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AROUND THE GROUNDS

Upcoming Events:

May 22nd – goal keeper training night with our Coaching Director Tony

May 26th – Team photo day. Your Manager will have all the details

June 3rd – U8 Gala day. This year's Gala day is proving to be the biggest ever with 36 teams from all over Sydney registered to play – any help from LFC players and parents would be greatly appreciated

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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/C	Lugarno	4	3	Hurstville Minotaurs	AAW/A	Arncliffe Aurora	4	7	Lugarno
AA/D	Lugarno (1)	1	5	ASOW	O35/A	Lugarno FC	1	2	Ramsgate RSL
AA/D	Rockdale Suns	4	0	Lugarno (2)	PWL/1	Forest Rangers	0	0	Lugarno
AA/F	Glory FC	7	3	Lugarno (2)	U12/C	Bexley North	0	1	Lugarno
AA/F	Lugarno (1)	5	1	Kogarah Waratah	U13/C	Arncliffe Aurora	2	2	Lugarno
AA/G	Connells Point (1)	5	0	Lugarno	U16/B	Sans Souci	3	0	Lugarno
AA/H	Connells Point (1)	0	4	Lugarno	U16G/B	Lugarno FC	3	0	ASOW
AAA1/1	Sans Souci	2	2	Lugarno					
AAAR/R	Sans Souci	2	1	Lugarno					
PL1/1	Lugarno	0	1	Kogarah Waratah					
PLR/R	Lugarno	1	3	Kogarah Waratah					
U12/A	Bexley North	0	3	Lugarno FC					
U12/C	Lugarno FC	3	0	Oatley FC (2)					
U13/C	Lugarno FC	1	1	Rockdale Raiders					
U14/A	Lugarno FC	3	0	Rockdale Suns					
U16/B	Lugarno	4	1	Forest Rangers					
U16G/B	Forest Rangers	0	4	Lugarno FC					
U17/A	Lugarno FC	2	3	Carss Park	Friday				
					O45/A	Carlton Rovers	5	1	Lugarno

Match Reports:

6B 1 v Kogarah Waratah

DOMINANCE DOMINANCE DOMINANCE Scoreboard unfortunately 1-1.

The LFC 6B1 absolutely dominated on Saturday but unfortunately it didn't reflect on the scoreboard.

On a cold windy morning down at Scarborough Park and after a couple minutes delay start to the game (thanks Manager Michael) the game was under way. Coach Eddy and additional RTO Jeremy ran some exciting new drills at training on Wednesday and the results were there to be seen.

Christopher and Cooper ran riot, with some excellent runs with young Liam and Benjamin dropping back slightly to form a defensive wall. Elijah came on as an impact player and gave great support to the others both in the front and back.

After we hit the post 3 times, we finally looked like scoring, but on two occasions a defender came from nowhere and cleared the ball off the line. We continued, another magic run from Christopher as he got closer to the goal, Elijah popped up and took the shot and rattled the post again, but luckily for us Cooper was following and put the ball in the net. One nil at the half.

Second half started and Kogarah took their only chance early and it was 1 all, probably due to the fact the goalposts were moved out of position - the number of times we hit them in the first half.

Christopher hit the post 2 more times with some great shots and also a defender cleared another off the line yet again when Cooper looked like he was walking in with it, just wasn't our day to score another.

It was also great to play a team with parents who encouraged both teams, which provided a great atmosphere for all the kids and at full time this was acknowledged with both teams wishing we could play each other every week. We have now experienced a heavy win, a close win, a lucky draw, an unlucky draw, a close loss and a heavy loss. Time for an unlucky win I say!

Well done boys, not only are we having fun playing, but starting to improve every week.



108 1 v Forest Rangers

Goal Scorers: Charlie 2 / Billy

Manager's Trophy: Romeo

Coach's Trophy: Abs

With the rain last week, it seemed like it was the start of the winter...

The arctic gods certainly had their say... Jumpers, gloves, beanies and hoodies all came out of the back of the cupboards!

Another 9.35am game down at Gannons against our fierce rivals Forest Rangers was in store!

It was Forest Rangers that were the first ones to thaw out and put us under pressure from the kick off, however with



Malachi firmly between the sticks he wasn't going to making it easy for them.

Big tackles flying in from Oska, Lily, Lachie and Elle kept Rangers at bay.

We started to find our feet and put together some neat passing in the midfield linking up the attack with chances coming from Josh and Michael ... however their keeper kept strong.

The Rangers attack continued to press and broke through our strong defence to put them 1 up, to change things around we brought on Billy in midfield, Abs in defence and pushed Tristan up into the attack... it wasn't long after a sweet half volley was stuck but it was that pesky Rangers keeper got to it again!

We were pinned back in our half and, as the Rangers striker kicked the ball into our box, the ball took a wicked deflection and ended up swooping into the roof of our net....

It's time like these when we could have dropped our heads, although not a chance with our little superstars as they pressed forward to remove the deficit – silky skills from Josh and Charlie to get the ball to the feet of Billy who danced left and right and dazzled the oncoming Rangers defence to crash the ball into the back of the net...

As the whistle blew for halftime – it was now game on!

To shore up the defence we brought Oska back into central defence and this time it was Malachi and Billy in the centre of the park.

Now it was Oska rallying his right back Abs, and Romeo on his left ...this gave our midfield and attack the confidence to push forward.

Each time Rangers pushed forward to try sneak in on our goal, up popped a 'genie' from nowhere to crash the ball out to safety. Great work Abs and Romeo ... Have you both been auditioning for Aladdin! 😊

Just as we pushed forward, it was Rangers that broke us again with a long shot, the speed of a missile that rocketed past Lachie in goals.

