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AROUND THE GROUNDS

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th June – Team photo days – your Manager will have further details
- School Holidays – Irish's Football Camps – see flyer for more details
http://www.lugarnofc.com.au/images/Football_camp_flyer_July_2016.pdf
- SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 6th August – the legendary LFC Annual Trivia night – details to come

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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	Bexley North	0	4	Lugarno	AA/E	Lugarno	3	0	Rockdale Raiders
AA/C	Lugarno (1)	0	0	Lugarno (2)	AAW/C	Lugarno	0	3	Carss Park (2)
AA/D	Rockdale Suns	2	4	Lugarno	O35/B	Lugarno	6	3	Arncliffe Aurora (2)
AA/E	Bexley North	2	3	Lugarno	U13G/A	Bexley North	3	1	Lugarno
AA/F	Hurstville Glory	2	1	Lugarno (1)	U14/C	Forest Rangers	3	1	Lugarno
AA/F	Penshurst West	0	3	Lugarno (2)	U16G/A	Lugarno (1)	3	1	Lugarno (2)
AA/G	Connells Point (1)	1	1	Lugarno					
PL1/1	Connells Point	3	0	Lugarno					
PLR/R	Connells Point	4	1	Lugarno					
U14/C	Kogarah Waratah	3	1	Lugarno	Friday				
U17/18	Lugarno	5	1	Sans Souci (4)	O45/A	Lugarno	1	2	Rockdale Suns

Canteen & Field Set Up for next weekend:

	Team	Time	Duty required
Saturday 25 th June	PL	7am – 12 noon	Set up fields; Canteen set up; BBQ duty; Canteen duty
	8B 2	12 noon – 2 pm	Canteen duty; BBQ duty
	7B 7	2pm – 4 pm	Canteen duty; Clean up Canteen
	12 C	4pm – 5pm	Pull down fields after checking with canteen re: posts required for Sunday games
Sunday 26 th June	16 Girls A(2)		Set up Field 4 (field must be set up ½ hour before game)
	17/18 Boys		Pull down Field 4; return posts to lock up area

Match Reports:

6B 3 v Peakhurst United

POTM: Zachary Boyle



After a few weeks off, it was great to finally be back on the pitch. We were sadly missing Zach and Sam this week, but the rest of the team were pumped and ready-to-go!

We conceded two goals in the first half, but I was particularly impressed with Zachary B's aggression and commitment to challenge for the ball. He won the ball on several occasions and earned himself player of the match in the process.

The Birthday Girl Kyla also had a great game, with her speed, size and quickness giving Lugarno its best chance of scoring a goal early in the game. Helping Kyla was Jarvis, who came on to give us a good spark in attack. His left foot kick is very strong, and pleasingly he is improving in confidence and aggression each and every week.

Grace gave us plenty of go-forward, and she also had a "highlight play" where she broke ahead of the Peakhurst team and ran forward narrowly missing a goal. Great game!

Hunter made some decisive runs from the back, with some skilful dribbling taking us out of danger throughout the game.

Overall, it was good to be back and playing! Although the result didn't go our way this week the kids had a blast and were gracious to the opposition.

7B 3 v ASOW

Goal Scorers: Michael Nicholson 2 / Miles Laney

POTM: Miles Laney

We finally got back into our games after a long weekend break and some torrential rain which cancelled games! We thought we may miss this week's game due to the weather, but we were lucky enough for the rain to hold out long enough for us to play.

Our opponents were short a player, so after much encouragement (bribing), Emma donned the blue jersey and played for the opposition this week. I think all the parents cheered both teams on!

It was a tough game this week, with lots of near misses and a great opposing team. The kids played hard and fast this week, everyone was outstanding.

For the second half Catherine donned the blue jersey and had a great game too. ASOW were very grateful for the volunteers. Emma and Catherine, thank you so much for being great sportswomen!





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81 v Bexley North

POTM: Joshua

It was good to have another home ground game at Gannons on the weekend with a respectable late morning start. However the weather managed to play a part, which left us wondering most of the morning whether or not we'd actually play.

