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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	1	1	Connells Point	AAW/B	Glory FC	0	5	Lugarno
AA/D	Lugarno	4	1	Ramsgate RSL	O35/B	Dolls Point	1	2	Lugarno
AA/E	Lugarno	4	3	Scots FC	PWL/1	Dolls Point	0	0	Lugarno
AA/F	Forest Rangers	1	4	Lugarno (2)					
AA/F	Lugarno (1)	8	1	Rockdale Raiders					
AA/G	Carlton Rovers	0	0	Lugarno					
AA/H	Forest Rangers (1)	1	2	Lugarno					
AAA1/1	Oatley FC	0	3	Lugarno (2)					
AAA1/1	Lugarno (1)	0	0	Banksia Tigers					
AAAR/R	Oatley FC	4	0	Lugarno (2)					
AAAR/R	Lugarno (1)	0	1	Banksia Tigers					
U12/B	Sans Souci	15	1	Lugarno					
U12/C	Lugarno	4	1	Arncliffe Aurora					
U13/A	Lugarno	11	0	Banksia Tigers					
U13/C	Lugarno	2	6	Rockdale Raiders					
U14/C	Sans Souci	3	3	Lugarno					
U15/B	Kogarah Waratah	2	2	Lugarno					

## **Match Reports:**

### **6B 1 v Sans Souci**

And the 6B1's have returned for yet another exciting season of Football in 2019. With our core squad still together (5 returning players) but unfortunately 2 of our little champions from last year had to move up.

We could still smell the fresh line-marking as we got on the pitch and we came across a Sans Souci team who looked more like Vikings compared to our little champions, but within a minute our star players had us on the board - Christopher put a great through ball for Elijah who knew what to do once in the clear, bang 1-0, great start to 2019. The rest of the half the boys dominated and I lost count of all the near misses. 1-0 up at the half.

Second started much the same and Christopher got us 2-0 up. From here coach Eddy worked to get the 2 new players involved more and get the team passing to each other as we have trained. We did concede 2 late goals but it was nice to see everyone have a kick around instead of the usually few, well done Eddy and 2-2 is still a great way to start the season. Also well done to manager Michael who spent the 2<sup>nd</sup> half doing subs and shin-pad changes with the ref noticing 2 of our players missing them.

Overall the players have all come back bigger and better, Christopher's dribbling, cutbacks & kicking are out of sight, likewise Elijah who has just a bit more work to do and he will be unstoppable (missed a few chances from over-dribbling or cutting back late). Liam has improved out of sight in the off season - his dribbling and passing game have developed to the next level, (shows clinics

really work although Eddy has been forced to take up a part time job to pay them off). Benjamin was his usual defensive self, clearing every ball with might and making sure no-one got past him (he has found out you can use shoulders when running side by side and boy does he take advantage, maybe his dad Michael should spend some cash on him to develop skills rather than buying new Gucci sneakers for his wife)! It was great to see Julian get more involved and confident, he has mentioned at training how much better he wants to play and tried his best. New player Conor did an awesome job in his first official match - you can tell he has spent many hours playing in the backyard with his brothers, by the end of the year he will be one of the stars, and our other new player Edmund, who was really nervous and shy at the start, got involved late and had some great touches. Overall a great start to 2019. Well done team.

Unfortunately no photos this week, we need to find a new photographer after our resident photographer's son has moved up.

### **7B 4 v Banksia Tigers**





## 8B 1 v Sans Souci



## 9B 1 v Oatley FC

**POTM:** Elizabeth

Today the 9B1's played their first game of the season against Oatley FC at Renown Park. It was a nice early 8:30am start for the teams, but despite the cold they got on with the match and we started on the attack right from the get go. We managed to get on the attack for most of the first half, however lacked that killer instinct in front of goal. Unfortunately, on the counter attack they took a long throw-in, which ended up being volleyed in by one of their players. So we went into the second half a goal down.

But thanks to an inspirational half time speech (!), the kids had the belief that they could turn those missed opportunities into goals - and boy did we come out firing! Again, we were on the attack for most of the second half, however this time we managed to put a few away, and keep the opposition scoreless. Two fantastic goals from Elijah put us in front 2-1, and a late goal from Kale finished them off. The second half saw some gripping end to end stuff, with Elizabeth in the back cleaning up and Ben making some great saves to preserve our lead. The game finished at 3-1 with our first victory of the season, and a 100% success rate!

