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AROUND THE GROUNDS

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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/E	Lugarno (2)	4	3	Bexley North	AA/C1	Carlton Rovers	3	3	Lugarno
AA/G	Lugarno (2)	4	0	Oatley RSL	AAW/B	ASOW	1	1	Lugarno
AA/G	Lugarno (1)	2	0	Connells Point (1)	AAW/D	Lugarno	8	0	Penshurst West
AA/D	Lugarno	0	2	Hurstville Glory	O35/C	Lugarno	2	1	Arncliffe Aurora (2)
AA/E	Ramsgate RSL	3	2	Lugarno (1)	PL1/1	Oatley RSL	2	2	Lugarno
AA/C1	Lugarno	6	0	Connells Point - 18's	PLR/R	Oatley RSL	4	3	Lugarno
AA/C2	Lugarno	1	2	Connells Point	PW/AA W/A	Lugarno	0	2	Oatley RSL
PL1/1	Lugarno	6	3	Arncliffe Aurora	U12Girls	Oatley RSL	0	0	Lugarno
PLR/R	Lugarno	0	7	Arncliffe Aurora	U14Girls	Lugarno	1	1	Oatley RSL
U13/A	Lugarno	1	0	Forest Rangers	U16G/A	Rockdale City Suns	2	3	Lugarno
U13/C	Lugarno	2	8	Ramsgate RSL	U16G/B	Sans Souci	1	2	Lugarno
U14/B	Lugarno	4	0	Penshurst West					
U14Girls	Lugarno	2	2	Sans Souci					
U15/B	Bexley North (2)	2	1	Lugarno					
U16/A	Lugarno	0	0	Hurstville ZFC					
U16G/A	Forest Rangers	1	6	Lugarno					
U16G/B	Connells Point	0	3	Lugarno	Friday				
U17/B	Bexley North	0	4	Lugarno	O45/A	Sans Souci	0	2	Lugarno



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Congratulations:

We would like to congratulate Sue Dick who is the Club's first winner of the 'Banks Volunteer Award'.

The award was presented by our local Federal member, Mr David Coleman, and the Communications Minister, Mr Malcom Turnbull MP.

While you may look at the photo and say Sue had a hard night, that is in fact her husband Merv who stood in for Sue as was in Melbourne for work.

Sue has been an incredible servant for Lugarno FC for many years. Sue's official role is Girls/Women's Liaison Officer however she is also involved weekly with the canteen, is on our Social Committee, organises the team allocations, arranges the photo day and keeps me in line.

We all owe Sue a huge amount of thanks for her work at Lugarno.



The real Sue

Match Reports:

6 Bee 3 v Rockdale Raiders

Goal scorer: Michael Nicholson

POTM: Catherine Kaniouris

The opposition were a little late, so we thought we were going to have a forfeit this week! What a shame that would have been considering how excited the kids were to play after missing out last weekend due to the rain.

Within the first 30 seconds of the game starting, Mikey scored a goal! Well done Mikey!

Miles had a great game - so much awesome defending to stop the other team scoring. Great job Miles!

Our awesome player of the match, Catherine, was our little speed demon this week. She was zipping up and down the field, trying her hardest the whole time she was on the field.

Unfortunately, we didn't win this week, but once again, all the kids had a brilliant game. Looking forward to next week!



6 Bee 6

Player Profile: 60 seconds with Victoria

Number: 2

Age: 5

Favourite colour: Blue

Favourite team: Arsenal

Favourite game at training: Fruit Salad

What part of football do you need to practice: shooting

What do you like most about playing football: scoring goals

If I'm not playing football, I like to: play with my doll house

When i grow up I want to be: Doctor

What is something that mum/dad tells you to do: Don't give up



8 Bee 2 v Rockdale Suns

POTM: Patrick

We nearly played Carrs Park U9's by accident, however, a quick chat discovered that the Carrs Park team was at the wrong field at the right time! A search found the Rockdale team at the wrong field (No.1) but it all got straightened out at the start. (Maybe there should be a map somewhere?). No referee was within sight, so there was a quick election amongst the parents, and guess what? Rob Loncar won again - a very popular man who just finished BBQ duties and was looking forward to a little rest. Rob, you can keep the whistle, it may come in handy. But I digress. Now to the game. Rockdale were short of players, they only had 5, and asked if an U9 player could fill the position. Jeff, our stand in coach for the day, agreed and it was game on.

