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AROUND THE GROUNDS

Congratulations:

16B team for finishing as Minor Premiers for 2017

Well done to these teams for finishing runners up:

AAA(1), AAD, AAF, 12C, 13B and 14Girls A

The above teams, plus the AAG team (and maybe a few more after this weekend's last round) will be playing Finals Football – please go out and cheer them on if you can – go Luggars!!

Week 1 Finals draw

Saturday:

12C playing at 8.45am at Memorial Park vs Oatley FC
16B playing at 10.45am at Charles Pirie vs Bexley North
13B playing at 10.50am at Scarborough No 7 vs Scots FC
AAD playing at 2.30pm at Charles Pirie vs Forest Rangers
AAF playing at 2.30pm at Beverly Hills Park vs Forest Rangers
AAG playing at 2.30pm at Bush Park Carrs Park vs Connells Point

Sunday:

14 Girls A playing at 11.40am at Kingsgrove Ave vs Oatley FC

Good Luck to all Lugarno teams playing Finals Football

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Match Results:

Saturday				Sunday					
AG/Div	Home Team	Н	Α	Away Team	AG/Div	Home Team	Н	Α	Away Team
AA/C	Lugarno	4	0	Kogarah Waratah	AAW/A	Bexley North	2	2	Lugarno
AA/D	Ramsgate RSL	0	4	Lugarno	O35/A	Lugarno	4	3	Forest Rangers (1)
AA/E	Lugarno	0	7	Oatley FC (2)	PWL/1	Forest Rangers	1	1	Lugarno
AA/F	Lugarno	5	2	Connells Point (1)	U14G/A	Lugarno	3	2	Arncliffe Aurora
AA/G	Lugarno	2	1	Oatley FC	U16G/A	Lugarno	1	1	Connells Point (2)
AAA1/1	Lugarno (2)	11	0	Glory FC					
AAA1/1	Hurstville ZFC	0	2	Lugarno (1)					
AAAR/R	Lugarno (2)	0	2	Glory FC					
AAAR/R	Hurstville ZFC	0	4	Lugarno (1)					
U12/C	Sans Souci	0	4	Lugarno					
U13/B	Lugarno	0	1	Glory FC					
U15/B	Lugarno	0	2	Sans Souci	Sans Souci				
U16/B	Lugarno	1	2	Connells Point (1)	Friday				
U18/A	Connells Point	5	4 Lugarno O45/A Sans Souci 6 1		Lugarno				



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Canteen & Field Set Up for next weekend:

Date	Team(s)	Start Time	Finish Time	Duty Required
	11A	7:30 am		Set Up Midi Field (field must be set up ½ hr before the game, KO 8.30am)
	AAA (1)	12 noon		Set Up Field 6 (field must be set up ½ hr before the game, KO 1pm)
	6B 3			Pull down SSF1 after the game
	10B 2			Pull down Midi field after the game
Sat 5 th Aug	AA A (1)			Pull down Field 6 after the game and clean up any rubbish left on side. Return posts to lock up area – no games on Sunday.
	8A (Dellas)	7:30 am	10:00 am	Canteen Set Up. BBQ Duty. Canteen Duty
	7B 5	10:00 am	1:00 pm	BBQ Duty. Canteen Duty
	6B 3	1:00 pm	3:30 pm	Canteen Duty. BBQ Duty. Clean up Canteen.

Sun 6 th Aug		No games on our fields



Match Reports:

6B 2 v Peakhurst United

POTM: Ethan Guo

This week we were up against the unknown, having not yet played against Peakhurst Utd this season.

It was a pretty even start to the match with both teams showing what they had both in offense and defence.

Zach was making runs down the side lines really causing Peakhurst some trouble. His efforts then paid off with a great run and pass down the wing.



He received the ball again to continue toward goal and had a shot and scored, we were up 1-0.

The teamwork continued with Ethan getting in the way of everything Peakhurst were throwing at us making it difficult for them to find their rhythm.

Lucas was making some important tackles and even had a few runs toward goal along with an effort from further out.