The coaches comments for each player:

**Maddi** - terrorised the opposition with some great attacks on goal, unfortunately it just wasn't her day on the scoresheet - on any other day she would have had 3 in the back of the net!

**Elizabeth** - fantastic effort at sweeper, cleaning up everything that came her way, she did her job very well and saved our goalkeeper from doing too much



**Kale** - excellent effort in attack and defence, he got his first goal of the season which was a great reward for his efforts

**Kiarna** - up and down the right hand side, she played a great wing-back position, almost getting her first goal with a near miss off a corner

**Ben** - a busy day for him today, he played hard on the left and was everywhere, he also nearly had a couple of goals early in the game, and pulled off some great saves in goals in the second half, also turning defence into attack with some great vision

**Elijah** - played in goals in the first half, making some great saves to deny the opposition, but it was when we unleashed him in the second half that he bagged a brace, scoring 2 fantastic goals to put us in the lead

**Leni** - the little terrier, she just doesn't give up - shows such determination when she plays on the field, she was into everything Our player of the match was

**Elizabeth**, who received the McDonald's award for today with a great effort in defence. She held her sweeper position brilliantly and made some great defensive tackles, making sure our keeper was kept out of the match for long periods of the game. Well done Elizabeth!



Great work 9B1's - today was a fantastic effort from all players and a great start for season 2019.

## 9A (I2) v Rockdale Suns



With the weather playing a huge role in season officially getting underway, we almost didn't start. But the sun came out on Saturday morning and all was fine. The Boys all gathered at the park prior to the game eagerly awaiting kick off. There were some nerves but when we gathered to discuss the game plan and starting positions the boys were 100% focused on the game.



The whistle blew, and we were on - season 2019 had officially kicked off! The boys held their shape and instantly applied pressure to the opposition. It wasn't long before we had a shot on goal. We continued to pepper the opposition and they were valiant in their efforts to repel us for as long as they did. It wasn't long after the first substitutions were made that Oliver scored our first goal of the season. It was a beautiful team goal that involved 4 players and no less than six passes, with Jake cleverly passing out of the back to Sam on the wing for a darting run up the sideline who then cut a cheeky ball in to Samuel who drew two defenders and threaded the ball through to Oliver to coolly send the keeper the wrong way and score. 1-0 to Lugarno. Jonas was then called into action a couple of times as keeper, but we continued to hold our shape and press ahead. Jake, Zac and Riley deserve special mention as they built up play from the back.

We went into half time and the boys were all very thirsty and thankful for the break. After a keeper change and another couple of tactical substitutions, we were ready for the next half. It was our kick off, and straight from the get-go Jett made the left side of the field his own. We continued to press, as did the Suns - they even managed to get close to scoring had it not been for a back-heel finish which sent the ball just wide. This was a huge wake up call to our team and boy did they pick things up a notch. Soon after the final substitutions were made, we scored another fine team goal. After a cheeky one-two play between Jett and Oliver, Jett took the ball to the by-line and whipped in a cross which went whizzing past Oliver and Samuel but found Kai at the far post and, with what appeared to be all the time in the world, he took the opportunity and buried the ball in the back of the net.

To the boys credit they continued to hold their shape and press the other team and came close to adding a third before the whistle blew.

Final score LFC 2 – Rockdale 0

What a start to the season! Keep it up team.

## **9 v Bexley North**

**POTM:** Henry

Following the trial games we finally had all of our team members playing together for the first time.

It was a difficult first few minutes in which we were down by 2 goals but the boys adjusted fast and stayed solid and started pushing ahead.

We suffered a couple of casualties during the second half however the boys were soon back on and the team was determined till the end.

We won 6 goals to 3, player of the match went to Henry but everyone did their bit for such a good result.



## **10Girls v Ramsgate RSL**

**POTM:** The Whole Team

Our amazing 10G team is a mix of U9 and U10 players, playing in a 10/11 comp.

On paper, last Sunday looked tough. We had the bare 9 players, five of them only U9's and we were missing one of our more experienced players. Our opposition were U11's and they had 5 subs on a boiling hot day. The girls rose to the challenge and played an amazing game.

Solid defence all day. Lots of work through the midfield and plenty of attacking and great ball control. A fabulous game to watch.

The effort put in by every player was noted with coach Bill jointly awarding the whole team the POTM trophy!



