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Match Reports:

6B 4 v Bexley North

Lugarno U6B4 team are on a roll at the moment and undefeated for the first 3 games of the season.

The team won 5-0 on Saturday playing Bexley North U6B8 team.

It was great teamwork from the kids. The team is really improving and their passing game and defending is unbelievable.

Stefan was rock solid running back and stopping Bexley N from going near the goals. Amelia, Taha and Mason were doing fantastic in midfield and defence as well.

They were covering the whole field and passing really well to each other.

Antonio had his scoring boots on this weekend and scored all 5 of the team's goals.

It was great teamwork from U6B4 team this weekend.

The team are looking to continue their great run this weekend as well.

Well done Lugarno U6B4 team.

7B 1 v Carss Park

POTM: Antony

With 2 players down and no subs, the team did well to play out the game with no breaks against Carss Park.

James and Jozef were raring to go after a week's break and both couldn't wait for the game to start. The team continues to utilise the passing skills they practise in training to work together on their attack. Jozef continues to be a confident defender, while Daniel puts pressure on the opposing team chasing down the ball.

James played hard all game and was rewarded with a few goals. Antony had a great debut match with a seemingly limitless energy that saw him around the ball in both defence and attack. He had aimed to score 10 goals on his debut match, but was not disappointed when he managed half that amount. He was our player of the match this week. Well done team for an enjoyable game.



7B 2 v Carss Park

POTM: Cruz Alag

This week's game was against Carss Park and what a tough match it was.

Carss Park started the game with great determination and were proving to be a difficult opponent. It wasn't long until they scored their first goal against us.



The boys however did play well with lots of passing to each other and stayed focused. Cruz was having a great game making breaks and running toward the goals and even placing a couple of precise passes to team mates.

Lucas was defending well and even came closer to the front to support the team. He made some critical tackles at times, frustrating our opponent.

Leo was again putting in 100%, really getting in there and making it difficult for Carss Park to play their game.

Samuel was great in defense and attack which really



made a positive impact to the team play. He was making some great tackles along with a few breaks for goal himself.

After the half time talk the boys were ready to get into the second half. Carss Park were focused as ever too and managed to put a few more goals past us.

Toward the end of the game there was a break in the midfield with Cruz and Ethan heading the charge for goal. Ethan got his foot on the ball first to score a goal and we pulled one goal back.

Shortly after, Jett made his way past a couple of the Carss Park players and had a crack at goal to score our second.

The boys performed better in the second half resulting in 2 goals for us. All in all a solid performance and we are looking forward to next week's game.

Well done!!!

7B 3 v Connells Point

POTM: Samuel Wainwright

We were without Boyley today, but the rest of the boys were excited to hit the field against Connells Point.

The boys were a bit tentative to start this week, but the two standout players of the first half (Lucian and Samuel) were aggressive and were challenging for possession throughout. Both boys had great goal scoring chances that narrowly missed early in the game. Connells were playing well and before we knew it they had scored 2 first half goals.

We needed some more energy on the ball, so Aidan came on and provided some spark off the bench. Zach L was also threatening in front of goal all game, but he just couldn't find the back of the net despite his excellent play.



We started the 2nd half with more aggression, and shortly after Hunter got us back in the game with a nice goal to get us on the score board. Both teams were tiring and it took 5 mins of individual brilliance from Jarvis (who managed to score 2 awesome goals in succession just approaching the final whistle) to get the 3-2 win.

Despite being down, it was great to see how the boys kept their heads up and fought to the final whistle and remain undefeated so far this season.

Pictured left, POTM from last week, Birthday boy Aidan Hawkes.



8B 1 v Hurstville Minotaurs

POTM: Elijah

Today's 9am clash with Hurstville Minotaurs was a great game for our team! We had 9 players giving us 2 subs and, in hot conditions, allowed us to substitute everyone as much as possible!

Firstly we need to thank Cory for generously reff'ing today's game! He was very fair and helped explain different rules to both teams! We are so appreciative Cory!

Elijah - Had a great first half in goals and an even stronger half on the field! Always giving 100% and such a great team member

Elizabeth - What a tough little Lady! Always challenges for the ball and wants to win possession!

Gabriella - great kicking this week and tackling for the ball!

Jackson - Protective and composed in today's game! Great kicking and defending!

Kale - Although Kale was not 100% with his health he continued to have a great game and tackled well this week!

Leni - Leni was injured this week but didn't let that stop her trying her hardest again this week!

Luca - What a great kicker! Always has a great kick and continues to make good runs up the field!

Maddy - Maddy is such a dominant player and had a great game in goals in the second half! She never quits!

Victoria - can certainly control the ball and always follows direction! She had a terrific game this week!

This week's POTM went to Elijah; Elijah has been great this week, he showed terrific sportsmanship at training offering up the first kick of the night to team mate Kale but also put in a terrific effort throughout the game with some great kicks, awesome saves as keeper and great listening overall! Great work Elijah!