Peakhurst then regained some focus and placed some great pressure on the boys which really paid off for them resulting in their equaliser, 1-1.

The boys weren't fazed though. Off a Peakhurst kick in, Jett anticipated the kick and intercepted the ball at half way and continued toward the goal, finishing with accuracy, 2-1 Lugarno.

This is where the score remained - a well deserved win for the boys with and a great game to watch.







6B3 v Oatley FC

POTM: Hunter

We were missing both of our Zach's this week, so the challenge was on for the boys against Oatley.

We had the early advantage in terms of field possession, but unfortunately we just couldn't find the back of the net with a handful of near misses.

Lucian was displaying some of his new skills in the warm up, and it translated across to the game with a fine overall performance. He had plenty of involvement and tonnes of enthusiasm.



Passing, passing, passing... that's what we've been working on for the last month, and the boys showed some promising signs today with a number of unselfish passes between each other. Samuel had a big influence when he came on, with some tough defence and a couple of accurate passes to his teammates.

We went into halftime leading 2-0, and coming out of the break Jarvis made an individual run down the centre of the field and finished with style. His goal was just the finishing touch on a great overall game today.

Hunter was very aggressive throughout today. He kept the pressure on the Oatley team at each possession, and pressed forward to extend our lead. A strong effort earning him player of the week honours.

As we tired towards the final whistle, Oatley fought back gallantly. Aidan however, continued to shine as one of the U6's best defenders and kept them at bay with some tough tackling and big clearing kicks.

We finished 5-2 up. The boys had plenty of fun, and showed some promising improvements in terms of passing. Good overall game.



8B 1 v Carss Park

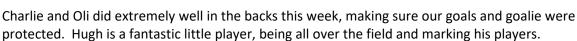
Goal Scorer: Ashton Frawley 2

POTM: Emma Devet

After waking up with a very sore neck on Saturday morning, Ashton had a great game of soccer! Scoring 2 goals, one in each half, made Ash forget about the sore neck and have a great game. Emersen ran up the field and made a great pass to Ashton, who put the ball in the goals. A great team effort.

Emma, our Player of the Match, had a fantastic game today. She really got in there and tried her hardest, with some awesome dribbling up the field. Well done Emma - a very well deserved player of the match today.

Elouise and Cate tried their hardest, as they do every week, with their kicking, dribbling and throw ins.



Great game 8B1 - only 3 more games to go until the end of the season!

Final score: Lugarno 2 - Carss Park 0



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9B3 v Forest Rangers

Goal Scorers: Aiden / Toddy

POTM: Emma

Stop the presses! Today was the local derby again against Forest Rangers at Gannons. We went into the game with a full contingent of players following the return of Jordan from his holiday, and were raring to go - the kids were fired up and you could see it in their eyes that they were ready to play!

The team started off really well, putting some nice passes together and creating a few good opportunities up front. It was a tight game in the first half, and thanks to some good defending and good saves from our keeper, we were able to keep them from scoring. Following some strong



clearances in the back, we managed to turn defence into attack, and a nice through ball saw none other than Aiden in prime striking position. He has been threatening on goal all season, and today he finally got his just rewards. He controlled the ball well, pushed it just in front of him, and then struck it sweetly into the back of the net - finally his first goal of the season!

Shortly after, another through ball got played into Toddy, who ran past his opposition player with some fine footwork and smashed the ball into the back of the net! He hit it that hard I'm surprised he didn't put a hole in it. All of a sudden we were in unfamiliar territory as we were up 2-0 at half time!

Following some inspirational speeches from our coaches, and some finely cut oranges, the team came out again strongly in the second half, and continued to put pressure on the opposition throughout the game. We had a few more chances on goal that could have put us even more ahead, but were denied by some fine saves from their keeper. Fortunately, due to some strong defending and great saves on our end, we also managed to keep them out, and the game finished with the same 2-0 scoreline - we had now recorded our 2nd win of the season, and it couldn't have come at a better time, winning the local derby! Going through our records, it was also the first game ever that we had kept the opposition scoreless!

