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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	2	1	Ramsgate RSL	AAW/B	Lugarno	1	0	Forest Rangers
AA/D	Sans Souci (2)	1	1	Lugarno	O35/B	Lugarno	1	4	Connells Point
AA/E	Kogarah Waratah (2)	4	1	Lugarno	PWL/1	Lugarno	1	1	Connells Point
AA/F	Lugarno (2)	1	3	Peakhurst United (1)					
AA/H	Lugarno	0	1	Rockdale Suns					
AAA1/1	Lugarno (2)	4	0	Connells Point					
AAA1/1	Oatley FC	2	3	Lugarno (1)					
AAAR/R	Lugarno (2)	1	7	Connells Point					
AAAR/R	Oatley FC	0	0	Lugarno (1)					
U12/B	Connells Point	12	0	Lugarno					
U12/C	Penshurst West	1	3	Lugarno					
U13/A	Lugarno	8	0	Sans Souci (2)					
U13/C	Forest Rangers	3	1	Lugarno					
U14/C	Lugarno	0	5	Rockdale Raiders					
U15/B	Lugarno	16	1	Rockdale Suns					
U17/18/B	Sans Souci - 18	2	3	Lugarno - 17	O45/A	Lugarno	2	9	Hurstville ZFC (2)

Match Reports:

6B 1 v Bexley North

Coming off a solid start to the year, the boys were ready to let loose in their second game of the year.

First half was plain and simple 'dominance' with the boys running riot, 9-0 up at the half with Christopher bagging 5 and Elijah the other 4, Benji had 2 great runs (yes he is dribbling not just clearing everything) and as his ball was rolling in for a debut goal our own players got in the way and kicked the ball out, Liam also making some great runs, likewise Conor who is fitting into our team great and Julian was doing his karate chops.

Second half, coach Eddy really got us to back off and give the Bexley North team some time with the ball whilst also practicing some set moves which involved a lot of passing to each other - problem was the last player would end up with the ball and would just need to put it away but instead looked

to pass, all part of the learning process to work as a team. Eventually Christopher put one away, Benji hit the post and Liam had ran onto a beautiful set move from the team only for a ball to come rolling on from the sideline hitting our match ball to coach Eddy's disgust.

Full time 10-0 and great work by the team.

8B 1 v Bexley North

POTM: Ibrahim

It was a great day for football on Saturday and the boys were keen to show off their skills and team work. Zac Boyle was our captain for the day and had a very strong game playing on the right wing, showing great leadership. The boys were under pressure early, with our first half goalie, Zac Porter, required to make some important clearances and saves. Despite letting a few goals in, the team rallied well, with Lucian and Samuel Terzopoulos working extremely hard at centre midfield to win the ball back, and Zac Longbottom and Kibi showing Bexley North their speed with some excellent runs up the field.



The oranges at half time must have been good, because the boys came out firing in the second half. We defended bravely, attacked with flair and were the better team. Jarvis and Lucas were very solid at the back (in between chasing butterflies), working together to cut off any loose balls and keeping Bexley North in their half. Samuel Wainwright was excellent at right wing, getting back in defence and showing off his dribbling and passing to get us going forward

again.

Our player of the match, however, was Ibrahim. After showing the team his strength and skill playing in the defence in the first half, Ibrahim went to another level in the second half with an amazing goal keeper effort, making some incredible saves to keep us in the game with a clean sheet.

8B 2 v Banksia Tigers

A difficult match for the U8s playing Banksia on their home ground. We were down 6 players due to people being away for school holidays and to illness.

Shout out again to Jarvis Parmeter playing for us when we most needed it.

Unfortunately, with a player short we went down 10 - 0.

Notable performances from Ethan Cheng and Ronan Kirwan. Also, Riley Golesworthy made some fantastic saves as goal keeper, hampered by the flu, but pushing on for the team.

9Girls v Peakhurst Utd

After coming off a 4-0 win in week 1, Lugarno girls were full of confidence, and it showed on the pitch as all the girls worked together with their passing and tackling.

And it wasn't long before Lugarno scored their first goal of the game, scored by Gabriella.

A lapse in concentration saw the Peakhurst girls equalise, but the half time talk from coach Foti probed to be the turning point as Lugarno scored the winner, making it 2-1 full time.

Very exciting game to watch. Well done to Lugarno 9Girls making it 2 wins from 2 games.

9I2 (A) v Sans Souci

POTM: Kai

Two from two, a cracking start to the season from a group of boys who only gathered as a team 6 short weeks ago but are already functioning as a cohesive unit on the field. From the back to the front of the field everyone kept their position and shape, and in doing so quickly shut down any counter attacks that were started.

