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Match Reports:

6B 3 v Bexley North

In very warm conditions the 6B3's had a great start to the season against Bexley North.

Coach Michael sweated it out with the rest of the kids in the blistering heat at Gannons Park. We were down a player early on when one of our star players, Daisy, decided she needed a little nap on the sideline. This was clearly part of the plan to lull the opposition into a false sense of security; a plan which had only moderate success.

Owen and Emily had great fun with each other, and they eventually noticed that there was a soccer game going on around them and chased the ball. George, Leni and Christian fought valiantly through the heat and saw some success with some good kicks and strong chasing. Daisy came out with a couple of exceptional tackles stopping the Bexley North boys in their tracks.

We were told that we don't track scores in the under 6's, but we didn't realise this was because we would play games where it would take a professional mathematician to count the sheer number of goals that were scored. A great, exciting start to the season all round!

6B 4 v Banksia Tigers

U6B4 team had a great start to the season winning 10-4 against Banksia at Gannons Park.

The team did fantastic after going 2-0 down.

Jamie got us on the score sheet first then added quite a few more goals straight after that (5 in total for Jamie).

Taha added to the tally with 2 goals and Antonio scored 3.

We were up 4-3 at half time but then ran riot in the 2nd half and all worked well as a team to score some great team goals.

Great defending from Amelia and Mason and Stefan as well always running back and forth to support the team.

We had a great pre-season winning both our games and a great start to the season and the team are ready for next week's game against Forest Rangers.

Well Done Lugarno U6B4 team.

7B 2 v Connells Point

First game of the season had finally arrived. There was a mixture of nerves and excitement amongst the team. This was officially the first game the whole team had played together.

The game started off great with the boys placing a lot of pressure on our opponents. It didn't take long for them to get into a rhythm which resulted in Cruz scoring the opening goal of the season. He broke free from the pack and dribbled toward the goal and finished with precision.

Although we were under pressure, the boys kept it together. Jett anticipated the ball and tried his luck from half way, big strike resulted in a great goal. It took everyone by surprise.

Ethan then took control from half way and went for a short run and had an early strike and... GOAL! The boys at this stage were super happy.

Samuel played well with lots of passing and assistance in defense. Lucas was strong in the back, no one could get past him.

Leo and Riley, being new to the team, gelled well with the boys. Riley was right in the midst of the action, really placing himself in great positions to assist in both defense and attack.

Leo was everywhere on the field, up front and assisting in defense. He even managed to go for a run almost resulting in a goal too.

It was very pleasing to see the boys constantly moving the ball around with plenty of passes, something they have been working hard at pre season.

Both Jett and Ethan scored more goals resulting in a well deserved 6-0.

Great way to start the season and I am a super proud coach.

Looking forward to a great season ahead.



7B 3 v Forest Rangers

POTM: Hunter Winney

It was great to be back for season 2018, and the team were keen to showcase their skills in front of a big Game 1 crowd at Gannons Park.

Jarvis was the danger man early, with a number of quick and decisive runs. He showed some quality skills and lightning speed to give us all the momentum in the first half.

Samuel and Lucian battled hard all half, with determined defence ensuring we held the fair share of field position. Their solid play helped us to head into the half time break up 2-0.

The second half started similar to the first, but this time it was Zac L and Boyley providing the spark in attack. Aiden's powerful kick-ins and solid work in defence also helped extend the lead to 3.



The heat was telling on all players, but credit to the boys for battling on. Following some nice teamwork and passing, Zac L's strike hit the post... but he followed up to tap in our 4th. In the concluding stages Forest Rangers scored a well-deserved goal.

Hunter claimed the Player-of-the-Week for his effort and 3 nice goals.

The boys really seemed to have fun today. What impressed me most was that there was plenty of sportsmanship and encouragement between them on the field. The idea of passing seems to slowly be sinking

in, with a bunch of intentional passes finding their mark throughout the game.

Onto the next one.

8B 1 v Forest Rangers

POTM: Luca

The Under 8B1s kicked off the season with a first round clash against Forest Rangers. The kids were ready to go as we started the first half with some great kicks and passes which really put the Forest Rangers defence on high alert as a result of some great runs by the team! The second half was outstanding as we controlled the ball and had some great kicks!

