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AROUND THE GROUNDS

Congratulations:

U12A boys and Coach & Manager – Minor Premiers for Season 2018 –
Best of Luck for the Finals Series and also 'Champions of Champions' Tournament

And Congratulations to the following teams who have also made the Finals Series:

U12C, U13C, U16B, U16Girls B, AAC. AAD(1), AAF(2), AAG & PLWomens

This is the draw for the Finals games this Saturday – please try and get to some and cheer on our boys.

Time	AG/Div	Home Team	Away Team	Ground
10:50	U16/B	Lugarno	Sans Souci	Olds Park
11:15	U12/C	Sans Souci	Lugarno	Scarborough No 7
12:30	AA/D	Rockdale Raiders	Lugarno (1)	Scarborough East Pk
12:35	AA/G	Forest Rangers (1)	Lugarno	Bush Pk/Carss Pk No1
14:30	AA/C	Carlton Rovers	Lugarno	Olds Park
14:30	AA/F	Lugarno (2)	Carlton Rovers	Renown Park

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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/D	Lugarno (2)	1	6	ASOW	AAW/A	Lugarno	0	1	Sans Souci (2)
AA/D	Lugarno (1)	5	1	Oatley FC	O35/A	Lugarno FC	0	2	Forest Rangers
AA/F	Lugarno (2)	3	3	Carlton Rovers	PWL/1	Lugarno	2	1	Dolls Point
AA/F	Forest Rangers	3	0	Lugarno (1)					
AA/G	Oatley FC	1	3	Lugarno					
AA/H	Connells Point (2)	1	1	Lugarno FC					
AAA1/1	Lugarno	0	1	Peakhurst United					
AAAR/R	Lugarno	4	2	Peakhurst United					
PL1/1	Sans Souci	5	2	Lugarno					
PLR/R	Sans Souci	9	1	Lugarno					
U12/A	Ramsgate RSL	0	6	Lugarno FC					
U14/A	Hurstville ZFC	5	0	Lugarno FC					
U17/A	Glory FC	3	0	Lugarno FC					
					Friday				
					O45/A	Forest Rangers	4	1	Lugarno

Match Reports:

6B 1 v Arncliffe Aurora

Bright and early we travelled to Arncliffe Park for our clash with yet another Arncliffe Aurora Team, who have been a great team to play against in our other 3 games.



Kick-off due at 9:20am with our squad arriving 15minutes early, but no Arncliffe team in sight for kick-off. Slowly we saw players coming out of houses around the park and finally we got kick-off under way at 9:35am.

Playing against a 2nd year team and a much bigger team at that, we did well early and had a few early opportunities to score - frustration must have set in for the Arncliffe team as all of a sudden our boys were getting pushed (not shoulder to shoulder) while running with the ball and getting kicked from behind, but our team played on even though they were been roughed up unfairly.

Arncliffe got on top and went in 4-0 up at the half. Second half we conceded early but then our team lifted after that, Christopher, Cooper & Elijah got going in attack and Benji, Dylan & Liam formed our defensive wall. Christopher pulled one back for us and we were unlucky not to score a couple more.

As we were shaking hands at full time came the call the day from one of our champions "You're not very nice". Hoping we can finish off the season on a high at our spiritual home, Gannons, on Saturday to top off a great season with a great bunch of kids and group of parents.

Mums bring your boots to our last training on Wednesday, it's the U6B1's vs Mums this week, they played the dads 2 weeks ago!



7B 3 v Sans Souci

POTM: Zachary L

We were missing two of our strike weapons in Jarvis and Boyley this weekend, so the other 5 boys really needed to lift for the team.

Our mission for today was to really stick with 1 defensive player at all times. It worked really well actually, and Aidan was like a wall at the back shutting down numerous Sans Souci breaks.

Samuel worked really hard, applying relentless pressure and looking to break free with the ball when he could.

Zachary L was feeling under the weather early, but in a strong effort, he took the field and had a big impact on the game with some aggressive play all around. His extra effort today earned him POTM.

The downhill, and the strong wind were all in Sans Souci's favour in the first half and the pressure eventually resulted in a goal.

Lucian continues to play well, and he made some clever passes to free up his teammates. With the conditions in our favour in the second half, it was his clever lead up work which laid the platform for Hunter to get the scores level at 1-1.

In the second half we were the dominant team, with our aggressive play leading to Hunter hitting the post just minutes from full time. Unfortunately, as time expired Sans Souci managed to get a deflected kick to go in for the final goal.