The first goal came thanks some excellent high pressing by **Samuel** and Oliver and brilliant positioning by **Kai** to pounce on a loose ball in front of goal. After some excellent build up play and defending by **Jake, Riley, Levi** and **Zac, Oliver** then found the back of the net before half time.

We started strong in the second half spreading the ball wide to **Sam, Kai** and **Jonas** who attacked the space down the wing and started crossing the ball into the attacking positions. It wasn't long before **Jett** found his mojo and pounced onto a cross and turned the ball into the back of the net.

Once we were 3-0 up, the team finally relaxed and started to play some attractive football - pressing high from the back, passing the ball, taking on players and attacking in a line. Once again Kai popped up to bury his second. But the highlight of the match came at the death when Kai delivered a perfect corner that Jett met with a glancing header that just missed being the 5th goal.

Excellent effort team; keep up the fantastic work!



10Girls v Arncliffe Aurora

POTM: Sharlene

Goals scored by Lilly, Angelina & Sharlene.

Won 3 – 0



10I 1 v Bexley North

POTM: Angus Graham

The first half kicked off a game of two halves today. Lugarno U10s vs Bexley.

There are no easy games at this level but Lugarno kept the ball up the attacking end early on. Bexley's goalkeeper and his head kept goals out of reach early on, and Bexley took a 1 - 0 lead.

Lugarno's never say die attitude saw a well positioned Remi level the scores 1 - 1. (Remi, later witnessed bargaining for a canteen bacon and egg roll, and back up lollies for his early efforts).

The smell of blood in the water fired Rex up to score what would come to be known as the 'Patented Rex Stinger'. 2 -1 at the half-time whistle.

Advice from Coach Paul was well received, with the boys praised for a consistent effort this week. A reminder to 'look up when you have the ball' and when you 'pass down the sideline, you'll be killing them', was met with team enthusiasm and a call of 'not literally killing them' by one.

The second half kicked off with an historical 'Patented Rex Stinger', for the team's third goal. Heads up from Morris to Gus to local lad Leo, who put through the games' fourth goal in the last 10



minutes. Followed up by Leo who hit the roof of the goal to skyrocket Lugarno to a 5 - 1 victory at full time.

Inspirational soccer advice from the sideline parents today - 'have a crack', 'have a dig' and 'go again' kept the boys buoyant throughout the match.

Man of the Match Angus Graham (unavailable for comment, as he was sharing his Fortnite password with a team mate for 'ron) lauded for his excellent passes, set-ups and keeping his head up during the match today.

Well done Gus and well done Luggas under 10s.

There's no 'i' in team, (just in figurative and kill). Well done this week team!

11B 1 v Hurstville Minotaurs

Goal Scorers: Billy 2 / Josh

Manager's Trophy Winner: Josh

Coach's Trophy Winner: Billy & Malachi

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

After an early night and short drive to Beverly Hills Park, I was much better prepared for this week's game... just a shame the Minotaurs weren't quite on the same page! 😊

After I circled the ground a few times with mutterings of 'we must be at the wrong ground as there are no kids pitches here' ... but as I circled one more time the U11B1's arrived.

Minotaurs though, had different ideas ... with the BBQ sausages on high heat but a lack of corner flags and posts to set out the pitches I wasn't sure the game would go ahead... A last-minute rush to get the pitch set up and a cry of 'we've got no ref' ... I whistled to start the game!

Much like our first game of the season last week, we camped in their half for the first 10 minutes with some delightful football being played.

With Malachi and Oska assured at the back and keeping an eye on Abs in goal, it allowed us to press forward in numbers with Billy, Josh, Michael and Tristan linking up the play.

With shots flying in from all angles I was certain we'd find the break-through soon – we continued to pepper the Minotaurs goal, but their keeper was in no mood to give an inch. Billy and Josh were being kept at bay.

Completely against the run of play and with Oska and Malachi pushed high up the field, we were caught on the counter attack and were soon 2 nil down.

Our little superstars were completely stunned for a few minutes, but soon settled back into a pattern of play with Lily putting her left boot in to stop the oncoming traffic, Elle with her fine passing skills and with Josh and Billy both desperate to score I knew (or hoped) that it wouldn't take long. My prayers had worked and it was Billy that broke the deadlock for us to make it 2-1 as we trudged in at half time.

With a quick pep talk and a slight formation change, Lachie was keen to don the gloves. Oska pushed into midfield to add a bit more steel which allowed Josh to push forward to scare the Minotaurs defence...

Malachi stood strong with Lily in the defence which gave us a new-found confidence to push forward. Attack after attack, and shot after shot ... it felt that it wasn't going to be our day!