I think our players were a little shocked that another team could score goals against them. Rockdale hit the front with 2 quick goals and our players seemed out of sorts. The final score was 5 to Rockdale and 4 to Lugarno. But it was a very close match and any team could have won. It is very important that even if we are behind on the scoreboard that we NEVER give up till the last whistle is blown.

Patrick was doing a wonderful job in goals and without his skills we would have seen a terrible score against us. Well done Patrick, you deserved man of the match!

Alek, being a left foot striker, made a great run from a received long ball, dodged a few players and struck a magnificent goal, one of the best you will see. He went on to score another and played to his usual high standard.

Not to be outdone, Max decided to take on the entire team, which he did, and scored a magnificent individual goal - a fine effort which brought applause. Max was not happy until he scored his second goal.

Sam and Lachy seem to have settled into a "last line of defence" role. They were very active in defence and Rockdale kept them very busy. Rockdale counter attacks were a feature of the game. On occasions, both players took on the opposition with good attacks. With a little more speed and persistence, they will be rewarded with a goal.

Rex played a good game and was busy with the ball. He is fearless and with time will develop into a handy player. Zac featured well today and was very often in the middle of play. Well done Zac, keep it up.

Clark was busy on the field and made some useful kicks. But, like some of the other players, he will be rewarded if he is persistent and follows through and fights for the ball.

Both Jack and Cooper had short games today but when on the field, both made an impact. Jack made some wonderful penetrating runs and was always a danger to Rockdale. Cooper received a number of long passes and attacked with gusto but without reward.

It was a good team effort and all players should be proud of their game. You all played well and some of the passing from players to other players in the open was wonderful to see.

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9 Bee v Oatley RSL

Goal Scorers: Anthony

POTM: Callum

It was going to be a tough week, with last week's game and our practice session washed out and missing 3 players from the squad. We hope for a speedy recovery for Cameron and Willis, and a safe return for Sebastian who escaped the southern winter for some northern hemisphere sun.

Despite being a player down on the field, the team put in a fabulous effort and showed real guts and determination. Bailey did a fabulous job in goal in the first half, saving all of Oatley's shots. Ashton put in another cracker effort covering defence and attack, covering so much field he was often left breathless, but never gave up. Oatley were a good side, with some really good players and they spread out across the field well. We were finding it hard to make strong attacks as their defence would often clear the ball back down to our half, meaning more running and chasing for our attackers. Emily was fabulous. She marked players fabulously and found that open space in front of the goal when in attack. Peri was her main partner up front and his perseverance running with the ball and never giving up was outstanding. When others would leave the ball to go out, or give up on an opportunity Peri chases it all the way. He was unlucky not to come away with a goal. It was Anthony's turn this week to be the goal scorer, a decent kick rebounded off an Oatley player and went in, putting us up 1 – 0.

The second half saw much the same as the first. Callum took up position in goal and was outstanding. He had a lot of work to do as Oatley kept coming at us with everything they had. After being the main point of defence in the first half, he was our last line of defence in the second and he gets this week's Player of the Match Award for his super effort. The team were obviously tired, but you wouldn't have known it. They continued to play with high energy and determination. Eventually, the extra man advantage and some great play by Oatley saw them equal the score. Then, late in the game they followed it up with a shot which rebounded off the post and into the goal. There's no hope of saving those, it's luck of the draw. The 9Bs put in another spirited attack for the last two or three minutes but we weren't able to crack the great Oatley defence to draw the match.

It was good to get back on the park for a game and we were lucky with a great match between two good teams. The 9Bs fought hard and everybody came off with very well deserved smiles and heads held high. Great game team, well done!

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9 Fox 1 v Hurstville

Goal Scorers: Anthony Pejovski / Daniel Preziosa

POTM: Tom Finn

Saturday saw us take on Hurstville on a glorious Saturday and I've got to say the team that took the field have never looked better – team photos beforehand had a bit to do with that!

Lugarno got off to a cracking start with 2 smart goals to Anthony and Daniel. Our opposition snapped out of their slow start and began to build momentum which saw the next phase of play tighten up defensively for both sides. Lugarno showed great improvement with their passing with some great passages moving forward into the opposition's half. The team work was outstanding and, if not for some great goal keeping, the score would have been bigger. In saying that Finlay did a great job saving a number of tough chances whilst Lucy was outstanding in attack.

Missing our No.1 defender Nicholas with a leg injury, Tom Finn rose to the occasion as our opposition began to apply pressure. A little lapse in concentration saw two sneaky goals to Hurstville, one of which seemed to slip through a keyhole between our defence and the goalpost. Two all was the score as both teams went in search of oranges.

