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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	Lugarno	4	0	ASOW	AAW/B	Lugarno	3	5	Forest Rangers (2) 02
AA/C	Lugarno (2)	5	0	Carlton Rovers (1)	AAW/C	Arncliffe Aurora	4	1	Lugarno - 18G
AA/C	Lugarno (1)	1	4	Sans Souci	O35/B	Lugarno	3	4	Arncliffe Aurora (1) 01
AA/D	Lugarno	0	1	Penshurst West	PWL/1	Lugarno	1	7	Scots FC
AA/E	Lugarno	2	1	Scots FC	U16G/A	Connells Point (1)	2	1	Lugarno (2)
AA/F	Lugarno (2)	1	8	Forest Rangers					
AA/F	Connells Point	0	0	Lugarno (1)					
AA/G	Forest Rangers (1)	1	2	Lugarno					
PL1/1	Lugarno	0	1	Sans Souci					
PLR/R	Lugarno	0	3	Sans Souci					
U12/C	Lugarno	4	1	Forest Rangers					
U13/C	Ramsgate RSL	2	1	Lugarno					
U14/C	Bexley North (1)	3	1	Lugarno					
U15/A	Connells Point (1)	5	2	Lugarno					
U17/18	Lugarno	1	6	Arncliffe Aurora					
					Friday				
					O45/A	Scots FC	10	0	Lugarno

Canteen & Field Set Up for next weekend:

	Team	Time	Duty required
Saturday 28th May	AAB	7am – 12 noon	Set up fields; Canteen set up; BBQ duty; Canteen duty
	7B 2	12 noon – 2 pm	Canteen duty; BBQ duty
	15A	2pm – 5pm	Canteen duty; BBQ duty; Clean up canteen; Pull down fields after checking with canteen re: posts required for Sunday games
Sunday 29th May	16 Girls A1		Set up Field 6, ½ hour before game
	AAW C		Pull down Field 6; return posts to lock up area

Match Reports:

6B 3 v Kogarah Waratah

Saturday 14th May

POTM: Zachary Boyle

This week we played Kogarah, and they were a good challenge for our team.

Kyla, Grace, Hunter and Jarvis started on the field this week, with the team playing well together to keep the score close in the opening stages. Kyla had a close goal scoring opportunity early and Jarvis put in yet another excellent defensive performance.

Zachary L came on and gave us a huge boost of energy, and heading into the halftime break we were only down a couple of goals.

Samuel made some decisive and quick runs early in the second half, but the opposition were too experienced overall and hit the back of the net numerous as the half progressed.



Towards the end of the game through some great teamwork from all, we got ourselves in a good position to score and thankfully the ball somehow found the back of the net for a goal 😊.

Although it was a dominant display by Kogarah, it was testament to the team for keeping their heads up that we were able to score a goal. We will continue to work on our aggression, whilst looking to develop some more passing combinations amongst the team as the season continues.

Player of the week was Zachary Boyle, who put in what could only be described as a masterclass

in midfield play. He made some strong tackles, some awesome runs and thoroughly deserved the trophy and the Macca's voucher!

6B 3 v Kogarah Waratah

POTM: Samuel

We've had a mixed bag this year, with some challenging games followed up by some fantastic results. So coming into this weekend, we were all hoping that we would continue our improvement and offer up a competitive game.

We spent a bit of time in our end during the first half, but some strong kicks from Zachary Boyle helped us keep the opposition to just the single goal heading into half time. After saving a few earlier chances, Hunter had tried valiantly to keep their shot out but it just rolled into the back of the net.

Half time seemed to spark the youngsters, and in our best display of passing for the season, we scored two quick goals, both in similar fashion. Grace passed it in to Kyla on the wing, who dribbled it forward and booted it up to a waiting Zachary L who finished twice with his usual skill. Great teamwork!

Jarvis also excelled in the second half making some speedy runs and strong clearing kicks for the team. After Lugarno scored again, it was a nail biting finish, coming right down to the wire.

Player of the game this week was Samuel. He put in a good effort at training on Wednesday and it showed on the field with his best performance of the season. Well done!

A few goals, good teamwork, a competitive game, snakes alive = smiles all round.



7B 3 v Carss Park

Goals Scorer: Miles Laney / Michael Nicholson / Catherine Kaniouris

POTM: Catherine Kaniouris

What beautiful sunshine we had for our game on Saturday.

Everyone had a great game, great defending and some great goals....congratulations to Catherine as Player of the Match!

Looking forward to see you all next Saturday.



7B 6 v Carss Park

Goal Scorers: Jake Eastwood / Felipe Mancuso

POTM: Jake Eastwood

We had a good start to the match but Carss Park quickly scored to get ahead. It didn't take us long before Jake took charge and scored an equalising goal.

Danny did well to pass the ball this week, just like we focused on in training. Rebecca did well to chase the ball and try to move past the opposition. Joshua did his best to keep the ball out of goal but one managed to get past just before the end of half time.

We came back strong in the second half with Felipe scoring a terrific goal. It was Brooklyn's turn to defend in the second half and even though we conceded another two goals, he kept going and didn't give up. Luca did some good kicks and tried his best to get through the defence.