Elijah - Mr Golden Boot! Great kicking this week! Always determined and quick to the ball!

Elizabeth - Little Miss Determination! Elizabeth always went in to defend the ball and made sure we came out on top!

Jackson - Mr Amazing Stopper! Jackson is very protective of our goals and always helps out our keeper in making sure he is the first to the ball!

Kale - Mr Team Player! Great chasing the ball and not backing down from a challenge against Rangers!

Leni - Little Miss Energizer Bunny! Leni DOES NOT STOP! Anywhere the ball was on space, so was Leni! She NEVER gives up!

Luca - Mr Left side legend! Great running down the left side, always listened and never gave up! A couple of unlucky shots at goal and great teamwork this week!

Maddy - Little Miss Striker! What a great game from Maddy with great ball control and awesome shots on goal!

Victoria - Little Miss Coordinated! Victoria has outstanding ball control and never gives up! She is a key player in the team and always controls the ball effortlessly!

What a great game by all and this week's Coaches award goes to Luca; for his determination, great listening and commitment at today's game! Great Work Luca!



10B 1 v Oatley FC

Goal Scorers: Charlie 2 / Josh 1 / Oska 1 / Malachi 1

With a great pre-season under our belt I was feeling confident walking into our 1st game!

With Bec and I working hard in the off season to bolster the squad, there were numerous phone calls from Messi and Ronaldo's managers desperately trying to get them away from Barcelona and Real Madrid to come join our team.... They were prepared to drop their millionaire pay packets for a \$5 note and a packet of Tim Tams, however were told they

simply must work harder to get into our squad as we had already been boosted with the additions of Billy, Charlie (Chop) and Malachi.

An early kick off and the sun belting down on Gannons, our little superstars were raring to get the season underway...



With the home support waiting in anticipation for the whistle to go – it was Lugarno first out of the traps and pushing to get the first goal.

With sublime interchanges between Billy, Oska and Josh it seemed only a matter of time before someone would break the deadlock. In fine fashion, it was Chop that dinked between the Oatley defence and slid the ball into the back of the net to make the home crowd go wild!

Between the sticks was Tristan who commanded his area and with the strong rear guard of Malachi, Elle and Lily they kept the Oatley attack at bay...

We continued to drive forward and it was not long before Chop had another one to his tally and, not to be outdone, Josh dinked left and right and slotted in another to make it 3 nil as the half time whistle blew.

As the magic oranges came out to replace the energy lost, we changed over the goalie gloves... this time it was Abs to take place between the sticks and defend our goals...

Romeo fresh from his holiday and with Elle and Lily putting in some fine tackles to limit the Oatley attacks, it allowed Malachi and Oska some space to push forward and link the midfield and attack.

Some fancy footwork from Lachie in the midfield and some commanding runs from Michael and Josh it looked like we'd score again... however it took a fine shot by the Oatley forward to break our defence and slot one past us to make it 3-1.

We continued to press and it was now Oska and Malachi's turn to open their goal tallies for the season after all their hard running all over the pitch!

It's always nice to finish with a win, however what was more impressive was the way the whole team coped with the bigger pitch, their work rate, the skills on show and the impressive link up play between defence, midfield and attack!

What a great way to start a weekend and a great way to start the season. Well done everyone.

Everyone played a part in today, but two special shout outs go to Josh for his fancy footwork (I think one of his moves today was a 'copycat' dance move from his Dad Mario) and his goal and "2 goal" Chop for his finely taken goals and skills in the last third... Well done both of you – you both deserved the trophies!

13C v Banksia Tigers**Won 4 - 2****Goal Scorers:** Zack Petrovski 2 / Alex Peisley 2

What a great way to start the new season. Even though the game started at 9am it was still quite hot.