Mitchell Woods as always was active and speedy in both defense and attack but had to head off for his League commitments so the rest of the team would need to lift without him.

That they did as the opposition mounted piles of pressure with plenty of shots on goal but thankfully our 2nd half keeper Lucy, and her defenders in Tom and Michael, were up to the task with some gritty and energetic work at the back. Some of Lucy's saves were nothing short of brilliant.

As always Owen was busy and all over the field trying to create opportunities and shutting down our opposition, as was Emmanuel who showed plenty of muscle when needed. Finlay relished some 2nd half freedom and was strong in defense as well as almost converting some half opportunities in attack whilst his little mate Hunter was yapping at the heels of everyone in one of his livelier games. Daniel and Anthony did a great job mainly upfront and went perilously close to equalising after our opposition took the lead.

Sadly just as it looked like we might be making a miraculous comeback, the ref blew full time and that was the end of proceedings. Another exciting game provided by our young stars with great improvement on show for all to see.

Well done to Tom Finn for his Man Of The Man performance. His improvement throughout the season and been fantastic to witness and, as you can see by the photo, Finlay's ingenious photo bombing efforts remain unsurpassed. Thanks also to coach Harry for not only his tireless efforts with the team but making the extra effort to organize indoor training for the troops during the last couple of damp Fridays.





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14B v Penshurst West**Won 4 - 0****Goals Scorer:** Kane Spiteri 2 / Mitchell Frost / Haritha Jayaseekera**POTM:** Mitchell Frost & Will Simmons

This game saw first placed Lugarno take on third placed Penshurst West at Gannons Park. The last time the two teams met Lugarno secured a narrow 2-1 win so the team knew it was going to be a challenging game.

Adopting a 4-4-1-1 formation Will started in goals behind a defensive wall comprising of Harris, Issac, Jonah and Mark. The midfield combination comprised of Peter, Mitchell, Evander and Peter K, while Alex and Kane combined upfront in attack. The interchange players for this game comprised of Raffi, Harry, Omar and Stephen. Mitchell T was not available for this game.

In a confident and bright start Lugarno dominated proceedings from kick-off, camping themselves in the opposition half and subjecting the Penshurst West goal keeper to target practice. The first four shots of the game were all executed by Lugarno before the opposition had a chance to cross the half way line.

Despite the early dominance of Lugarno the score line remained unchanged as Kane and Peter K shared the early goal attempts between them. The dominance of Lugarno was finally rewarded with a an exceptional goal when Mitchell took on the defence in the 10th minute and used his pace to enter the opposition penalty area to smash the ball in the top left corner of the nets - a definite goal of the season candidate.

Boosted by the goal, Lugarno continued the attacking orientation and, within three minutes, Kane added Lugarno's second goal following an unstoppable shot from an acute angle.

At 2-0 up Lugarno was in control of the game and, while Penshurst West started making a game of it with some attacking raids, an alert and determined Lugarno defence continues to keep them at bay. Will in goals showed a safe pair of hands pulling off a number of important saves and the defence, led by inspirational Jonah, remained solid. Harris, Issac, Mark and Raffi all did an outstanding job of halting attacks and then turning defence into attack.

When Harry scored Lugarno's third goal in the 22nd minute the opposition players heads dropped and Lugarno's dominance was rewarded with another goal to Kane in the 25th minute to make it 4-0.

Being comfortable at the break, the second half witnessed a number of player rotations. Some players were placed in unfamiliar positions to test out the team and, despite a totally different playing structure to the first half, Lugarno held their own in the second half. Some scoring opportunities fell to Peter K, Alex and Peter but some good goal keeping ensured there were no additions to the half-time score.

The midfield players were busy and committed during the game closing down spaces and switching play. Mitchell put in a player of the match performance, Peter K, Evander, Omar, Peter, Stephen and Harry at different stages of the game played pivotal roles in maintaining the midfield structure. Alex and Kane chased the ball upfront placing enormous pressure on the Penshurst West defence. Their constant pressing did not allow Penshurst West to settle or have time on the ball.

From a scoreline perspective this was the most impressive win of the season so far. Putting four goals past the third placed team is an impressive effort and, had it not been for some exceptional goal keeping, the final scoreline would have been much greater.

Another pleasing aspect of the game was that the team did not shy away from playing physical football which helped to unsettle the opposition. The momentum now needs to be maintained as the team prepares for finals football.