Despite being down on troops, the boys played excellent today. They defended, passed and were overall very aggressive. Good job and we will look to finish off the season on a high next weekend.

10B 1 v Oatley FC

Goal Scorers: Josh 3 / Billy /Charlie

Manager's Trophy: Lachlan

Coach's Trophy: Josh

Another early game and a short trip across to Kyle Bay to play Oatley. The wind was blowing in Lugarno but seemed to stop once we all got to the pitch.

Being the penultimate game of the season, our little champs were pumped up for this one.

Abs keen to go in goal to celebrate her upcoming birthday and Billy keen to put his shooting boots on we slightly changed the team sheet to assist.

I'd forgotten what a real ref looked like so it was great to hear someone else blow the whistle to start the game.

From the off we put Oatley under pressure as we camped in their half. There was not much getting past the back-line defence of Michael, Charlie and Lily which allowed the midfield duo of Oska and Malachi to get the ball forward to Lachie, Tristan and Billy.

Billy pushed forward at every opportunity down the right but we couldn't seem to break the deadlock. It was time to bring on 'Messi'.... Aka Josh!



It didn't take long before he was on the score sheet, but it was his second that really delighted the crowd. A goal kick from Abs taken short into her defence was quickly pushed into the midfield duo and finally into the feet of Josh who, what seemed in slow motion, looked up and picked his spot high into the top right corner, not giving any chance for the Oatley keeper.

We continued to press with some fine dribbling skills and a passing display... this time it was Billy that kept up his hard running and was rewarded with a fine goal to add to the tally to make it 3 nil.

It was one way traffic as every Oatley attack was thwarted by the fine defending of Michael, Elle and Romeo.

Desperate for more it was Josh again to add another to his goal tally... and as if the supporters weren't aware he cried out 'Hatrick' with his arms in the air.

This seemed to wake up the Oatley team as what looked likely to be a run-away goal tally they quickly tore into our defence and midfield with 3 quick fire goals within 10 minutes to make it 4-3 at half time!

As our players trudged off at half time wondering what had just happened, we switched around the goalies to put the 'Big Man' Malachi in between the sticks and bring Oska back into centre back to shore up our defence.

A quick half time team talk and an injection of vitamin C and our little super heroes were ready to take to the battle field once again.

Oatley continued to attack with shouts of 'Easy' coming from one of the home fans... clearly, he must have been watching a different game as our little battlers are far from that.

Billy continued to push as did the little legs of Charlie and Josh, but the Oatley defence was making it tough to break through.

Big tackles and headers coming in also from our very own Lachie kept the attacks at bay, but one of the attacks finally broke through as the Oatley striker just snuck the ball past Malachi to make it 4-4.

With the heart rates now at an all-time high.... Well apart from our super fit manager who screamed out "Mine's 58"!

With the game now opening up, it was real edge of the seat stuff as each of the teams were pushing for the win.

Some neat skills and passing between Tristan, Billy and Michael ended up at the feet of Charlie who saved the day with a fine strike which nestled in the back of the net to make it 5-4.

The Oatley attack wanted to have the last say, but with the commanding display from the 'Rock' (Oska) who marshalled his defence superbly had other ideas.

And some fine goal keeping skills and saves from Malachi made sure we held on for the win to take all the points.

Another great game played by all today and what I thought was going to be a run-away lead when we were 4 nil up, turned into a cracker of a game.

Some fine dribbling on show today and the passing out of defence to midfield and midfield to attack at times was brilliant.

A few special mentions today. Oska for his commanding display in the 2nd half at the centre of defence, Billy for his constant hunger to get the ball forward, Malachi for keeping us in the game at the end with his fine goal keeping display and, the trophy winners, Lachie for his big tackling and heading to keep the attackers at bay and Josh's man of the match performance with his silky skills and his well-deserved hatrick! Great game today mate – thoroughly deserved the 'World Cup'.

Sorry I can't be there at training this week! However, Rick will take it. We have one last game next weekend and then we'll wrap up the training the week after with Coach and kids v parents and then we can all let out hair down for our own U10B1's presentation day the following Saturday!

13C v Carss Park

Drew 0 – 0

Elimination Final

The team was looking to redeem ourselves from our performance last week against Carss Park where we were beaten 0-4. At training during the week and at our team huddle before the game we agreed that our game plan today was to put pressure on Carss Park early and hustle them off the ball.

With the welcome return of Ross from his overseas trip, Alex was moved back to sweeper. Tim was moved to our right fullback position.