The team were fast out of the blocks and raced to a 2-0 lead from well taken goals by Alex and Zac. Alex found himself in some space and coolly slotted the ball past the keeper. Zac hit a thunderous shot past the keeper. Banksia then started to press our defence and were able to claw the score back to 2-2. Sean then yelled at me saying "coach we need more players in defence". At that point Nathan moved into the defence. Our defence then held firm with strong performances from Sean, Daniel Crimmins, Nathan and Adam.

Sean took some very quick throw ins which caught the Banksia defence napping and put us in some very good attacking positions. Half time came with the score remaining 2-2.

The 2nd half started the way the 1st half ended with our defence standing strong. Noah had a relatively quieter 2nd half but what he was called upon to do he did it very well. His long punt kicks were phenomenal. Daniel Bortolin and Harrison Cragg had solid games. The team played with great structure and continued to press the Banksia defence in the 2nd half.

Alex and Zac added to their 1st half goals, both scoring well taken chances. Gabriel and Harrison Vlachos never stopped all game and both showed great stamina in both defence and attack. Tim also had a solid performance. He was strong in defence and creative in attack with his overlapping runs. Ross played well up front and provided some excellent goal assists.

A great first up performance by the team this season with a well-deserved 4-2 win.

PWL v Banksia Tigers**Lost 0 – 1****Sunday 2nd April**

Welcome to the 2018 season for Lugarno FC Premier League women's side who had their first game today against Banksia at Gardiner Park.

With returning favourites and new additions to the team, the Lugarno FC women up against last year's Grand Final winners knew the match would be tough, especially in the hot conditions.

Our first game with new players today was all about finding our feet and working out how we play our best football as a team. The pressure was consistent throughout the 90 minutes today from both sides.

Unfortunately, our new keeper Sophia came off injured and, fortunately for us, Annika stepped up and had a cracking game, saving some great goals from the opposition.

Early in the second half unfortunately conceding one goal put us in a difficult position and today was just not our day with some great opportunities and awesome ball work from all team members!

The result is not a reflection on what the outcome should have been and as a team we are really looking forward to the season!

PWL v Forest Rangers**Won 4 – 1****Goal Scorers:** Bec / Jacqui / Laura / Sophie

Today's clash in our local derby against Forest Rangers was scorching HOT! We held our one minute of silence to celebrate the life of Ken Straney first, then it was straight into the first 45 minutes.

The first half was excellent despite hot conditions and the team were eager to put some points on the sheet early! With great possession and passing between everyone in the team, there was certainly no weak link in today's game! The girls were outstanding and everyone full of positive energy which really lifted as we scored our first goal! As expected Forest came back with a strong attacking play and scored to level the scores 1-1.

Coming back into it after half time, we certainly had fitness on our side as we dominated the ball control and were able to slot not one, not two, BUT THREE goals in the second half!

It's great to see so much positivity in the team from everyone on the field and off, and really feel that contributed to the overall result of today's game! Plus it's that extra satisfaction about getting that win over Rangers which really motivates everyone!

Great team effort! Bring on Dolls Point this coming weekend!

AAF (2) v Lugarno (1)**Drew 2 – 2****Goal Scorers:** Jehad / Eddy

A new season and 3 new faces to the 2018 AAF2 squad. We welcomed in Rob, Mark and Johnny to replace two of our past MVP players. Early season form suggests they will play a big part to our success.

The first half was a tight affair against the younger, faster F1 team. Both teams created chances...but it was the F1s that broke the deadlock via a sweetly struck volley over our keeper's head. Halftime 1-0 to the F1s.

The boys were starting to feel the heat in the 2nd half, but the arrival of 2 late running players meant we had a full 5 man subs bench. It paid off soon after with the equaliser. Jehad ran onto a through-ball and beat the advancing keeper to make it 1-1.

Parity didn't last long though as the F1s hit the lead again...a low strike from outside the box managed to beat our defence. F1s 2-1. Both teams continued to create chances and looked dangerous going forward. We eventually scored a deserved equaliser. After some nice build-up play, Eddy found space in the box and shot past the keeper to make it 2-2.

In the final 10mins of the game, Peter G made a defensive howler that let the F1s through on goal...but his blushes were spared by the post. The game ended 2-2, but was soured by a shoulder injury to Bernie. Get well soon mate.