8A v Oatley FC

POTM: Isaac

What a game, a truly sensational turnaround from the 8A's as the last time they faced this team, 4 weeks ago in a trial, they were comprehensively beaten. On Saturday however, the team showed their steel pressed and very much held their own and, even though it was a 0-4 loss, the score line flattered the opposition.

Isaac: Player of the Match Performance in goal in the second half, a powerful display of skill and determination, he wasn't afraid to put his body on the line to keep the ball out of the back of the net.



Annie: Stellar performance from Annie who valiantly tended the goal in the first half and then came out and pressed high up the field to help create goal scoring opportunities.

Samuel: A solid effort from Samuel linking the defence to attack and distributing the ball with aplomb, when required he was tracking the ball back and helping to steel the defence.

Sam E: Sam was in the thick of it during the entire game, whether he was playing on the wing or at the back he was never too far away from the action, hustling the opposition into playing our game.

Kai: Kai was instrumental in most of the attacking plays, bombing down the right flank and turning the ball in centrally was key to our offensive build ups, not to mention his impressive corner kicks.

Riley: one half of the dynamic duo in the defensive line, combative and super determined Riley did an amazing job of winning the ball pushing forward, delivering key passes to spark and attack.

Henry: the second half of the dynamic duo defensive line, Henry played super smart and ensured that he was always around to protect his keeper and clear the ball.

Marcus: the everywhere man, Marcus ran all day and when he finished running he ran some more, most dangerous on his natural left side he created several chances and almost scored.

Jonas: hustling and bustling his way forward, there were a couple of opportunities that were just squeezed wide, but it didn't matter, Jonas kept his head up and went again.

Ben: excellent work on the left wing from Ben, he ran all game and was strong in defence and attack, even though he ran out of puff towards the end of the game he never stopped trying.

98 2 v Forest Rangers

POTM: Ashton

We all are having too much fun on our holidays it seems and there were lots of sleepy eyes, but plenty of great soccer. Ash played his heart out with plenty of great work in goals in the first half and then running hard on the field in the second with some great shots on goal.

Zoe gave keeping a great crack in the second and has agreed to rename herself Eoz to make our match sheet alliterate more than it

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currently does. Emma, Elle and Emersen also had solid games, Emma had a couple of great chasing stops at the back and Elle and Emersen moved the ball strongly up the wings.

Harley and Charlie toughed it out well in the back and Miles showed plenty of grit after a few strong challenges.

Looking forward to seeing what 2 weeks of holidays brings out next week, happy ANZAC week little diggers.

PWL v Scots FC

Won 2 – 1

Goal Scorers: Katie W / Nicola

Today's clash against Scots FC saw us at Claydon Reserve at 1pm. It was unanimous amongst the team we really needed to lift off the back of last week's loss to Dolls Point.

The team started well in warm conditions and an awesome passing game saw us dominate the opening minutes, which set us up for what was to be a great 90 minutes of football.

With a quick first substitution and great passing game up the field, Bec passed a great ball just out of the box to Katie, and a first touch of the ball resulted in it finding the back of the net and we went up 1 - 0 in the first 15 minutes of the game. The team remained strong and, not long after, Nicola slotted a simply amazing kick from outside the box straight into Scots goal. The girls were able to keep the score to 2-0 at the half time break.

The team continued to dominate in the second half with multiple shots on goal, however the very good Scots keeper was the difference between us scoring only a couple of goals and the score blowing out - she had a great game! The Scots team managed to slot one unlucky ball into the back of our net today however the LFC defense was too strong and saw us finish the 90 minutes with a 2-1 win.

What a great game for all team members and a special callout to Annika for a great game in goals today.

AAF (2) v Kogarah Waratah

Won 8 – 1

Goal Scorers: Mark 2 / Jeremy 2 / Frank / Eddy / Fotes / Andrew

After last week's hard fought comeback win, confidence was high coming into this week's match.

Despite being down to a two-man bench, we started the game on the front foot and dominated play. After wasting a handful of chances, we eventually opened the scoring via a scrappy goal by 'medium' Frank. The youthful Kogarah side though levelled things up soon after from the penalty spot. That would prove to be our only hiccup of the day.

A glancing header by Fotes over the keeper's head re-established our lead. Coxy then extended our lead after his trademark header from a corner found the back of the net. Halftime 3-1.

The 2nd half proved to be one-way traffic. Eddy calmly converted with his LEFT FOOT from inside the box, while Jez continued his impressive record against Kogarah with two close range finishes.

The biggest cheer of the day though went to Mark up front. After threatening all day and looking dangerous with his every touch, Mark finally broke through and opened his account for the season...scoring a well deserved 2nd half brace...which included a spectacular long range strike. Vlado was denied a goal-of-the-year contender after his left-footed volley was brilliantly saved by the Kogarah keeper.

The game finished 8-1 ...a good confidence boost to our strikers and our for-and-against.