Our team started the match according to our game plan. Carss Park knew from the start that this was a different Lugarno FC they played last week and they were in for a tough game today.

We had to overcome an early attack on our goal where we saw the ball bounce off our crossbar to safety. Our keeper Noah was in the thick of the action early and made a number of excellent saves. One particular save was from a point blank shot which he was able to parry to safety.

Our defence held firm. Alex was controlling things well at sweeper. He was cleaning up all of Carss Park's through balls and started some of our attacking raids from deep in our half.

Shane was having a great game at left back and was not giving the Carss Park right wing an inch. He was combining well with Gab on the left hand side. Shane made a number of great runs with the ball down our left hand side throughout the match.

Tim had a solid game at right back for us. He was quick to close down all of Carss Park's attacks down their left hand side. Tim showed great control when he had the ball linking well with Ray and Harrison C on our right hand side.

Adam was in full control at the centre of our defence. He marked the Carss Park striker well and made some very important interceptions. Adam showed some great control on the ball and came forward at times to put us in some good attacking positions.

Harrison V was playing out of his skin. He controlled things in the middle of the park well for us and put Ross and Zack on some good attacking positions. Harrison V also had some good attacking runs at the Carss Park goal. He showed a brilliant piece of skill midway through the first half which bamboozled the Carss Park defence.

Gabriel as always worked tirelessly for us chasing the Carss Park players down all over the ground. He tackled and distributed the ball well.

Daniel B had a good game and made some great interceptions and passes to the team.

Harrison C also had a good game and made some great runs with the ball. He tackled well and made some good passes throughout the game.

Zack and Ross made some great attacking runs at the Carss Park goal in the first half and both came close on occasions.

The first half was very even and ended 0-0. At the half time huddle we discussed maintaining our game plan and keep the intensity up in the second half.

The second half, like the first, was very even with nail biting end to end action. The team defended well and had a number of attacking chances.

Sean continued his great first half into the second half. He was enjoying his new role in our midfield making some very well timed tackles and interceptions. He also provided some good long through balls to Zack and Ross. His long throw ins were great.

Ray had the Carss Park defence back tracking. His great close ball control kept them guessing and put us on some good attacking raids. Ray made some impressive runs down our right hand side and crossed the ball well into the Carss Park goal mouth.

Zack had a great solo run down the left hand side which put us on another good attacking position.

Midway through the second half we had a good attacking chance where Harrison V put through a great ball through to Ray. Ray's shot went close to scoring.

Gab then got himself into a good scoring chance but was fouled inside the Carss Park penalty box. His cries for a penalty were turned down by the referee.

The match ended 0-0. What an awesome effort from our team. We now have two halves of 5 minutes of extra time. We knew that a draw would not be enough to get us through.

Both halves of extra time was evenly played with nail biting end to end play.


Ross and Zack kept working hard for us up front.

Noah made an impressive save when he stopped a high floating shot from a Carss Park free kick.

Alex was asked to push forward in the second half of extra time to try to get that match winning goal. Sadly for us the match stayed at 0-0, ending our season this year.

The team put in a mighty effort today (and throughout this season) and really gave it a great go. The whole team can hold their heads up high. The team left the field to the mighty applause and cheers from their parents and friends.

The Carss Park and Rockdale Warriors coach both commended our team on a great game and season.

Well done team! 

AAF (2) v Carlton Rovers Drew 3 – 3

Goal Scorers: Jehad / Fotes / Frank

With 3rd place already secured, our final match of the regular season was against Carlton...the same team we will be facing in next week's semifinal.

Despite it being a meaningless game, both teams went out to win. It was also a timely return to the field for our man up front, Rob, who returned after a long injury layoff.

We got off to a good start and took the lead after Jehad put the ball away from close range following a scramble in the Carlton box. Both teams created good chances...but it was Carlton that found the equaliser before the break. Halftime 1-1.

After a bright start to the 2nd half, we were rewarded by taking the lead once again. Fotes stepped up to take a free kick just outside the box...his low driving shot fizzing past the wall into the back of the net. Minutes later we looked to have sealed the win. After good work from Rob and Atef up front, a rebound off the crossbar was simply tapped in by Frank. Lugarno 3-1.

Despite a 2-goal lead, we let it slip in the final few minutes. Firstly, a comical own goal gifted Carlton a lifeline. Then, with the final kick of the game, a great dipping shot found the back of the net to make the final score 3-3.

A disappointing end to the game was made worse after a mix-up in the beer schedule meant no post game drinks for the first time this year!



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