## **10I 1 v Carss Park**

**POTM:** Morris

First match on the big field, we did a good job playing positions for most of the match but Coach wants a bigger effort to tackle to win balls and get there first to the loose ones.

Some promising passing but the big boot is not going to do it for us in this league, we need to look for players on the wings, attack the middle when we have it up front and not kick across our own goal.





Player of the match was Morris who dominated everything near him as he attacked the ball and offloaded smartly up the field including a bursting run leading a surge of energy in the whole team. Way to set the tone, great work Morris.

### **11B 1 v Bexley North**

**Goal Scorer:** Josh

**Manager's Trophy Winner:** Josh

**Coach's Trophy Winner:** Michael

Team: Malachi, Oska, Elle, Lachie, Abs, Emmason, Michael, Josh, Billy

After 'not many' hours of sleep the night before and an early morning wake up to help with the pitch set up – it wasn't quite what the doctor ordered! Thanks to the dads that made it down to help out – appreciated!



With the sun belting down on Gannons it was the perfect setting to start off the U11B1's campaign. Over the last few weeks our little superstars had trained well so I was hoping for a good display.

With what seemed like a rather large pitch and only 9 players that could make it versus a determined Peakhurst team I was unsure as to how this game would pan out...

As soon as the whistle was blown to kick off our season, our U11's did not disappoint – in the first half we literally camped out in the Bexley half not allowing them much chance to play.

With Malachi between the sticks and the rock solid Oska commanding, with Elle at the back, there was just no way through for the opposition.

Some slick passing and tricks from Billy in the middle of the park allowed Josh and Michael to get forward to test the goal-keeper... and test him they did as they peppered the goal early on.

Emmason and Lachie were tough on the tackles which allowed us to push forward even more... A long shot from Billy just sailed over the bar and some neat footwork by Josh to crack in a shot narrowly missed the target.

We kept up the pressure and it was only a matter of time before we'd break the dead-lock. Some neat inter-changes between Billy to Michael who laid it off to impressive Josh who smashed the ball into the corner of the net to go one up!

For the rest of the half we kept up the pressure with Oska skipping around the on-coming Bexley players to help us dictate the play.

The whistle went for half time to give our players a break from the heat and some much-needed vitamin C from the half time oranges.

With Malachi desperate to be part of the action and a 'deal' brokered before the game by Oska ..." if we are winning at half time coach can I play up front" ... I changed things around.

This time Michael donned the gloves to protect our goal, Oska pushed up front and Malachi stepped into the defensive role.

The neat passing continued, but as the half wore on we struggled to keep our shape when the ball broke down, which allowed the Bexley forwards more space on the attack.

However Malachi, who covers every blade of grass, always managed to get his foot in the way ... and if it did get past him or Elle then Michael was there to save the day.



Elle was having a cracking game on the left which gave Abs some new-found confidence and ball skills to dazzle the Bexley defence... She was unlucky not to come away with a goal.

We continued to press with strikes from Billy, Oska, Lachie and Josh but we couldn't seem to find another breakthrough!

I was most impressed with you all this week. The passing in particular in the first half was a joy to watch as you are really starting to understand each other. We created lots of opportunities in and around the box and were unfortunate not to win by a higher margin. Oska another stand out in your defensive role in the first half. Abs with your ball control going forward and Malachi with your second half defensive display and mention to Billy in the centre of the park with his passing ability and long-range shooting!

The trophy winners this week go to "Managers Player of the week" - **Josh** for his attacking display, fancy footwork and neatly taken goal and "Coaches Player of the week" – **Michael** for your first half attacking display and passing plus your last ditch saves to keep us in the game – well done!!

Final score LFC 1 – Bexley North 0

Well done everyone. I saw some very encouraging signs that we are in for another special and entertaining season 😊

### **12C v Arncliffe Aurora Won 4 – 1**

**Goal Scorers:** Olivia Belcheff 2 / Lachlan Weeks / Vinnie Welstead

This was our first game on the full field, playing comp and both the kids and the parents were really excited to kick the season off.

Our team is a mixture of kids from the previous Under 11s teams and this game showed that they have come together to form a great team!

The kids passed the ball around so well in a very exciting game. Everyone played well, but special mention must go to the defenders who were solid!

We had a few exciting moments up the front too, with Vinnie hitting the cross bar in a great attempt on goal.

All in all a fantastic start to the season.