Again, we could have dropped our heads especially given the rain and wind which was swirling around us, however the goal seemed to be like a red rag to a bull which made our little superstars even more determined to change the score.

With Elle pushing forward and linking up with Billy and Malachi in midfield ... Charlie seemed like a man possessed. His first goal he took the ball neatly on his right and, with 3 men to beat, he danced left and right to push the ball past the Rangers keeper.

It was now Lugarno that had the upper hand as Rangers couldn't seem to get the ball. Big tackles came in again from our defence of Abs, Oska and Lily to allow us to push forward again – it was that young man again, Chop, that crashed the ball in the back of the net again to make it 3-3.

We pushed and pushed to try and get the win, but unfortunately the clock ran out.

Another great game played by all, especially in difficult conditions – at times I thought I was back in England, not the usually sunny surrounds of Gannons Park. The skills in the middle of the park from Billy and Josh were fantastic, so too were the three goals scored, but the stand out for me was that we never gave up – it looks like the fitness is improving and we didn't stop running the entire game.

Big shout out to our two little genies today, they seemed to both pop up when we needed them and put in the last-ditch tackle – Managers Trophy went to Romeo and the Coaches Trophy to Abs. Well done guys, see you all at training! Don't forget to wrap up warm!

13C v Rockdale Raiders**Drew 1 – 1****Saturday****Goal Scorer:** Adam

The team played really well in the difficult conditions. It was a very windy and bitterly cold day. It also rained during the game.

We took the advantage in the first half (with the wind behind us) through a great long range goal from Adam which bounced over their goal keepers head. Alex and Zac taunted the Rockdale goal on many occasions. Rockdale came at us in the 1st half and our defence (Daniel C, Nathan, Daniel B, Sean and Alex) held firm. The first half ended 1-0 our way.

The 2nd half was always going to be a tough task for the team against the wind. Our keeper Noah had a great game and made some crucial saves which kept us in the game. Harrison C and Tim never stopped running. Our defence was kept busy and was up to the task. With about 10 minutes remaining it took a floating shot (wind assisted) from Rockdale to finally crack our defence.

This game welcomed our new player Ray who showed some impressive touches. Harrison V and Gabriel had their usual busy games.

Overall a good result in very trying conditions. Well done team.

13C v Arncliffe Aurora**Drew 2 – 2****Sunday****Goal Scorers:** Gabriel / Alex

The team had to travel (on a cold and windy morning) to Arncliffe for a very early game at 8.30am on Mother's Day. This was a double header weekend for us.

We knew we were in for a very physical match and it certainly lived up to that expectation. Our team were fast out of the blocks and Arncliffe did not know what had hit them. Harrison C was captain for the game and had a good game.

In the first half we were running against the wind and knew that if we could hold Arncliffe out we would come home strong in the second half with the wind behind us. Alex helped the defence out and together with Daniel C, Daniel B, Nathan & Sean fought hard to defuse the Arncliffe attack the entire game. Arncliffe, realising they could not crack our defence, had to resort to long range shots. Eventually one of their shots paid off. We were down 0-1 midway through the first half. The team did not give in and knew that they just needed to hold Arncliffe off until half time.

Up front Zack found it difficult getting some ball against the wind. When he did he was quickly surrounded by Arncliffe defenders. Gabriel had his usual busy game and was constantly harassed by Arncliffe each time he got the ball. The team was rewarded for their hard work with a penalty which Gabriel was able to convert for us. Our first half job was done ending 1-1.

In the second half we knew we were in with a chance with the wind behind us. Arncliffe again came out very physical. Ray had an impressive second game with the team and showed some good ball skills. Adam had a solid game and was not fazed by the Arncliffe taunts.

Alex was moved up front in search of our second goal. He did just that with a well taken left foot shot midway through the half. We were up 2-1 but knew that Arncliffe would now come at us. Alex was returned to the defence to help keep Arncliffe out and secure the result. Our keeper Noah had a busy second half and made some excellent saves.

Our backs were broken towards the end of the second half when Arncliffe scored their second goal due to a cruel deflection. At 2-2 the team were off their feet (after a very hard fought physical game). At the end Zac had a great solo run at the Arncliffe goal but was quickly surrounded by the Arncliffe defence.

A great hard fought result by the team against a very physical opponent and on a double header weekend.

PWL v Forest Rangers Drew 0 – 0

The last time we met in the local derby, we recorded a very satisfying 4-1 win over Rangers.

However, today's game in the cold, rainy conditions was much more even. Rangers arguably had the upper hand in the first half, and we were the better team in the second half. Both keepers played well today, Sophia saving many shots on our goal. And the same with the Rangers keeper.

Thanks to Atef and Tim for stepping in while Matt is away on holidays.

AAF (2) v Hurstville Glory Lost 3 – 7

Goal Scorers: Mark / Jehad / Rob

Another tough day at the office. Up against a youthful 2nd placed Glory team, we were down to 11 players with a banged up Jez stepping in to play keeper for the first ever time.

Running into a strong breeze, the first half was one to forget. We found ourselves 5-0 down at half time. The most memorable part of the half was the antics of the Glory keeper. The ref wasn't impressed and showed him a red card for his efforts.

The match flipped in the 2nd half though. With the wind now on our side, we gave ourselves a chance when Jehad, Rob and Mark scored 3 unanswered goals in the space of 15mins. Pulling the score back to 5-3, all momentum was on our side. We had opportunities to score more but it wasn't to be. We ran out of puff and Glory converted on two of their rare 2nd half chances to make the final scoreline 7-3.