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Match Results:

Saturday					Sunday				
AG/Div	Home Team	Н	A	Away Team	AG/Div	Home Team	н	A	Away Team
AA/B	Hurstville Glory	0	7	Lugarno	U13Girls	Lugarno	2	1	Sans Souci
AA/C	Hurstville Glory	6	0	Lugarno (2)	U16G/A/B	Bexley North	1	5	Lugarno
AA/C	Lugarno (1)	4	0	Carlton Rovers	U16G/C	Hurstville ZFC	4	3	Lugarno
AA/D	Hurstville Glory	1	2	Lugarno					
AA/E	Lugarno	0	5	Oatley RSL					
AA/F	Penshurst West	1	1	Lugarno (1)					
AA/F	Lugarno (2)	2	6	Oatley RSL					
AA/G	Kogarah Waratah	5	1	Lugarno					
PL1/1	Lugarno	0	3	ASOW					
PLR/R	Lugarno	1	1	ASOW					
U12/B	Lugarno	0	6	Bexley North					
U13/C	Carss Park	5	5	Lugarno					
U14/C	Ramsgate RSL	9	1	Lugarno					
U15/A	Lugarno	3	5	Banksia Tigers	Friday				
U17/18	Lugarno	16	0	Sans Souci (3)	045/A	Rockdale Suns	3	3	Lugarno

Match Reports:

6B 3 v Forest Rangers

POTM: Kyla

The weather was unfortunately against us this week, with heavy rain falling for most of the game. The kids however, loved it, and enjoyed the muddy conditions.

We came up against some very strong Forest Rangers competition, but the kids continued to try their best and improve from week to week.

The run on team got us off to a good start with Grace and Zachary L helping the team with their usual enthusiasm and big clearing kicks. Hunter was aggressive and had one of his patent fast break chances go just wide when he slipped on the wet surface. Just before half time Zachary B made the run of the game, an amazing run down the left side of the field which left the Rangers defenders in his wake.



The second half started with some awesome midfield play by Samuel, creating a few solid chances for our team. He was also rock solid in defence as usual.

We got a boost of energy in the second half with Jarvis taking the field and providing a real spark. He single handedly saved a few goals with some awesome stops in front of our goal.



Kyla was at her best this weekend with her usual pace and aggression helping Lugarno into good scoring opportunities. She was named Player of the Match for her fantastic effort this weekend.

We conceded a few goals against a far more experienced team, however we did continue to improve in terms of skill, aggression and desire to win the ball.

Well done to all the team.

Trying to catch some raindrops on their tongues!

7B 3 v Connells Point

Goal Scorer: Michael Nicholson 2 **POTM:** Charlie Arandale

We only had 4 players this week, but we were lucky enough to have Lennox from one of the other Under 7's teams play with us this week. Lennox goes to school with all the kids in our team, so it was great to have another Lugarno Public School child playing with us!

Connells Point were a tough team, and put us through our paces. Mikey scored within the first 5 minutes of the game, and was a little pocket rocket all over the field on Saturday. He had some great kicks and some great plays up the field. Our player of the match, Charlie, had a fab game. He tried really hard throughout the whole game, and it was a tough one, as we only had 1 sub the whole time, so the kids spent a lot of time on the field. Oli, as always, was super keen to always be on the field, and never wanted to come off for a break. Emma had a great game too, keeping up with the boys. Final score 2 all.

Looking forward to a full strength team next week.



7B 5 v Sans Souci

Goal Scorers: Anthony 2 / Jack 2 / Remi 2 / Ashton / Thomas Assists: Anthony 2 / Jack / Tom / Remi POTM: Remi

Another early morning start at Claydon Reserve for the second time in three weeks, and facing Sans Souci teams three weeks in a row.

Our best team performance this year to date. Great passing and control this week, and some great team goals.

Well played everyone.

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7B 5 v Rockdale Suns

Goal Scorers: Anthony 8 / Ashton 3 / Thomas 2 / Remi Assists: Aiden 2 / Remi / Anthony POTM: Anthony

Unfortunately I was away on holidays, so the manager had to step up this week. What can I say, 14 nil, not a bad way to start your coaching career Stephen.