Although these little superstars were never going to let things lie, and Josh took it upon himself to turn the game on its head with some neat and fancy footwork past the oncoming defence and slid the ball into the back of the net... it was game on! 2-2.

Some neat interchanges between Michael and Emmason took us on the attack again and Abs just missing out on a goal.

With our midfield tiring and finding it difficult to get back in position, the 3 Minotaurs attackers continued to break through, we were unfortunate with about 10 minutes to go we conceded an own goal...

After all the attacking play we'd had we were down to 3-2 but, with fire in his belly and anger in his eyes, it was Billy that wanted to put things right... and put things right he did. A jink to the left and a jink to the right past the oncoming defence, he dropped his left shoulder and unleashed his almighty bright orange Puma boot with the ball striking the post and into the back of the net to leave the keeper bemused at 3-3.

With 5 minutes remaining it really was end to end stuff and the almighty Lugarno travelling supporters were on the edge of their seats.

More efforts from Josh and Billy and then a last gasp effort from Tristan that just dribbled wide of the goal left the end result a stalemate at 3-3.

Another great game by all today, however I think some of us tried to overplay the ball at times when a simple pass would have made the difference.

Trophies today go to 'Managers Player' Josh for his great footwork, work rate and finely taken goal and 'Coaches Player' goes to Malachi for his outstanding work rate in defence and Billy for his passing, skills and finely struck goals.

Well done all and we all appreciate the travelling support. Have a fantastic Easter break – don't eat too many eggs 😊

12C v Penshurst West Won 3 – 1

Goal Scorers: Vinnie Welstead / Michael Vikatos / Jake Eastwood (U10)

Our game was at the fantastic field at Olds Park. With 4 of our team away this weekend, we needed to source players and Charlie, Jono and Jake from the 10A team were happy to help us and have a game on the full sized field. Without them we would have really struggled, so a big thanks to the boys!

Jake opened the scoring for us after 5 minutes with some fantastic passing from the team and a confident finish!

Michael's goal also came in the first half as a result of great team work.

We went to half time 2-0 up.

Penshurst West came back to score a goal, making it a very close game.

We had a lot of missed opportunities in the second half due some misplaced passes and player fatigue. The full field is really a test of their fitness.

Vinnie is our corner taker. He placed a few great corners that were almost finished off by our players. On his third corner, he hit the inside of the net himself, making it 3-1.

We were happy to have our second win of the season!

14C v Rockdale Raiders Lost 0 – 5

After our great fight back last weekend and a good training run on Thursday night, the team was ready for our match against last week's big winners.

On a great morning for soccer, our team started the match well and played some good soccer. The early exchanges were even.

Noah in our goal made some great saves early on. We too at the other end had some good early chances. Zac came close with a shot outside the box which produced a finger tip save from the Rockdale Raiders keeper. As the game progressed, the weather started to warm up. Regular team substitutions were needed to be made in the increasing heat.

Tim started the game today at left back. He was quick to run down our opponents and tackled well. He passed well out of defence.

Our defence was doing well to hold out the Rockdale Raiders attackers. Midway through the first half they were able to score their first goal.

Daniel C did well against some skilful opponents. He tackled strongly and passed the ball well.

Adam was in the game from the first whistle and had no time to settle in. He too made some good tackles and passes.

Daniel B tried hard and made some good interceptions and passes.

Rockdale Raiders kept pressuring us and was able to score another goal before half time to lead at the break 0-2.

Our team came out positive for the 2nd half. Harrison V controlled the middle of the park well and made some good passes to our forwards.

Harrison C played a number of different roles for us today and did well in each of those positions.

Zac and Ross tried hard against some strong defenders. Zac made some great runs down our right hand side. Ross was just as impressive on our left hand side.

Daniel W was marked tight by the Rockdale Raiders defenders. He came in search of the ball throughout the match and distributed the ball well.

Gabriel too was marked tight by the Rockdale Raiders players. He ran himself into the ground in hot conditions.

Ray proved a handful for the Raiders defenders but a niggling leg complaint interrupted his usual attacking game.

Alex played well at sweeper. He was very busy throughout the match. His long passes out of defence were great.

The Raiders (taking advantage of our team's sheer exhaustion) were able to score 3 more goals in the 2nd half.

The match ended 0-5 to the Raiders. The team gave it their all today. We had some positives to take out of today's game. There are a number of things we need to work on at training.

AAE v Kogarah Waratah Lost 1 – 4

Goal Scorer: Benjamin Vanderkolk

After a dominating first half, we finished the half going down 2 - 1 with an unlucky penalty going against us.

The boys ran out of energy and desire in the 2nd half.

AAF 2 v Peakhurst Utd Lost 1 – 3

Goal Scorer: Harry Papadopoulos