There was a lot of shirt pulling and pushing during the game which made our kids tense. They did well to listen to the referee but just as Felipe made his way towards goal, the Carss Park coach came onto the field

and said "Stop" and our kids froze. This disrupted the momentum of the game and unfortunately we didn't succeed in equalising.

It was a tough game versus a very physical side but we are very proud of the kids for not retaliating.

81 v Bexley North

Goals: Joshua / Chris

POTM: Broadie & Liani

Saturday was another fine morning for an anticipated home ground match at Gannons. We started a little subdued and found ourselves defending a determined Bexley North who were lucky to score a quick two goals. However, following this, we seemed to turn our game around and held Bexley North out for a very well-played first half.



It was very pleasing to see all step it up in the second half. The game was played from one end to the other, we also started to get some shots on goal and we were rewarded a couple of goals that saw us trail 3 to 2. It really could have been anyone's game from this point in the second half, we were passing well and play continued from one end to the other.

Well played Lugarno - you are continuing to improve every game, nice to see the goal drought broken. Thank you Bill for refereeing. Team, keep up the good work and we'll see you all at training on Tuesday



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9B2 v Kogarah Waratahs

POTM: Vinnie

Well done to our team this week. The hard work that our coach Nick has been putting into training is paying off. The kids are stopping the ball, looking for a team mate, and passing. This skill is important for the kids growth as footballers.

Today our team were talking to each other, marking the other team, and controlling the ball. Which was great to see!

Olivia and Michael scored our goals today, and were working well together. Noah, Linden, Vas and Ryah were fast in the midfield, getting the ball up to the forwards.

Emylin, Diana and Samuel were strong in defense and helped their team greatly today.

Jamie had the tough job as goalie. He kept his eye on the ball and only let one get past him.

Vinnie was our player of the match today because he was helping everywhere. He had a great defensive game and made some great passes to set up our team's goals. He was also unlucky not to score, with his kick going over the bar.

Well done 9B2!

10I v Forest Rangers

Goal Scorer: Anthony Pejovski

POTM: Tom Finn

This week's game against Forest Rangers was marked on the calendar from the start of the season, not only was it the local derby - the Rangers has school mates in the team.

Certainly was a high quality game, free flowing from end to end thanks to the attacking skills from Fin, Alex, Daniel and Hunter. Mitchell found open spaces from short sharp passing from Owen and Michael, which demonstrated great teamwork and it wasn't long before Anthony scored our one and only goal.

Our defence was solid with Nicholas, Emmanuel and Michael at the back, and it wasn't til late in the game when Lugarno thought they had closed out a win, when the Rangers struck levelling up the score – which is how the game ended.

Tom picked a great game to hit his peak, intercepting numerous long range kicks and defended just as well - earning Tommy our Player of the Match this week.

Coach Harry rotated the beach well, and the game plan worked a treat. Whit was great as ref letting the game flow end to end. Back to Gannons again this week for a late kick off against another Sans Souci team.



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11B 2 v 11B1

Our local derby had arrived - we were playing our other Lugarno U11B side. Great news as this meant we were playing down at Gannons - not so great was the 8.30 kick off!! In saying that it was a beautiful morning and we were first away.

Unfortunately we did not have any alternative strip so our kids turned their jerseys inside out and we were set. No issues with the numbering as we did not have a ref today either so Sean stepped up and ran the proceedings for the day.

Warm up looked promising as the boys seemed reasonably focused and were working well through the warm up phases - one quick little team chat and away we went.

It was going to be a tough run today as our opponents are well skilled and would not give us any thing.



The first few minutes were very slow for us and we found ourselves chasing hard as we could not hold the ball to which eventually led to the opening goal from our opponents 1 - nil.

Thankfully with that, and the coach rattling the cage regarding positioning and the contest for the ball, it got us moving as we started to push the ball around. We still played too centrally but with the added desire it found us pushing forward, Jonathon rattled

the wood work a couple of times with some well delivered strikes but it took a great run from Daniel to open our account and lead us to the break at 1 - 1.

Half time chit chat was delivered firmly to the boys regarding our game play of working out and in and how we needed to keep looking for those opportunities. Positives were again our defence line as apart from the one goal we had them well covered and needed to be on our game at this end of the pitch as we were playing a good team.

With the opening of the second half saw 3 or so raids pulled back for offside as our Ref for the day made sure there were no false starts in the run for the ball. We seemed to be getting on top and started to work the ball well. Second half also saw a team shuffle which started to bear fruit as we worked the ball to the out fringes and it was delivered back centrally. For a couple of weeks Liam has been spending some time in the central mid field position in the second half of the game and this week it paid off well as he found the net twice with a solid run and shot on goal.



That closed the game at 3 - 1 and although it was a strong win by the score card it was a lot closer than that. We need to work on our starting speed and supporting play moving forward.

Well done boys and looking forward to next Week.



