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# AROUND THE GROUNDS

## Coming Up:

**2018 Trivia Night** – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July – 'Back to the 80's' theme - to book and pay for your table and food platters, please see Sue at the canteen or email Georgina - <a href="mailto:socialcommittee@lugarnofc.com.au">socialcommittee@lugarnofc.com.au</a>

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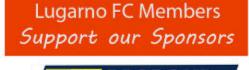
























### Match Results:

Saturday					Sunday				
AG/Div	Home Team	Н	Α	Away Team	AG/Div	Home Team	Н	Α	Away Team
AA/C	Penshurst West	5	3	Lugarno	AAW/A	Oatley FC	1	0	Lugarno
AA/D	Lugarno (2)	3	3	Lugarno (1)	PWL/1	Dolls Point	0	3	Lugarno
AA/F	Kogarah Waratah	2	3	Lugarno (1)	U16G/B	Rockdale Suns	0	4	Lugarno FC
AA/F	Lugarno (2)	2	0	Glory FC					
AA/G	Lugarno	1	5	Connells Point (1)					
AA/H	Lugarno	1	1	Connells Point (1)					
AAA1/1	Lugarno	3	0	Connells Point					
AAAR/R	Lugarno	3	5	Connells Point					
O35/A	Lugarno FC	0	12	Rockdale Suns					
PL1/1	Scots FC	3	2	Lugarno					
PLR/R	Scots FC	1	7	Lugarno					
U12/A	Lugarno FC	5	0	Connells Point					
U12/C	Ramsgate RSL	3	2	Lugarno FC					
U13/C	Oatley FC	2	3	Lugarno FC					
U14/A	Bexley North	2	4	Lugarno FC	Friday				
U16/B	Lugarno	2	1	Sans Souci	O45/A	Lugarno	1	4	Scots FC

# **Match Reports:**

#### <u>6B 1</u> v Glory

With Christopher and Elijah our best two players missing this weekend, along with our senior and eldest player Dylan, who has semi-retired at the ripe old age of 6 years old, it was always going to be a tough ask for us.

Cooper stepped up massively as our senior player in the squad as we started the game with only "3" players, Cooper along with our 4 year old super defenders Liam and Benji. But Glory scored 2 quick goals and, credit to the Glory coach, he pulled off his 4<sup>th</sup> player and made it a 3 on 3 game. At this point our



team settled and Cooper was going great with the 2 defenders working very hard to stop their attacks and feeding Cooper to do our attacks. Julian arrived and it was back to 4 on 4, Julian also being a defensive minded player, meaning the only attacking threat we had was Cooper.

Coach Eddy tried to park the bus and play a counter attack style, but they got through our wall on many occasions as our team tired and, unfortunately for us, we couldn't put a dent in the scoreboard - would have been nice to at least get one goal back.

The main thing is the 4 boys had a lot of fun and saw a lot more ball then they usually do with the 3 more ball dominating players missing this weekend. But at least Coach Eddy and Manager Michael had some joy vs Glory later that day as they ended Glory's AAF one and half year undefeated run! Read Below.



6B 4 v Forest Rangers



Lugarno U6B4 have continued their stretch of great form on the weekend with another thumping 13-1 win over Forrest Rangers.

The team still remain undefeated this season.

The team played well and were full of energy. They asserted their dominance with some quick early goals.

All played their part in this big win.

Taha 4 goals; Jamie 6 goals; Lyam 3 goals

Stefan, Mason and Amelia creating all the passes and tackles needed so Rangers couldn't get any momentum going.

# Great effort by this awesome team!!!







Our very own Little tactical team/fanclub working on next week's tactics



#### 7B 3 v Arncliffe Aurora

POTM: Aidan Hawkes



#### 9B 2 v Penshurst West

POTM: Emerson

A great game from all players, everyone did their share of defending and Harley saved us many times in the first half in goals. Eloise was smart moving the ball up the sideline and making a crucial tackle on the breakaway to setup Miles for the only goal to separate the teams. Charlie and Zoe put in plenty of tackles and did well to hold space in the forward midfield.

Ashton played his heart out commanding the midfield and doing a full share of tackles and passes. Oli showed great control with the ball taking his time and playing the whole field. Hugh threatened a number of times up front and came close to repeating last week's pocket money bonanza for proud mum.

In the second half Emmy-everywhere was tenacious in attack earning her another player of the match.



#### 10B 1 v Carss Park

Goal Scorer: Charlie 2

Manager's Trophy Winner: Lachie Coach's Trophy Winner: Elle

With no game the week before due to the rain, it was looking likely that the rain gods

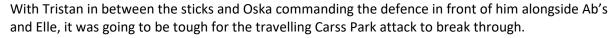
might have their say again...

However, it was the sunshine that won the day today and the game was on... albeit on a temporary pitch due to the flooding on our usual pitch!

The Socceroos had been dumped out of the World Cup and our little superstars were still eager to impress for the next one.