The coaches comments for each player:

Anika - was strong all game in both attack and defence, created some good chances up front and made some great tackles at critical times.

Aiden - he finally got the goal he has deserved all season, and you couldn't wipe the smile from his face - well done!

Daisy - made some fantastic runs, especially in the second half, and dare I say had her best game of the season so far!

Emma - started off unusually quiet but finished off extremely strong. Made a fantastic 50-50 tackle in the second half that even saw the opposition supporters clapping, and unfortunately a very sore Forest Rangers player who might think twice before going into a tackle with her again!

Yushra - again very solid in defence, she is into everything and is improving with each game she plays.

Jordan - the mystery man was finally back, and was a threatening presence up front, and made some great saves in goals in the second half.

Toddy - another game and another goal! He is scoring so many we are starting to lose count! Always threatening when he gets the ball and showed some great dribbling skills.

Capri - her kicks were fantastic today, she made some great clearances and put some good passes together, again improving each week with her performances.

Matilda - played really well today, and nearly got her second goal of the season with a fantastic shot that was only just denied by the keeper - well done!

Our player of the match was Emma, who is putting fear in the opposition with her great tackles. But a special mention has to go to Aiden, who scored a fantastic goal for the first time and should be very proud of his performance - enjoy the well deserved McDonalds award buddy!

Great work 9B3's - fantastic to see we got our second win of the season and kept the opposition scoreless! Well done team, and let's go for our 3rd win next week!



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111 v Forest Rangers

Goal Scorer: Anthony **POTM:** Nick Puckeridge

The less said the better about this grudge match with our arch rivals. Let's just say that the Rangers boys had bragging rights at school the following week. Many of the boys from both teams are in the same year at school.

We were a little out of sorts, a bit disorganised and, to FR's credit, they out enthused us by a long way. We did have our chances but we missed most of them. As always there were plenty of positives and the main one was the continued consistency of our "head" fullback and man of the match Nick Puckeridge with yet another great performance. The score could have read far worse if not for the relentless never say die defending of Nick and his team of defenders. Well done also to Anthony who managed to achieve the rare feat of a goal from a corner kick.

Final Score: Lugarno 1 - Forest Rangers 4

Saturday 22nd July



11I v Rockdale Suns

Goal Scorer: Hunter **POTM:** Anthony

Don't let the scoreline deceive you. Our Lugarno lads had a cracker and we were so proud and happy with the effort of every individual Lugarno player. The majority of the play was actually spent attacking our opposition's goals but, through good goalkeeping, some bad luck and some rushed options we missed quite a few chances.

Unfortunately not the same story down the other end where Rockdale managed a couple of softer goals against the run of play. We also missed our enforcer in the middle Emmanual. Hope he is well soon. Certainly good having our two worldly explorers in Daniel and Peter back in the team after some



weeks off. What they might have lacked in match fitness they more than made up in effort.

2-0 at half time and not surprisingly Lugarno bounced back through a sneaky little overhead chip shot from "on the spot" Hunter. 2-1 and it really looked like we were going to make the comeback. The boys were all playing so well and creating opportunities, in particular our man of the match Anthony who was unlucky not to score on a number of occasions.

Unfortunately from out of nowhere came another Rockdale goal and that was that. It really was an entertaining game to watch and special mention to Alex for some improved effort and focus in both games. This has resulted in some great passages of play for him in turning defense into attack.

Final Score: Lugarno 1 - Rockdale 3





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13B v Glory FC

Lost 0 - 1

Coming into the last round, our opponents were 2 points behind the 4th placed Banksia Tigers, but with the Tigers playing the 3rd placed Connells Point, Glory approached this game as if it were a final, and it showed on the pitch. They demonstrated a desire for the ball and a hustle in both attack & defence from the starting whistle through to the end, and although Lugarno managed to string together the occasional passage of play, we lacked our usual composure. We were fortunate not to concede in the 15th minute, when a scrambling clearance from a Glory corner only went as far as one of their midfielders at the top left of the box, but after cannoning off the side post, it went the other way and out instead of into our goal. 8 minutes later, Eric's pass from deep in our half found Josi in midfield, with his pass releasing Nate running towards the right: the Glory defender went with him, though, and got a deflection onto his outside footed poke. A few minutes before half time, Glory won a pair of corners in succession, and again found a free player: his shot bounced off the top cross bar and down, where Andrei managed to head it away.