Bexley North arrived in full numbers and proved to be a very strong side. We did a lot of time defending as best we could and a big thank you to our goalies Joshua and Sam. You both had a tough job to do, especially when we face such an attacking side.



Player of the match goes to Josh, for a great effort in the second half. Dependent on how the weather plays out we may see you all at training on Tuesday night.



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10I v Ramsgate RSL

Goal Scorers: Anthony Pejovski 3 / Emmanuel Elazzi 2 / Mitchell Woods

POTM: Hunter Solomons


The outlook wasn't looking good with rain forecasted, however it held off for our game. Although heavy under foot and heaps of mud, our team turned up to play. Owen, Tom and Lucy were great in the centre feeding the ball well to our scorers on the day – Anthony, Emmanuel and Mitchell.


Nicholas, Daniel and Michael defended well, keeping Ramsgate scoring to a minimum, and with Alex and Fin floating in the centre, everyone worked well together to come home winners this week.

Our player of the match this week was Hunter 'everywhere' Solomons, entertaining the crowd on the side line, popping up in the middle of the ruck, making numerous breaks and slowing down Ramsgate's run of play.


Coach Harry's game plan was spot on this week and with a bye on Saturday, we will be well rested for our next game.





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Round 9 - BYE**Round 11 - Saturday 11/6/16 vs Carss Park - Won 1-0****Goal Scorer:** Nate**Round 10 - Monday 13/6/16 vs Bexley North (2) - Drew 1-1 (appeal pending)****Goal Scorer:** Josi

After a three week break for a bye and then wet weather, the first scheduled game of the Queen's Birthday long weekend was our Round 11 home game at Gannons against Carss Park, in sunshine that was in stark contrast to the previous Saturday: although cool in the shade where run off from the week's rain continued to wet the jogging path, it was much warmer in the sun and on the pitch. Carss Park had scored plenty of goals but also let plenty in, so anything was possible.

Lugarno started off looking much sharper than in previous games, with some nice passes from the midfield of Josiah, Andrei and Billy finding Logan and Alex with some very well timed runs that were nonetheless pulled up by the referee for offside. The Carss Park wingers showed how quick and dangerous they were in some attacks that challenged our defence, but the back line of Jaden, Peter, Jake and Cooper proved up to the task of repelling them. With Bailey coming on for Alex and Jordan on for Logan shortly afterwards, Lugarno continued to put together some nice play without finding the last pass or finishing strike; the Carss Park goal keeper almost fumbled a nice cross in the 17th minute, and 7 minutes later some good work on the left from Andrei and Nate got Josi into great position, but the defence arrived just as he was shifting the ball from his left foot to his right. Carss Park almost struck just before half time, when their running from defence to attack on the right wing resulted in a shot that fortunately went high and wide.

The second half saw Spyridon and Logan come on for Josi and Jordan, and Lugarno continuing to apply good pressure in our forward half. There was a nervy moment when a good tackle from Peter was awarded to Carss Park as a free kick just outside our box, but their shot was never on target; a few minutes later, Nate was through but was shouldered aside by their centre back and unfortunately, our own free kick also went over the bar. Billy was applying great pressure on Carss Park's left back as he received the ball from their goal kicks, and from such a charge down in the 44th minute he was able to cross the ball back into the middle; having come in from the wing, Nate was able to step to his left and fire his shot into the bottom left corner of the net past the keeper to put us 1-0 up. A few minutes later, Billy got free again and found Nate with a lovely through ball, but Nate blasted his shot straight at the keeper, who then scrambled well to block Logan's follow up strike. Alex and Josi came back on for Bailey and Spyridon, and then Bailey for Jordan, as Lugarno fashioned a few more chances that we didn't quite finish: in the 58th minute, Carss Park finally found some room through the middle before Ben made a great decision to come out and clear the ball.

Overall, this was a close game that Lugarno could have won by more but where we could have come undone in just a couple of moments as well, so a good win in the end to start the weekend - and a foreshadowing of things to come.