During a rainy Saturday at Gannons the team turns out the biggest victory of our short history.

Thanks Jeva for the live feeds and score updates.

Great result boys, lets keep the momentum up.

<u>7B6</u> v Connells Point

POTM: Brooklyn Su

Are we playing or aren't we? That was the questions everyone was wondering.

The rain came down but that didn't stop our enthusiastic kids from playing.

It was a tough match vs the Rovers and our kids did an incredible job to defend and attack. An effort they should all be proud of.

The boys all came close to scoring a goal, several times throughout the match. Well done Jake, Felipe, Danny, Luca, Joshua and Brooklyn! Final score loss 0-1.

Were looking forward to welcoming Rebecca back next week.

10I v Carss Park

Goal Scorers: Anthony Pejovski 2 / Mitchell Woods **POTM:** Michael Elazzi

Our first game on the road saw cold and wet conditions and the team knew their soccer season had arrived. Coach Harry had the team warm up in the rain and therefore extra running was on the run sheet.

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

Our attack this week was stop and start and the game went down to the wire, with Daniel, Hunter and Emmanuel all very strong enabling Mitchell to score one goal and Anthony two.

Our Player of the Match this week was Michael, 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 Sans Souci.

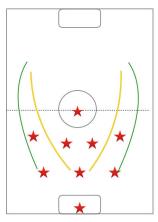






<u>11B 2</u> v ASOW

U11B2's were once again down at our beloved home pitch - Gannons Midi where we had already had great success this year as our team develops and starts to really get into the swing of the season. This was going to be our first wet game and there seemed to be plenty of excitement from the boys as we started to assemble under the protection of the shed's awning.



We took an opportunity to have a team discussion in the sheds to talk positions, structure and our approach to the game today in these wet conditions. It also gave me the chance to talk about the importance of our starting speed and the want for the ball and the need to earn possession in every contest. We always

talk about positioning, passing and possession but these things can only come from earning the ball. To earn the ball we need to be ready for every contest and put pressure on the

opponents' ball carrier and providing we can do this and support the each other in the play of the game with positioning in mind we should be able to control the game.



The boys have been working on the 3 - 4 -1 approach and the emphasis is on trying to keep possession in our middle third and pushing the ball out wide and working the ball back through the middle in our attacking third. Our formation is also designed to create passing channels to give the ball carrier a left or right option



as they decide on the route forward. So often we attack directly and at times this is the best way, but our new approach encourages the use of the space available regardless of scoreboard pressure.

At this stage we have found ourselves in some tough games but as the boys keep working on their formation it often throws our opponents out as they really have to work hard to catch the ball and gain momentum.

With all that said our first wet game was

away and early signs were our boys were pushing hard on the ball and set the tempo early. The ball was pushed though our lines with speed and confidence which saw us finish the first half seven goals up. Jonathan 2, Daniel 2, Alexander 2 and Cody with 1. Sean also had a solid half at right back, at times made some every important tackles but even better were his deliveries to Ross on the right wing for Ross to work back in to provide good service to the goal finishes. This is the textbook game plan and was great to see. Our second half started like the first with our boys setting the pace and speed of the game, we had the full team available today with 2 reserves as we rotated the boys through the second half well. This gave an opportunity to rest some of the busy areas of the park, Daniel and Jonathan worked hard in the middle and covered a lot of ground. The goalcount for the second half - Cody 2, Jonathon 2 and Daniel 2.



This seemed like a lopsided affair but to be

honest our opponents had their opportunities but, with a solid back line and a couple of solid saves from Zack our keeper, kept them goalless.

It was very pleasing to see the improvement from our boys each week and to finish as strong as this against a team we drew against last year really shows some improvement

Well done boys and let's keep working at it!



13C v Carss Park

Drew 5 - 5

Goals Scorer: Logan 2 / Alex / Andrei / Jayden

A cold miserable morning sees us play Carss Park at Charles Pirie Field, and we soon learnt how susceptible this ground is to high winds and how it can help influence the game.