### **13C v Rockdale Raiders Lost 2 – 6**

**Goal Scorers:** Josh Murray / Finlay Whitten

Our first game saw us taking on Rockdale Raiders at Scarborough on a surprisingly warm day. Sadly we were without 2 of our key players due to injury but our lads put in a wonderful effort.

Josh Murray had us all in shock when he knocked in a skillful first goal of the season to give us an early 1 nil lead. Rockdale heaped plenty of pressure on us but our defense was holding solid and caretaker goalkeeper Max and his reliable backs in Cameron, Nicholas P and Pat quelled many a chance.

Hunter and Finlay combined beautifully for our 2<sup>nd</sup> goal and it seemed we were still a good chance despite some heavy attack from our opposition.

Unfortunately for the back part of the game 2 things got the better of us. Fitness - due to so many of our sessions and trials being spoiled due to rain, and a couple of their forwards who are definitely "A" players coming into their own at the back of the game when we were tired...

With only one sub available I couldn't fault the effort by all of our players and I am very confident with more training under our belt we will improve a lot. All the players know there's plenty to improve and we'll work together to do so in true Lugarno spirit.

Welcome to Sebastian who enjoyed a good debut with the team and well done to George who is showing some wonderful signs of improvement.

Nick C and Jono were quality around the middle and Josh C is my candidate for Player to watch grow over the season.

## **14C v Sans Souci**

**Drew 3 – 3**

**Goal Scorers:** Zac 2 / Ray

Our team pledge this season was to train hard, play hard and aim to do better than last year where we made the first round in the semi final.

After a rain affected pre season training, our season opener was played under a sunny/hot autumn morning. The team started the match very sluggish. Our opponents capitalised on this and took a 2-0 lead within the first 15 mins.

Harrison V kindly offered to be our goal keeper for this game as our usual keeper Noah was absent. If it wasn't for Harrison V's heroics in the opening 15 mins the score line could have blown out to a much higher deficit for us. Harrison V pulled off many awesome saves. One in particular was a great reflex save where he pushed the ball around the post.

Thankfully the team woke up and we started to claw our way back into the game. We started to pass the ball to our players feet and created a number of chances. We soon found ourselves back at 2-2. Zac scored both our goals after great lead up work from the team. Zac coolly slotted one of his goals past the advancing Sans Souci keeper. The other was a great chip into to back of the net.

We then started to attack the Sans Souci goal and we were unlucky not to score another two goals. Alex (who was playing sweeper) came up to take a corner midway through the 1st half. From the rebound he found himself in front of the Sans Souci goal and had his shot bounce back off the crossbar.

Ray, looking to capitalise after a poor keeper clearance, tried to chip the Sans Souci keeper who was off his line. If not for a great finger tip save by the Sans Souci keeper, the ball would have ended up in the back of the net.

The 1st half ended 2-2. At our half time huddle we discussed keeping the momentum up from the first whistle of the 2nd half.

Daniel C was having his usual strong game. He tackled and passed the ball well.

Shane did not lose any of his speed from last season. He was very reliable in our defence and made some threatening runs up front.

Alex was solid at the sweeper role. He has great ability to read the game and close down the Sans Souci attack. His distribution out of defence started a number of our attacks.

Shaun (after refereeing in the morning) was well warmed up for our game. He relished the opportunity at left back. He intercepted and distributed the ball well.

Tim had his usual strong game. He hustled the Sans Souci players off the ball well and provided some good passes to our team. He chased down the Sans Souci attackers with ease.

Harrison C picked up from where he left off last year. He tackled and distributed the ball well. Under the mid morning heat Harrison C ran himself into the ground.



Daniel B also had a good game. He made some good tackles and passes. Unfortunately, he twisted his ankle midway through the 2nd half and had to be assisted off.

At left wing Ross had a number of great attacking runs at the Sans Souci defence. He and Gab teamed up well with their passing exchanges. Ross and Daniel W worked well up front for us.

Gab had his usual busy and tireless game. He ran himself into the ground helping our defence and attack.

Returning Lugarno FC player Daniel W had a busy game at central striker. His ability to hold the ball and link up with Zac and Ross up front was awesome.

Harrison V continued his great goal keeping work into the 2nd half and was very safe in our goal. Our defence held firm for most of the 2nd half however with 10 minutes remaining Sans Souci were able to score and take the lead 3-2.