We started well with some early interchanges between Billy and Michael in the middle

pushing the ball through to the front of Josh, Charlie and Lachie.



Some neat footwork from Billy in the centre of the park released Charlie who darted forward and let rip with his right boot to launch the ball over the keeper and into the net! 1 nil.

With Malachi and Elle keen to get on the pitch, we swapped around the personnel to bolster our defence.

In true Malachi form, he was up and down the pitch with every opportunity – with extra energy from his pasta dinner the night before (5)

Josh continued his silky skills around the defence, but couldn't seem to find a way through the Carss Park defence.

Unfortunately for us, Carss Park were short so they called in the big guns. No 66 seemed to want to upset the pattern and have a say of his own.... A couple of mazy runs and it was 2-1 before we knew it.

The tackles from Oska, Abs and Elle were flying in... along with the blocks from Lily's mighty left boot.

A mistake from the Carss Park keeper was pounced on by the ever goal hungry Charlie as he whipped another one into the net! 2-2

As the half drew to a close, we continued to push forward but couldn't quite find another break through.

Out came Tristan to show us his 'drag backs' with Charlie now safely covering the goal.

With Michael now at centre-back, their little No 66 couldn't seem to get a look in – great defensive work Michael, Lily, Lachie and Elle!

Corner after corner we continued to press and shots from Malachi, Josh, Billy and Tristan whizzed past the post.

As the half drew on we seemed to run out of puff, but what a great game played by everyone.

Whilst we seemed to lose our positions at times, we were unfortunate not to come away with more goals to add to our tally!



Some great passing and individual skills today, but the big shouts outs go to Charlie for his two goals. Elle for her tremendous work rate and tackling to take away the Coaches trophy and Lachie for his passing and interceptions to take away the Managers Trophy!

Well played again and I'm hoping my beloved England put in a good shift on the pitch against Columbia on Wednesday morning!

#### 13C v Bexley North

Lost 2 - 3

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June

**Goal Scorers:** Harrison V / Tim

We were looking forward to today's match against the competition leaders. After a rainy start to the week the playing field was very slippery.

Our team was fast out of the blocks. Zack and Ross had a number of attacking raids on the Bexley North goal early in the game. Before anyone had time to blink we were 2-0 ahead. Harrison V put us in the lead after 10 minutes with one of his floating corners which sailed into the Bexley North goal.

Our second goal also came from a corner. Harrison V delivered another floating corner which was fumbled by the Bexley North keeper. Tim, positioning himself at the near post, was able to slot the ball into the Bexley North goal.

Our team continued to dominate the first half with our opponents not knowing what had hit them. We were winning every 50/50 contest. Noah was again having a great game in our goals. He made some good saves. Shane, starting at left fullback, was very solid in defence and cool when coming out of defence.

With Shane at left back it gave Sean the opportunity to push up into an attacking centre midfield role. Sean showed his great versatility and controlled the centre of the park well.

Daniel C, after not playing last week through injury, returned to his usual right back position. Daniel C was quick to close down the Bexley North left attack and combined well with our right half Tim.

Alex as usual was in control as our sweeper and did not give the Bexley North attack an inch. He was well supported by Adam at stopper. Adam timed his tackles well and contributed to a number of our attacking opportunities.

Our right half Tim, after running himself into the ground, required a much needed rest towards the end of the first.

The first half finished 2-0 our way. Our team was in good control. We knew that in the second half the competition leaders would not take things lying down and would be coming at us. We had to keep pressuring our opponents and keep winning the 50/50 challenges.

Sure enough Bexley North stepped things up in the second half. Our defence was doing well to keep out the Bexley North attackers. Unfortunately Bexley North was able to pull a goal back midway through the second half. This then gave Bexley North the momentum. Soon after we found ourselves at 2-2.

Harrison C had a good game. He was very busy at our right half position. He made some great dribbling runs in the second half and was linking well with Zack and Ross.

Daniel B was also having a good game. At times he found the slippery conditions challenging.

Ray was teasing the Bexley North defence with his great dribbling skills but at times also found the slippery conditions challenging.

Gabriel willingly accepted to play a more defensive role today. As always he ran himself into the ground as he covered every inch at our defence.

The team did not drop their heads and had two other opportunities to put us back in the lead. On both occasions we were foiled by the Bexley North keeper.

Bexley North was able to score a goal late in the game which gave them a 3-2 victory.

Against the completion leaders the entire team fought hard today and all contributed to a very competitive game.

#### 13C v Oatley FC Won 3 - 2

Goal Scorers: Ray / Adam / Zack

Currently lying in 4th position on the table, our team knew that a win today would cement our position in the top four.

Ross was not able to play today as he and his family have left for their overseas holiday. We wish Ross and his family an enjoyable and safe holiday.

This would be Zack's last game before the finals as he and his family will also be holidaying overseas from next week. Have a great/safe trip Zack and family. Zack was keen to go out with a bang today.