This week we see Ben, Spyridon & Nathaniel out due to illness or scheduled leave, and we also welcome a new addition of Benjamin T to our team, and head into the game with one sub.

Carss Park, having the wind advantage in the first half, start extremely strong, catching our mids and defence off guard and plant three successive goals within five minutes. As you could image they're brimming in confidence and continue to enforce their dominance on Lugarno, when at the 10th minute Lugarno succumb to the Carss Park pressure and let through another goal, and the EPL like theatrics start from the Carss Park team, it's now 4-0. Our boys try to settle the game, but the increased goal line in front of them leads to frustration and Alex's eager right foot costs him a yellow card, ouch. But the Lugarno team persist as they know best, and at the 25th minute we see Jaden push the ball through from half way to find Andrei who completes a couple of light touches that finds him on a one-on-one with the goalie and easily gets the ball into the net, 4-1. But it's fair to say this was Carss Park's half and they ended in a bang with another goal after a number of attacking plays with one of those hitting the back of the net. Half time whistle blows its 5-1 and the boys make their way off, knowing the uphill battle in front of them.

Well, let's just say Ocky was not impressed, our defending line was too loose, our mids weren't supporting our backs enough and our attacking line weren't pulling their weight either. Yes, the wind played a factor but we needed to fix our mistakes, there were too many gaps in our play, and not enough use of the ground and players, we needed to play as a united team. The tough pep talk seemed to sink through, the boys listened intently and you could see the focus in their eyes.

The second half whistle blows and the turnaround story begins, our defensive line of Bailey, Jake, Cooper and Jordan tightens, protecting our step in goalie Peter. Our mids of Andrei and Billy push up and down the field supporting both our defence and start to provide more opportunities up front, and our attacking line of Alex, Josiah, Logan and Jaden lift their game and make the most of any opportunities given and look to produce something out of nothing. With this correct mindset and with the wind on our side the boys set on their path to slowly claw back the game.

The second half was clearly Lugarno's time to shine and shine they did, we saw four goals come to even the score at the full time whistle. The goals to even up the scores included Logan regaining the ball off a short Carss Park goal kick, finding him in right front and planting the ball into the nets, 5-2. Next we saw Andrei cross the ball from the left to an eagerly present attacking Lugarno line where Jaden rockets a fire ball into the net, now 5-3. This followed another assist by Andrei where he finds Logan in front to score his second goal of the match, 5-4. The final goal comes from a jubilant Alex to level the score at 5-5 with only 2 minutes to go.

Sheltering from the rain on the side lines are the two camps, firstly the cheering and ecstatic family members of Lugarno, and on the other side there was shock and silence from the Carss Park contingent.

Well done boys, grit and sheer determination got you back in the game, and a draw in this instance is well deserved.



<u>13 Girls</u> v Sans Souci

Won 2 - 1

Goals Scorer: Stephanie Konjarski **POTM:** Nadine Younes

Following rain throughout Saturday the game time and ground for this game was changed to allow the game between two undefeated sides to proceed on Gannons 2.

Madelen and Capri were missing for this game and Monique started in goals behind Alana P, Nadine, Celine and Charlie. The midfield formation comprised of Mia, Tamar, Anastacia and Stephanie, while Taylah and Alanna combined in attack. Tiana and Jade were the interchange players for this game.

The opening exchanges saw both teams cautiously assess each other with play concentrated in the middle of the field and attacks breaking down in the final third as the defence of both sides enjoyed an early ascendancy over the attack.

Sans Souci's attack soon became predicable with continued focus on the right flank. Once Lugarno countered to strengthen the defence on that side, the opposition's attack became less effective and Lugarno started imposing themselves on the opposition through both superior field position and possession.

As Lugarno became more compact in structure closing the space and gaps for the opposition to run into, the attack became more effective succeeding to drive the opposition deeper and deeper into their territory, resulting in consecutive corners being secured by Lugarno. The attacking onslaught finally resulted in the opening goal for Lugarno when Tamar played a square ball to release Stephanie into the penalty area, Stephanie cut inside bypassed two Sans Souci defenders and scored Lugarno's opening goal.

