proven numerous times in football, a 2-0 advantage is really not an advantage especially if you concede an early goal, and that is precisely what eventuated from kick-off when the ball was played back, resulting in an uncharacteristic error by the Lugarno defence which essentially gifted a goal to Bexley North just 32 seconds into the second half.

Buoyed by the goal, Bexley North started pushing more players forward and, running with the strong wind, piled enormous pressure on Lugarno's defence. To their credit the boys playing in defence during this phase of the game, comprising of Jonah, Issac, Stephen, Harris and Raffi did a stellar job to repel the Bexley North attacks. With the wind making it impossible to progress deep into their opponent's half, the Lugarno midfield of Peter K, Mitchell, Peter, Evander and Mitchell T resorted to short passes and counter attacking football.

One such movement featuring Evander, Mitchell T and Kane resulted in Kane being at the end of the passing movement. Racing away on the left flank he cut inside the Bexley North defence and kicked past the goal keeper for Lugarno's third goal and Kane's brace for the game some eight minutes into the second half.

Lugarno's 3-1 advantage on the scoreboard lasted just six minutes when Lugarno's weakened left side defence was again exposed to an attacking raid by Bexley North resulting in their second goal and the score narrowing to 3-2. This was followed by more hesitant defending on the Lugarno left side which gifted Bexley North their third goal eight minutes later. With the score locked at 3-3, some seven minutes still remaining on the clock and the strong wind continuing to be a major factor, some determined and at times heroic defending by Lugarno ensured that no more goals were conceded.

The contributions of the Lugarno players were once again outstanding. Raffi was solid in goals and made a number of timely interventions; Jonah, Harris, Issac and Stephen all played critical roles with Stephen playing dual roles in defence and attack. Mitchell T did not stop running and, when the Lugarno defence was subjected to enormous pressure, he was present to help alleviate it. Peter K controlled the centre of the park well and dribbled past players as if they were not there. Evander made crucial tackles providing protection to the defence and helped the transition phase from defence to attack. Mitchell put in a solid performance and was also a pivotal link between defence and attack, while Peter using his pace helped

initiate a number of attacks. Upfront at different phases of the game Alex, Kane and Harry harassed the Bexley North defence into errors and were at the end of some counter attacking plays.

This was the second consecutive draw Lugarno registered ensuring the team remains undefeated for season 2015. Given the circumstances of today's game a draw is a reasonable outcome. Lugarno lost three players before kick-off and ran against a strong wind in the second half when players were tiring. At the end the positional changes caused by the absent players weakened the team structure and this proved to be the crucial factor between securing a win when the team was 2-0 up and subsequently 3-1 up and the eventual 3-3 draw.

The positives coming out of the game are that Lugarno will become stronger as they welcome back their missing players and by being really tested today by playing an understrength side, the team no doubt learnt some valuable lessons which will only make them even better and stronger going forward.

Game stats

	Lugarno FC	Bexley North (2)
Total shots	10	9
Shots on target	6	5
Goals	3	3
Corners	4	6
Possession	46 per cent	54 per cent



14 Girls v Rockdale City Suns Won 2 - 1

Goal Scorers: Olivia Margan / Olivia Rayner

POTM: Sofia Kladis

The game was played on Saturday due to our State Cup game on Sunday.

With barely 17 seconds gone in the game we conceded a goal through lack of concentration. Then from kick after that the girls woke up and took control of the game.

Our first goal came straight from the training pitch.

Monique with her long throw in finds Jasmine who then went down the line and crossed it in for Olivia Margan to blast the ball into the back of the net 1-1.

Then we just put constant pressure on them and from a corner they handled the ball in the area - penalty Lugarno. Olivia Raynor steps up and blasts the ball into the net 2-1 up.

Second half the girls were in control of the game we just lacked that last kick to finish them off.

Olivia M and Yasmine played well up front. Out wide Jasmine, Sofie M, Victoria and Emily worked hard and created lots of chances. In the midfield central Sarah and Olivia R controlled the game. As did (Maria) Giovanna, the enforcer, coming in and working hard to win the ball and defend.

At the back Sienna, Ruby, Monique, Taylah and Alyssa all played hard and stopped lots of attacks by Rockdale.

Sofia Roy our goal keeper as always was in the thick of things coming off her line and clearing the ball.

Then last but not least Sofia Kladis, playing at left back, worked hard, always there to stop any attacks and didn't stop working all game and was our man of the match.

At the end of the day it was a good result and another 3 points in the bag.

17B v Kogarah Waratah Won 3 - 0

Goal Scorers: Anthony / Dimi / James

MOTM: Billy

Thankfully the day was sunny and not too windy. With one reserve and one of our team members playing against his old team, it was scrappy to begin with until some rhythm was established.

Lachlan, Luca, Nathan and Andoni were making sure that our goalie Mat L was kept mostly quiet. Kosta, Billy, Dion and Matthew E fought hard to win ball to send to James, Dimi and Anthony. First goal was from a good pass to James who hit a half volley powerfully into the top LH corner (1-0). Anthony, James, Dimi and Dion had a number of shots but just couldn't get it in. James fought hard for the ball in front of goal but was surrounded by Kogarah players so passed it Dimi who put it into the goal (2-0).