To our credit we did not give in and continued to attack the Sans Souci goal. Some good lead up passing saw Ray collect the ball midway between the Sans Souci penalty box and the halfway line. Ray did some slick dribbling and unleashed a thunderous shot just outside the Sans Souci penalty box which hit the underside of the cross bar and went in.

This made the score 3-3. We had one more attack at the Sans Souci goal. Daniel W collected the ball inside the Sans Souci penalty box and, with the goal at his back, he was able to turn and dribble his way to the penalty spot. Daniel W unleashed a shot at the Sans Souci goal which was saved by the Sans Souci keeper.

The game finished 3-3. This was a just result after a hard fought exciting game. Our team showed plenty of fight and a never say die attitude. A good first hit out for our team.

### **15B v Kogarah Waratahs                      Drew 2 – 2**

**Goal Scorers:** Josiah Montoya / Andrei Esdaile-Watts

### **PWL v Dolls Point                                      Drew 0 – 0**

Our first round clash of the 2019 season saw the PWL team up against Dolls Point at Memorial Park. Our 3pm clash in hot conditions saw the team pull together to come away with a 0-0 draw to open the season.

The team were short due to off season injuries however we were lucky to have some assistance from our AAWB side through Amanda, Selena, Georgie and Jess to support the team through the 90 minutes of play.

This season we lost a number of key players and have welcomed new faces to the team and club. The next few matches will need to ensure we gel together as a team and work out the playing style as historically our defensive line is one of the strongest in the competition.

### **AAD v Ramsgate                                      Won 4 – 1**

**Goal Scorers:** Hugh Cameron / Alex Stevens / James Lombe / Michael Thorpe

After a tough preseason the instructions were delivered to the boys ready for round one.

We started with plenty of passion, energy and enthusiasm.

Plenty of solid work from Gary, Dan and Jimmy ensures their attack barely got over half way in the first 20 minutes. Atu and Hugh tireless in their bid to stop the Ramsgate defence and applying pressure working the keeper.

The first goal came mid way through the first half when we won a free kick. Hugh stepped up to hit a low shot around the wall scoring in the bottom right to open the scoring.

The hard work continued with some great defence by Sam and Burty. Their one chance was saved superbly by Aaron.

The heat meant plenty of changes but that didn't halt our attack. Lachy, Thorpe, Waters and Alex all getting forward to create chances. Alex grabbed the second scoring on debut with a great move down the left.

The second half started strongly but Ransgate managed to get a goal back when their 6ft10 defender headed home.

Fletcher playing in the middle was a stand out with some great ball play and defence.

Our third goal came with some good link up play between Hugh and Lachy down the right, a deflected cross found its way to Jimmy waiting on the edge of the 18 yard box to hit a venomous left foot volley to increase our lead to 3-1.

Atu kept the pressure on playing some great balls to his mids and strikers. Jackson, on debut, had a great chance heading just wide.

Thorpy added the fourth goal with a great follow up to head the ball home.

An overall good performance by all. A very positive sign was our discipline.

A long way to go and I hope we can maintain everything we have worked on

#### **AAE v Scots FC**

**Won 4 – 3**

**Goal Scorers:** Anthony Oste / Joel Vanderkolk / Isaac Dewitte / Nathanael Vanderkolk

First match for our Lugarno AAE team started poorly, going down a goal in the opening minutes. But in the end came back late in the 2nd half for a 4:3 win.

You could easily tell that the fellas are rusty, but made up for that with a very hard fought win.

Dominance was shown in the middle of the park by Joel, winning the ball back on numerous occasions.

#### **AAF 1 v Rockdale Raiders**

**Won 8 – 1**

**Goal Scorers:** Jimmy Fish 5 / Martyn Blundell 2

Coming off a tough season and with a bunch of new recruits, the boys were eager to start this season off right.

Club legend Jimmy Fish did what he does best and banged in 5, and new recruit Martyn Blundell scored a double in an 8-1 romp.

Special mention to Jakov Mihaljevic for volunteering to keep and having a great game.

Onto the next.

#### **AAF 2 v Forest Rangers**

**Won 4 – 1**

**Goal Scorers:** Mark McCormack / Frank Kontrafouris / Nick Kottaras / Fotes Efthimiades

#### **AAH v Forest Rangers**

**Won 2 – 1**

**Goal Scorers:** Dominic Lin / Cem Oztan