We were looking for a repeat of our great first half performance last week. The team began the game strongly. The first half was a tight affair. Unfortunately our sweeper Alex could not play today but we welcomed the return of Nathan to our defence. Nathan had a very strong game at stopper cutting down the Oatley attacking plays. He also delivered many long range passes to our attack. Nathan did not show any lack of match fitness from missing the last two games.

Shane started the game at sweeper and did a great job. He was able to chase down the Oatley attackers with his great speed. He then moved to left back and had a solid game.

Harrison C was proving a headache for the Oatley right hand side. He made some impressive dribbling runs. Each game Harrison C gets better and better.

Daniel B was having a great game and is improving with each game. He made some good tackles and passes.

Towards the end of the first half, Ray made a great dribbling run at the Oatley defence. From long range, Ray shot at the Oatley goal. Fortunately for us the ball deflected off an Oatley defender into the Oatley goal. 1-0 our way. Ray, since joining our team, has come close to scoring in every game. It was great to see that his great work and persistence has finally paid off with a goal.

Adam was having a strong game in the middle of the park. His great strength and close ball control was a pleasure to watch.

The first half ended 1-0 our way. We were determined not to let the same thing happen to us in the second half as last weekend.

Unfortunately it did! Midway through the second half, Oatley were able to score two goals to give them a 1-2 lead. The team did not drop their heads. We were determined to work hard and give a good account of ourselves.

Noah had another superb game in our goal. He made a very crucial save in the second half which proved to be the turning point in the game. He timed his run out to an Oatley attacker's run at our goal perfectly, forcing the shot wide.

Sean was having a great game in our defence and midfield. He timed his tackles well and cut out many of Oatley's passes. Sean provided some excellent passes for our team.

Daniel C was again strong in our defence. He timed his tackles well and did not give the Oatley attack an inch. Daniel combined well with Tim on the right side to put us on our way.

Our persistence paid off when were awarded a penalty for hand ball. Adam stepped up and coolly put us on level terms 2-2.

The momentum of the game then shifted our way. Our team continued pressuring the Oatley defenders. Gabriel was having his usual strong game. He was tirelessly controlling our left hand side of the midfield, supporting our defence and attack well.

Tim just goes from strength to strength which each game. He was tormenting the Oatley left side defence with his devastating runs. His speed, strength and great ball control was something to watch.

Harrison V was playing himself into the ground. As always he was in full control of the game. He took the game by the scruff of the neck late in the second half when he delivered a sublime pass through the Oatley defence. Zack timed his run onto the ball with perfection. He outpaced the Oatley defence and coolly slotted the ball past the Oatley goalkeeper into their goal. The goal was of the quality of the FIFA World Cup. 3-2 our way.

We were able to hold onto the 3-2 lead to record a great come from behind victory.

#### AAF (2) v Forest Rangers Won 4 – 2

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Goal Scorers: Atef (aka Golden Boot) 3 / Frank

Up against our old rivals Forest Rangers, the boys were keen to make up for our heavy loss against them earlier in the season. With a number of our players still unavailable, we knew this would be a tough ask against 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Rangers.

Unlike most of our season, we started the game well and scored in the opening minutes... 'Medium' Frank converting from close range after good buildup play from the right wing. We dominated the majority of the half but couldn't add to our lead. Rangers upped their play and ended the half on top. Just before halftime they equalised to make it 1-1 at the break.

Again, we started the half on the front foot and it didn't take long for Atef to restore our lead..2-1. It was a tight 2nd half but we made it 3-1 midway through after Atef broke away from the defence again and beat the keeper for his 2nd goal of the game. Rangers kept coming at us and pulled a goal back to get them back into the game. Our defence though held them out and we sealed the win after Atef ran onto a through ball and completed his hat-trick to make the final score 4-2.

Note: Thanks to Jehad and Johnny who sacrificed a half each to referee the game.

#### AAF(2) v Glory Won 2 – 0

Goal Scorer: Frank 2

Playing without any substitutes is normally hard enough, but doing it against the undefeated, topof-the-table Glory FC makes it that much tougher. That was the challenge we faced on a muddy Gannons field.

As expected, it proved to be a tough battle. There was nothing pretty about this match...including the opening goal. After a crazy goal-mouth scramble it was 'Medium' Frank who managed to get the ball over the goal line to give us a 1-0 lead going into halftime.

With a loaded subs bench, we knew Glory would go all out in the second half. Our task to hold onto our lead was made even tougher when our keeper was sent off for an off-the-ball incident. That didn't deter the boys though...defensively we managed to repel all of Glory's attacking raids. Set pieces were our best chance to score...and that's how we extended our lead. After another goal mouth scrap following a corner, it was 'medium' Frank once again who was credited with the goal.

With a two goal lead, we maintained our defensive intensity and saw off the match with a clean sheet. It was a gritty team effort where every single player lifted their game...arguably our best team performance of the season.