Lugarno maintained the attacking orientation with goal scoring chances falling to Taylah, Alanna, Stephanie and Tamar. Counter attacking football saw Sans Souci threaten the Lugarno final third but some exceptional defending from Monique, Nadine, Mia, Charlie and Celine ensured no goals were conceded as the teams headed for the half-time break with Lugarno enjoying a narrow 1-0 lead.

A quick goal from kick-off by Stephanie helped give Lugarno a 2-0 lead. In football 2-0 leads have often proven to be very dangerous as they tend to give teams a false sense of security. From the 10th to the 25th minute of the second half Lugarno were subjected to an attacking onslaught from Sans Souci. Lugarno were clearly tiring as they were forced to defend and absorb enormous pressure. The task was made even more difficult by the non-functioning of the midfield, as large gaps appeared in the middle of the park, Lugarno clearances were being immediately brought back by Sans Souci for further attacks. Sustained pressure resulted in Lugarno conceding a goal. At 2-1 and with still 10 minutes left to play players were rotated to give tiring legs a break and repel the Sans Souci onslaught.

With Sans Souci unable to turn their territorial and ball possession advantage into an equaliser, Lugarno's rotation policy started turning the tide and Lugarno spent the final moments of the game in possession and deep into Sans Souci's half dictating both the pace of the ball movement and game tactics. When the final whistle was blown Lugarno players fell to their knees clearly exhausted.

The game was played in great footballing spirit by both teams and there were numerous instances of determined and gutsy play. From a technical perspective Lugarno's performance was below-par but the overall team effort more than made up for the on-field skill and technical aspects. Sometimes it is better for a team to play below potential and still win games through determination and effort and that was clearly witnessed against a tough Sans Souci side.

Nadine, Mia, Tiana, Stephanie, Anastacia and Celine all put in determined and gutsy efforts.

Monique, Charlie, Alana P and Taylah remained focused and composed throughout the game.

Jade, Tamar and Alanna showed great versatility and team spirit.

It has been a great start to the season so far for the team with four wins from four games. The key for ongoing success will be maintaining team focus and cohesion, taking one game at a time, giving opposition teams due respect irrespective of the position they occupy on the competition table and not placing too much attention and emphasis on the competition table.

Good start to the season team for making it three out of three.

Thankfully the rain also stayed away!



<u>15A</u> v Banksia Tigers Lost 3 - 5

Goal Scorers: Mitchell Frost / Peter Katsoulas / Kane Spiteri **POTM:** James Arfanis

Playing at home Lugarno faced last year's champions Banksia Tigers in round four on what turned out to be a rainy and windy Saturday morning.

Opting for a 4-4-2 formation, Will made his return from injury in goals, Harris, Raffi, David and Nick made up the defence, while Harrison, Peter, James and Kane formed the midfield with Omar and Mitchell pairing up in attack. The interchange players comprised of Issac, Alex, Jonah and Stephen. Mark was unavailable for this game due to an injury.

From kick-off the opposition made their intentions clear going immediately on the attack and driving Lugarno back. Having survived the opening onslaught, Lugarno launched their first counterattack which saw Peter feed a long ball to a rampaging Mitchell who broke away from the Banksia defender and, just as another Banksia defender was closing in, Mitchell kicked the ball powerfully past the goal keeper and in the right hand corner of the goal with his left foot for Lugarno's opening goal, just two minutes into the game.

A shocked Banksia responded with sustained attacking football but Lugarno, through determined defending from the back four of Harris, Raffi, David and Nick, supplemented by some brave goal keeping from Will, managed to keep the opposition out. Sustained pressure finally paid off for the visitors as they grabbed a soft equaliser in the 12th minute.

Lugarno responded positively to the equaliser going on the attack and playing the game at Banksia's final third. A poor clearance from Banksia saw the ball land at Peter's feet just outside the penalty area and, without hesitation, Peter fired a shot past the Banksia goalkeeper for Lugarno's second goal on the 14th minute. The opposition again lifted after the goal and dominated possession but Lugarno repelled a series of Banksia attacks. Jonah, Issac, Alex and Stephen were introduced into the game to give some tiring Lugarno players a deserved rest.