Game stats:

	Lugarno FC	Penshurst West
Total shots	17	12
Shots on target	11	8
Goals	4	0
Corners	5	4
Possession	57 per cent	43 per cent



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14 Girls v Sans Souci Drew 2 - 2 Saturday

Goal Scorer: Emily / Sarah

Finally we had the chance to play, after all the bad weather, and what a game it was.

Sans Souci the team to beat. 1st place all year.

From kick off the girls were switched on going in hard but fair and putting pressure on them. It was end to end, just like a finals game.

After 10 mins we hit the lead with Emily finishing off a great move 1-0 up. Then for the next 15 mins we defended hard with a few chances in between. Then we didn't clear the ball from a corner and Sans Souci had a high lob shot from 25 yards out and gave Sofia no chance. 1-1

Then straight from kick off we attacked and Sarah poked it in. 2-1 up

Second half it was end to end again but with 5 mins to go we conceded a goal through a mistake 2-2

But the effort and determination of the girls today just proved that we can win this title.

Well done to all the girls.

14 Girls v Oatley RSL Drew 1 - 1 Sunday

Goal Scorer: Olivia Margan

What a difference 24 hours makes - from Premiership contenders to Premiership pretenders.

We played the bottom placed team who have won just 1 game all year. We went down 1-0 in the first half and equalised in the final 5 mins of the game.

It was like a different team out there today.

Clearly our worst game of the year, our positional play our go forward from the midfield forward wasn't there.

Hopefully this was a one off performance as we are one of the strongest, well disciplined and clinical teams in the competition normally.



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AAG (1) v Connells Point (1) Won 2 - 0

Goals Scorer: Anthony Smith 2

On a beautiful afternoon at Gannons, we played Connells Point with a full bench of subs. The first half was close fought with both sides having chances but volunteer keeper Pat kept a clean sheet, using his feet as much as his hands. The passing and communication is getting better every match and should be perfect by November.

Second half we were running downhill and had much the better of the play, controlling the ball well and allowing Anthony to continue showing us how good he is on the ball to come up with both goals. Max played in goal and wasn't stretched by the Connells attack. Thanks to all the supporters who came and watched.

AAG (2) v Oatley RSL Won 4 - 0

Goal Scorers: Sam / Jehad / Jeremy / "To be Confirmed"

After a change of venue and time at short notice, we managed a near full team turnout for the clash against bottom-of-the-table Oatley. You'd think talk about shaking off the cobwebs from the previous week's washout would be high on the agenda, but most seemed concerned about manoosh awards, L&P chocolates, million-dollar auctions attended by the dodgy duo and Eddy's keen interest in deer appendages. Nonetheless, our focus was not on the game at hand.

Without an official referee for the game, Fotes volunteered to sit out the match and officiate (has ever a referee run/walked so little?!)

Although we dominated possession, our rustiness showed (not helped by the terribly uneven surface), with Oatley's 9-players doing well to hold a strong defensive line. The deadlock was broken midway through the first half. A corner was met by a header that was blocked on the line by Oatley... but Sam pounced on the loose ball to put away his maiden LFC goal! 1-0 LFC.

This seemed to spark the four-legged action into full swing. Yare, spurred on by Eddy's attention, did his best ram impersonation in an attempted header. This was shortly followed by Jehad (WD) combining with Coxy down the left-wing with a few one-two plays... Je slotting away coolly to make it 2-0 LFC at half-time.

At the commencement of the second-half, Vlado's shot/pass found Jeremy who finished from close range. 3-0 LFC.

This activated a raft of positional changes. Nesh and Pete G (both in search of their first 'competition' goal this year) moved forward from defence, whilst Coxy's move to keeper allowed Foti to take up the left wing position.

With many valiant attempts - including Foti's 20-yard shot hitting the crossbar - the surface wasn't conducive to a ball-playing passing game. But in the final minutes, we saw the play-of-the-day. 'Some guy' timed his run perfectly to get onto the end of a precise through-ball by big Pete. With only the keeper to beat, 'this guy' nonchalantly rounded the keeper to score his first goal of the season... a goal that any seasoned pro would be proud of.

4-0 LFC Full-time.

After the game, the boys enjoyed the canteen's sausage sizzle (Thanks to Sam, who boosted the canteen's takings for the day!) Most of the talk revolved around our fourth goal scorer. The AAG2 manager should be able to confirm it by now...or else ask for Vlado's spreadsheet.

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