Kogarah came down on a charge and looked like scoring a goal. It was the very end of Mat L's foot as he lay on the ground that stopped its travel and our defender kicking it away that saved the day. Half time allowed the boys to catch their breath.

The start of the second half sealed the game with Anthony this time kicking a half volley powerfully in for a goal (3-0). Dion had so many shots but his radar just needs a tweak. Matt E's attempt hit the post. The passing between the backs to halves to forwards paid dividends for the win. The intelligent play by Billy earned him a much deserved Man of the Match. He won the ball more often than not, passed when needed passing and held the ball until a better option presented itself.



AAG (1) v Oatley RSL Won 4 - 1

Goal Scorers: Anthony Smith 2 / Jack Williams / Mitchell Slater

After taking the field last Sunday with 8 players, we had 18 turn up to play today! It's either feast or famine! Jordan and Rohan kindly agreed to sit out this week and we discussed our communications so this doesn't happen again.

It was nice playing on Renown with grass on it, another afternoon where players were asking for sunscreen rather than a blanket. Anthony started like a house on fire again and made some great runs early and looking dangerous all day. Adam showed up for his first appearance this season, playing in goal for the first half and scaring us after calling for a high ball and dropping it behind towards the goal, luckily he re-gathered in time and was very safe the rest of the time.

Some good passing and excellent defence saw us comfortably defeat Oatley, who didn't have the reserve bench we did and suffered from some injuries. Looks good building into the season, with a busy couple of weeks coming up.

AAG (2) v Kogarah Waratah (2) Won 1 - 0**Saturday****Goal Scorer:** Andrew Cox

Game 1 of our double-header weekend; Coxy was itching for a repeat of events from last year (his only goals coming against Kogarah). From the kick-off, we knew we had a tough game on our hands. KGW, with some good midfield ball players created some good penetrating plays.

Our defence (Pete G, Nesh and Yare/Coxy) stayed strong again, with Foti again pulling off some fantastic saves. Our usual strikers were out of action, but the boys gave it a good go... with big Frank stepping up as striker, while Sam, Ed, Bernie and Coxy hassled KGW's defence down the flanks.

With the wind in our favour and off a horrid KGW goal-kick, Sam stole the ball from the defence and took a dipping crack from the edge of the 18-yard box...only to be denied by a one-handed save from the KGW keeper.

Midway through the first half, following four corners in-a-row, Coxy got his head onto a great dead-ball cross from Fotes, bagging his first goal of the season...and maintained his impressive goal scoring record against Kogarah.

Half time: Lugarno 1-0

The second half was a little slower paced for both teams. Vlado and Fotes commanded the attacking centre of the park, but with chances missed by Sam (an ugly left foot miss-kick), Ed, Jeremy and Tim. Bernie hobbled off the field from a late KGW challenge (at least it wasn't Je this time!).

Coxy (that man again!) came closest to scoring in the second half... his left-footed strike sailed just over the crossbar.

Both sides created some half chances to score, but both defences held firm. In the end, one goal was enough for Lugarno to seal the 3 points.

AAG (2) v Kogarah Waratah (1) Won 7 - 1**Sunday****Goal Scorers:** Peter B 2 / Jeremy 2 / Jihad / Vlado / Eddy

Game 2 of our double-header weekend. The boys headed into this game a little sore after playing a tough Kogarah (2) team the previous day. Buoyed by our decent run of form, we were confident of putting in a good performance.

We got off to the perfect start when Jihad met Eddy's low cross and bobbed the ball into the net from close range. #Lugarno 1-0.

The second goal was scored in similar fashion. Jeremy tapped the ball in after the Kogarah keeper mishandled a low shot/cross. #Lugarno 2-0

Midway through the 1st half, Lugarno scored their third. A perfectly delivered free kick from Fotes was coolly headed into the back of the net by Pete B. #Lugarno 3-0

Kogarah's only real chance in the opening period was brilliantly saved by Foti, who blocked a firmly struck shot away to safety.

Just before halftime, Lugarno made it 4. After great lead up play on the right, Eddy laid the ball back to Vlado who curled a shot past the keeper from inside the box.

Half time: Lugarno 4-0

The 2nd half started just like the 1st. After a great run and cross by Eddy, Pete B slotted the ball home from close range for his brace. #Lugarno 5-0

The goal scoring spree continued when Eddy beat the offside trap and rounded the advancing keeper to walk the ball into an empty net. #Lugarno 6-0

Kogarah finally got on the scoreboard after their shot got through a congested Lugarno penalty area. #Lugarno 6-1. Kogarah's forgettable day though was summed up soon after.... when they missed a penalty.

Fotes was almost rewarded for his fine performance... but his deflected free kick struck the crossbar. Jeremy completed the scoring late in the game. After nice buildup play from the left wing, he side-footed the ball past the keeper for his second goal of the game (and enhanced his goal scoring reputation against Kogarah!)

Full time: Lugarno 7-1.

Overall, a great team performance by Lugarno. Once again the defence was solid, the midfield controlled the centre of the park and the strikers found their goal scoring touch.

Special mention to the following guys who provided some comical moments in the 2nd half:

- Frank: for his blatant handball.
- Michael: his relentless pursuit for a goal.
- Coxy: for blasting the ball straight back to the opposition after they sportingly gave the ball back to us.
- Jehad: for his "onfield compliment" to Peter G.



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