Banksia equalised again to make it 2-2 when a poor Lugarno clearance saw the Banksia striker replicate Peter's shot on the 27th minute. The game became a bit more settled after Banksia's equaliser with more of the play focused in the middle of the park. That pattern held until Nick won the ball inside Lugarno's half and executed a perfect through ball to Kane who outpaced Banksia's defender and kicked the ball past a charging Banksia goal keeper for Lugarno's third goal on the 30th minute.

In the last five minutes James used his pace to make incisive runs and deliver crosses into Banksia's penalty area but the opposition succeeded to keep Lugarno out as the teams went into the half-time break with Lugarno leading 3-2.

Half-time instructions focused on closing the spaces in the middle of the park, countering Banksia's attacks on the left flank and executing quicker transition of play.

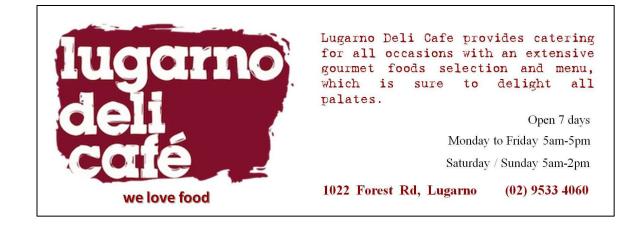
Early second half action saw Banksia on the attack in search of the equaliser while Lugarno defended bravely and employed a counter-attacking game. For the first 20 minutes of second half, the team successfully repelled Banksia's onslaught with Will producing a number of good saves to keep the opposition out. The Lugarno players were matching the opposition in physical play with strong performances by Harrison, Kane, David, Harris, Nick, Jonah, James, Mitchell and Omar.

The Banksia equaliser arrived in the 22nd minute courtesy of a well-executed free kick just outside the Lugarno penalty area. Further goals to the opposition in the 27th and 30th minute gave Banksia a 5-3 lead before Lugarno was awarded a penalty kick with four minutes left to play. The prospect of making the score 5-4 and taking the game down to the wire proved too much for the Lugarno penalty taker who failed to convert the penalty kick. A relieved Banksia celebrated the penalty save and despite Lugarno maintaining the attacking focus during the closing phase of the game, no more goals were conceded by the opposition, bringing to an end an entertaining and high-scoring game.

Game four saw another ultra-competitive performance by Lugarno. The team took the lead three times against the champions Banksia Tigers and it was a tremendous effort to lead 3-2 at half-time. In the end the game could have ended with just a goal separating the teams had Lugarno managed to convert their penalty kick. There is no doubt the competitive performances are gaining the team respect from opposition teams.

When the final whistle was blown Banksia celebrated more like a relieved team than a team that had just won by a two goal margin.

	Lugarno FC	Banksia Tigers		
Total shots	11	17		
Shots on target	6	12		
Goals	3	5		
Corners	0	6		
Possession	42	58		



AAB v Hurstville Glory Won 7 - 0

Game stats

Goal Scorers: Jordan Djoeandy 3 / Simon Galluzzo / Will Clairmont / Tory Pizzolato / Ben Vella

Our Lugarno side took the field this week looking to start the season with four consecutive wins. After playing in three consecutive grand finals in the years that have past, we have learnt that starting the new season with strong performances always proves vital towards the end of the year. Therefore, we came into this game willing and determined to take away another three points. Our side has come to be known as the "Lions" due to furiousness and ferocity with which we play the game. Saturday the 23rd of April was no exception.

The conditions were not kind at Penshurst Park as the rain was falling in every direction possible. However, this did not stop our side from playing high quality football and our first goal came off a well-constructed set piece which was planned by inspirational manager Paul "Jose" Galluzzo on the training paddock. The cross from the corner into the box wasn't the greatest, however the header on the end of it by mid-fielder, Simon Galluzzo, was world class. Struck firmly and truly into the bottom right corner leaving the opposition keeper stunned as the header was a replica of the likes of Paul Pogba. The goal took the midfielder to the leading goal scorer for the team and his off-seasons extras are really starting to be seen on the field.