After the break, Glory were going with the downhill slope on Gannons 4, but we almost stole a goal when a great pass from Anthony found Nate on the left: instead of running into the space in front and steadying, however, Nate blasted the shot well wide. The height and pace of the strikers running onto Glory's long kicks were troubling our defence and catching our goalkeeper on the line, and in the 37th minute they went ahead on exactly that sort of play, finding the bottom right of the net. A few minutes later they were through again, but the loopy ball bounced off the cross bar and up, allowing Ryan to collect it. Glory were applying a lot of pressure on our goal kicks, rushing up to our left and right backs as soon as they'd received the ball, and we turned over the ball from that next pass more often than not. In a last push before full time, Josi made a great run up the line and won a corner, but on the counter Glory went down the other end of the field and were only cut off

by a terrific pursuit from Zane: from their corner, a high ball was going in until Ryan knocked it down, but straight to the Glory player standing in front of him: his lifted shot sailed over the goal from only a metre away.

In the end, we were fortunate to only lose the game by the single goal. With the Tigers going down to Connells, Glory earn their place in the finals, going in with an enormous amount of confidence and momentum, whereas Lugarno needs to reset and start again, despite finishing in 2nd spot. Unfortunately, it looks like Will might be out of the finals altogether with a broken finger, but everyone else should be back on deck.

14Girls A v Arncliffe Aurora Won 3 - 2

Goals Scorer: Tamar Tchamkertenian 3

POTM: Tamar Tchamkertenian

The final game of the normal competition saw Lugarno face Arncliffe on Gannons 6. A win for Lugarno would guarantee them the runners-up position and possibly even the minor-premiers position if other game results went their way. For Arncliffe, this game was a must-win game to keep their slim hopes of grabbing 4th position alive.

Lugarno started on a positive note securing a lot of ball possession early in the game and playing the game in the opposition half. Despite this superiority, Arncliffe were managing to frustrate the Lugarno attack as Lugarno had few direct attempts at goals during the first 20 minutes of play.

The opposition enjoyed a period of attacking phase between the 20th minute and the 25th minute that saw them take the attack to Lugarno team. Despite Arncliffe's attacking focus during this period the Lugarno defence comprising of Madelen in goals, Celine, Alana P, Mia and Josephine were up to the task and ensured no goals were conceded.

With Lugarno once again regaining the ascendency, Tamar scored Lugarno's opening goal in the 26th minute and she followed it up by another goal from a perfectly executed free kick in the 30th minute to give Lugarno a deserved 2-0 lead at the half-time break.

At the half-time break the team was urged to keep the attacking momentum and engage in more support play in attack.

The opening exchanges of the second half saw the opposition play with more urgency in pursuit of goals. Some hesitant defending by Lugarno gifted the opposition a goal early in the second half, before Tamar settled nerves by scoring her third goal to once again provide Lugarno with a two-goal margin.

Arncliffe lifted once again despite conceding the third goal and the game was now being played at both ends. In midfield Taylah, Byrana, Capri, Charlie, Anastacia, Alanna C and Zena were active in providing the link between defence and attack, while upfront Jade, Stephanie and Tamar were looking to add to Lugarno's goal tally.

Lugarno created a number of goal scoring opportunities during this phase of the game but determined opposition defending kept the team out. With eight minutes left, Arncliffe scored their second goal to make the score 3-2 Lugarno's way. Some nervous moments were finally overcome as Lugarno rediscovered their composure and ensured the final period of the game was played at the opposition end. The 3-2 win ensured Lugarno registered their fourth successive win while results from other games confirmed the team finished as runners-up, just a point behind first placed Oatley.