For our catch up game against the Bexley North Bombers (2) side on Monday, Ben T came onto the bench while Spyridon was unavailable. At Kingsgrove Avenue at the leisurely time of 11:20, Lugarno started with a slightly different looking backline of Bailey, Cooper, Peter and Jaden, with Jake pushing up into the midfield with Andrei, and Nate, Josi and Billy across the front. Like many sides, Bexley North were sending their goal kicks to the backs and making full use of the rule that the other side cannot touch the ball first, allowing it to run slowly and as far as possible before their backs would kick it, which is almost certainly not teaching them to play out from the back like the rule is meant to do. However, great pressure from Andrei forced the Bomber's left back into a kick across field, which Josi intercepted in front of goal and slotted home into the bottom left corner to send Lugarno up 1-0 after just 4 minutes of play. Bexley North showed how dangerous they could be on the counter shortly afterwards, when in the 13th minute their striker ran onto a long ball and went 20 metres with the Lugarno defence running alongside him, before hitting a shot that forced Ben into a great diving save stretched fully out on the ground to his left. After coming on for Jordan, Ben T got his head onto several balls in rapid succession with good contact - we just hope he hasn't got concussion. A double sub in the 18th minute with Logan and Alex coming on for Josi and Bailey saw us apply more

pressure, with nice passes from Jake to Alex to Andrei resulting in another shot that sailed just over the bar. In the 25th minute from our throw in, the high ball fell to Logan whose poke was blocked, and Alex's subsequent thunderbolt from close range was tipped over the bar from a great reflex save by the Bombers keeper. Just two minutes later, after Josi had come on for Andrei, the Bexley North keeper made another great save when he stuck out his left foot to block a good left footed shot from Billy, who had made a terrific run up the right side. We went to the break with just the one goal, despite our almost complete midfield dominance in the first half; we'd had a few probably-not offside calls go against us from the home referee, and some marginal looking offside calls of Bexley not called, but we'd still had plenty of chances to put the game away.

Lugarno started the second with Logan firing a shot straight at the keeper, but we seemed to lack the same intensity as before the break and were almost caught out in the 34th minute when the Bexley striker got through before Peter laid a great side on tackle to clear the ball. In the 43rd minute, Josi fired the ball across goal from a really tight angle, which was put away but the referee ruled that the ball had gone over the goal line, so Bexley North got the goal kick. A minute later, we earned a penalty after a handball from Bexley North in the box, but after the boys had put the ball down on the penalty spot, the referee made them move it back to the edge of the box; Jake's subsequent strike hit the right post and bounced away. Bexley North then got free on the counter once again and - with our backs running alongside him and Peter going down in contentious circumstances - put in a strong shot over Ben that bounced in off the underside of the top bar to level the scores at 1-all. Bexley North began to exert some more pressure then, but Lugarno still managed to create some great chances they couldn't quite convert: a shot from Alex in good position was cleared away, and a cross from Nate went along the ground all the way to the other side of the goals without anyone getting a foot to it. In the last minute, Bexley tried to slow things down with a substitute, but on the stroke of full time, Lugarno swept into the penalty area with a great pass to Josi, who slotted the ball past the keeper into the bottom right of the net just as the referee blew full time, who then disallowed the goal.

The draw was a disappointing result, and although it shouldn't have come down to that, we are checking with the Association about some of the above incidents.

In other games, Arncliffe won both of their games against Sans Souci and Rockdale, while Rockdale lost their other game against Ramsgate, and Sans Souci won their game against Carss Park. The Bexley North (1) side beat their (2) side handily on the Saturday, while Forest Rangers' catch up game against Ramsgate is still to be played next weekend; pending those results, the Bomber's #1 side have at a 6 point lead on us with 30 points, while we are 4 points ahead of Sans Souci on 20 points with Arncliffe on 16 and Carss Park on 15. Next week, we play Sans Souci in an important fixture away at an early time of 8:20. See you then!



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