The goals didn't stop there and this pack of lions was ready for a big day of hunting. Out-of-form striker, Jordan Djoeandy, fought his way back into form by sealing a hat-trick. All of the goals were absolute quality and the big man was willing the ball into the back of the net. Goals were also shared between the Son of Joe, Benny V and Bilson who went Garbo. It is hard to single any one individual performance as the entire team put in a showing of the highest calibre. Everything our side was touching was turning into "diamonds". From the resilient defence of Jason Stinkyfish, Daniel Knee and Steve Holt! To the midfield with the Barcelona finesse in the likes of Lucas Canyouseedis, David Tomic and Tomas Scarf. However, one man has to be singled out for his performance and that was Richard Kellert. The man put on the goalkeeper jersey this week due to the absence of our 3rd string keeper. His calmness and presence at the back made Buffon look like an amateur. Imagine what he could do if he could eat gluten!

Our side put in a complete performance and that was reflected in the score line. Hopefully we can replicate this into next week and take another three points to start the season with five wins.

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AAC 1 v Carlton Rovers Won 4 - 0

Goal Scorers: Nem / George M / Aaron / Justin

On a day where the weather resembled a rainy day in Stoke the boys arrived pumped and ready to take on old foes Carlton who also had 9 points from the first 3 games.

In respect to the ANZACS the boys wore black arm bands.

We started strongly and had full control of the game for the first 15 minutes, Andrew and Thorpy getting their first starts of the year were keen to impress with plenty of hard work in the middle and up front, resulting in some good early attacks on their goal. After the 15 minute mark Carlton starting getting control as we lost our way. We lost our shape and we didn't mark up as well as we should. Lucky not to go 1-0 down after Stephen pulled off a great 1 on 1 save from their striker. Nem, who came off the bench was keen to get involved, took control in the middle. A short time later Justin chased down a ball and managed to put in a teasing cross which Nem made no mistake in knocking the ball home to make it 1-0. A short time later Carlton headed against the cross bar. The ball was cleared to safety. Our back 4 dealt with the difficult conditions well, Boz doing his best to make left back his own with great tackles, runs and passing. Minutes later again on the attack a great ball was played to young George who took one touch before volleying in a cracking goal to get off the mark for his new team and increase our lead to 2-0. We held this lead into half time.

After a strong team talk the boys came out knowing they couldn't take Carlton lightly. The second half was nothing short of a professional display by all 16 players. Aaron, Gary, Ray and Nathan were solid, they backed each other, made strong challenges while make great runs forward.

Aaron, making one of his trademark runs down the right, unleashed an unstoppable shot from the corner of the 18 yard box which left the keeper stranded to make it 3-0. The goal known to most as a pigeon! A well deserved goal.

Atu worked tirelessly in the centre of the park not allowing Carlton anything, showing his true leadership qualities as always. George (Snr) on the right again showed great skill and pace which left their defenders helpless. Ton playing down the left again showing his skill, leaving their defenders scratching their heads, beat 2 players running the ball into the box and, as 3 more defenders came across to cover him, he played the perfect ball to Juzzy who converted to make it 4-0.

Hugh covering again in midfield worked tirelessly controlling the middle, tackling and passing. Young George kept up his work rate chasing balls down winning back possession.

Nick came on up front played some great balls up front while defending from the front.

Every player didn't give up. With 10 minutes to go I called on the players to keep going until the final whistle, no going to sleep. The boys maintained their hard work until the end. Stephen our new keeper was left wet and cold after the rest of the team left him as a spectator from his goal mouth in the second half.

I've been with this club for 16 years and started this side 10 years ago and this is by far the best start to a season I've experienced. We have only conceded 2 goals, one from a penalty and the other a free kick - nothing in open play. This comes from leadership shown by every player as well as a positive can do attitude.

While we are happy with our progress we know the league is not won in round 4 and we have a lot of hard work ahead of us.

I am truly proud of everyone. Keep going strong, we can't stop now.

3: Gary 2: Ray 1: Young George