Lugarno now is just a win away from a grand final appearance. Well done team and good luck during the finals campaign.



AAA (1) v Hurstville Zagreb

1st Grade: Won 2-0 Goal Scorers: Chris / Matt F

Reserve Grade: Won 4-0

Goal Scorers: Brandon 2 / Lachlan / Bill

It has been a few weeks since the last AAA(1) report, which means it has been a few weeks since we won in both grades. But over this period, we have maintained our 2nd position in 1st Grade and now sit just one point out of the top 4 in Reserve Grade. Last weekend we travelled to Carss Bush Park to take on Hurstville ZFC who were well out of the reckoning in Reserve Grade, but in 4th position in 1st Grade.

We went into the Reserve Grade game knowing that two wins in our final two games would ensure a position in the semi-finals. But the less said about the Reserve Grade game the better. The opposition seemed totally disinterested and after we scored two very early goals (to Lachlan and Brandon), both teams basically went through the motions for the rest of the game. A second goal to Brandon right on half-time had us 3-0 up at the break. The second half meandered along and the only highlight was seeing Bill stride up confidently from sweeper and demand that he was the man to take the late penalty. He managed to avoid potential embarrassment by calmly faking out the keeper and slotting the ball into the net. Final score 4-0.

Not a great game to prepare for what lies ahead, but at least we got the 3 points. Next week we play Carss Park at Gannons in a game we know that if we win, we will definitely play in the finals. Any less and we can pack our bags for 2017. All to play for!!

1st Grade was assured of finishing the competition rounds in 2nd position heading into the game, so there wasn't much to play for. We also had several players missing (all defenders) due to suspension, illness and injury. As a result, a number of Reserve Grade players had to back up, two in the starting line-up and another 3 on the bench. We expected Hurstville ZFC to be really fired up, with their position in the top 4 at risk. But this was a game we totally dominated from kick-off to full time. Tim had a very quiet afternoon in goals and though it took a while to take the lead (after a number of good chances), Chris put us in front from the penalty spot after Matt F was hacked down in the box. We could have added to our lead, but went to the break leading 1-0. The second half was again all Lugarno and while we only added one more goal (to Matt F), it could have been a few more. Given the players missing and others carrying injury, this was a good performance by the team and highlighted the depth that we have in the squad.

Next Saturday we finish off the competition rounds against Carss Park who are sitting 3rd and probably need a result to ensure they make the finals. This should be an excellent game as a lead-up to our major semi-final clash against Rockdale Suns the following week.

AA F v Connells Point Won 5 - 2

Goal Scorers: Fotes 2 / Frank / Sam / Nesh

With a semi final spot already secured, we went into the final round at Gannons knowing 2nd place was still a possibility. The equation was simple: 1) We win and 2) Rangers lose/draw. The fact that Rangers were playing on the adjacent field made things a little more interesting.

Onto the game...we produced our highest scoring half of the season, scoring 4 goals in the span of 20mins. Big Frank scored the opener from close range after a good run and cross from Nesh on the right wing. Fotes then scored the goal of the game...striking Harry's corner first time with his thunderous right foot from the edge of the box. Fotes quickly followed that with his second, only this time was luck. His left footed cross sliced off his boot and managed to dip over the keeper's head at the far post. Soon after that, it was Sam's turn for a bit of luck when his corner was deflected in by a defender at the near post. At 4-0 nil up, and the result secured, most of our attention turned to Rangers on field 5, where it was all even. We were on track for 2nd place.

With our focus a little off our game, Connells scored 2 quick goals - either side of halftime - to pull the score back to 4-2. Meanwhile on field 5, Rangers were winning and all of the sudden, 2nd spot wasn't looking good.

We managed to re-group and scored a 5th goal...another lucky deflected goal awarded to Nesh. We had many more chances to score, but the game ended 5-2. As we were walking off the field, Rangers conceded a last minute penalty on field 5 and finished with a draw. We rode our luck all day and fortunately finished the season in 2nd place. Bring on the finals.





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