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13C v Ramsgate RSL

Lost 1 - 2

Goal Scorers: Logan

In only our third game away from Gannons Park, the game was in many ways a familiar tale: a touch sluggish early, we fell behind on the scoreboard before getting back into the game, but unlike previous matches, this time we were unable to find the late flourish we needed after our opposition went ahead once more.

In a much later timeslot than usual, Jake's absence from the centre backs was felt as both of Ramsgate's goals came from runs around our left and right backs - one in each half - where we weren't quite able to turn, chase and apply enough pressure to prevent the shot: both times, Ramsgate found the tight angle past Ben into our net. We were perhaps fortunate not to concede another when an errant goal kick to Bailey found him surrounded by five Ramsgate players, but their shot went well wide.

There was a lot of ball in the air and a lot of individual rather than team play, and although Billy found some room on the right, Ramsgate were generally able to force him into the pocket and turn the ball over: on a few occasions an earlier release to a free player could have created better opportunities. The Ramsgate goalkeeper was excellent, timing his moves out of the box accurately and with strong hands deflecting anything that came his way: in one 30 second segment of play in the first half, he blocked three or four shots on goal from repeated attempts. He was beaten only once in the second half when Nate got past Ramsgate's right back and angled his cross back to Logan, who snaffled the close range shot: a similar move shortly after was unfortunately pulled up for a marginal offside, but given our earlier difficulties with this rule earlier in this game, we could hardly complain. That didn't seem to deter the Ramsgate parent who was convinced that he'd seen Billy pull down their player and yet won the free kick: the ref isn't perfect and can only call what she sees, but he disagreed enough that he was happy to encourage his team to not chase after the balls out of bounds in the last five minutes. Although Ramsgate certainly deserved the result, it was unfortunate that they felt they had to play that way in that last little period.

This result sees Sans Souci move past us into 2nd place on goal difference; Bexley North (1)'s result against Rockdale is yet again unpublished, so it's unknown whether they will increase their current 1 point lead at the top of the table. Carss Park beat Bexley North's #2 side 3-1, while Arncliffe Aurora recorded their first proper win with a 1-0 result over Forest Rangers. Next week, we have the bye, while Sans Souci play the Bombers' #2 side; Ramsgate play the #1 side in what should be a close match. Carss Park should win against Arncliffe and move to 15 points, two behind us, so things are tightening up!



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15A v Connells Point (1) Lost 2 - 5

Goals Scorer: Kane Spiteri 3

POTM: Kane Spiteri

The team faced competition leaders Connells Point (1) with player ranks impacted by recent long term injuries sustained by Mitchell and Omar. James was also not unavailable for this game due to school sporting commitments.

A 4-4-2 formation saw Raffi start in goals, with Harris, David, Jonah and Nick in defence, Stephen, Peter, Harrison and Mark comprised the midfield while Will and Kane paired up in attack. The interchange players for the game comprised of Issac and Alex.

The early exchanges were pretty even until the opposition was awarded a penalty kick in the eighth minute which they successfully converted for their opening goal. The goal lifted the opposition and soon they established good field position and started enjoying superior ball possession as well.

Relentless attacking by Connells Point and some hesitant defending by Lugarno helped to gift the opposition two more goals.

Lugarno started enjoying greater ball possession which resulted in goal scoring opportunities falling to Kane, Mark and Issac. Despite going close the score line did not change with Lugarno down 3-0 at the half-time break.

In terms of ball possession and creating goal scoring opportunities, Lugarno in the second half matched it with the competition leaders.

Kane went close to scoring when he hit the goal posts before managing to score a brace and Peter and Harrison also went close to scoring. With Connells Point also scoring two second half goals the game ended 5-2 in favour of the competition leaders.

The boys put in a competitive performance against a skilful team managing to draw the second half.

Raffi and Will shared the goal keeping duties managing to pull-off a number of important saves while also contributing as outfield players; Harris, Jonah, David and Nick stayed focused despite the relentless attacking football of the opposition; Issac, Alex, Stephen, Peter, Harrison and Mark faced the opposition in the middle of the park while Kane was instrumental in leading the Lugarno attack and was nominated player of the match for his outstanding performance.

Game stats

	Lugarno FC	Connells Point (1)
Total shots	8	12
Shots on target	4	8
Goals	2	5
Corners	4	7
Possession	42 per cent	58 per cent



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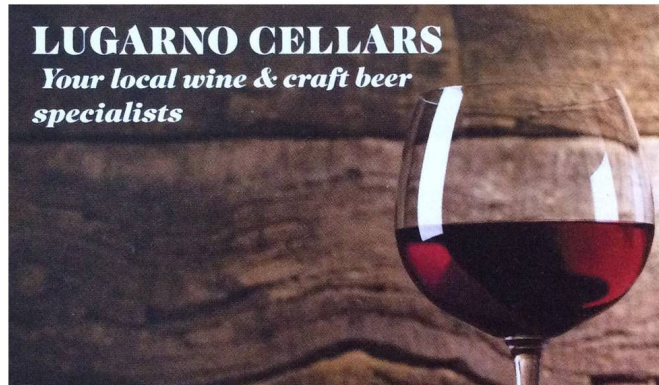


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