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# AROUND THE GROUNDS







Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May To Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May

All Lugarno FC Teams will be wearing Pink Socks to help raise money & awareness for women in Domestic and Family Violence.

Lugarno are proud to team up with "Moving Forward"

### Match Results:

Saturday					Sunday				
AG/Div	Home Team	Н	Α	Away Team	AG/Div	Home Team	Н	Α	Away Team
AA/D	Lugarno	2	2	Carss Park (1)	AAW/B	Lugarno	1	4	Connells Point
AA/E	Ramsgate RSL	2	1	Lugarno	O35/B	Lugarno	5	2	Penshurst West (2)
AA/F	Lugarno (1)	1	4	Connells Point	PWL/1	Lugarno	0	4	Peakhurst United
AA/F	Lugarno (2)	1	1	Kogarah Waratah (1)					
AA/G	Lugarno	1	ფ	Glory FC					
AA/H	Penshurst West	5	2	Lugarno					
AAA1/1	Lugarno (2)	7	1	Sans Souci					
AAA1/1	Lugarno (1)	3	6	Peakhurst United					
AAAR/R	Lugarno (2)	3	5	Sans Souci					
AAAR/R	Lugarno (1)	2	1	Peakhurst United					
U12/C	Ramsgate RSL	4	4	Lugarno (1)					
U12/C	Lugarno (2)	0	5	Banksia Tigers					
U13/A	Rockdale Suns	0	7	Lugarno					
U13/C	Peakhurst United	2	1	Lugarno					
U14/C	Lugarno	2	0	Sans Souci					
U15/B	Lugarno	3	0	SGFA Warriors	Friday				
U17/18/B	Forest Rangers	0	6	Lugarno - 17	O45/A	Lugarno	2	2	Sans Souci

## **Match Reports:**

#### 6B 1 v Forest Rangers

And for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time this year we took on another Forest Rangers team and we were ready to continue our dominance over the arch rival.

Within a minute Christopher scored and it looked like a standard Saturday morning for the 6B1's, but before we knew it, bang bang, and we were down for the first time this year, GAME ON. Off the kick-off Christopher smashed one over the Forest kids heads and hit the post. We applied the pressure and Conor was rewarded with his first goal of his career, well done buddy. Our defence tightened with Benji playing his usual role of roaming just behind the play and smashing everything once it came out of the circle. He got help from Julian and our Mr Everywhere Liam. Elijah and Christopher then started dominating the attack and bang 3-2 we were ahead, but right on half time they hit back 3-3.

2<sup>nd</sup> half started and we saw young Edmund get on the field for the first time after some negotiation with Manager and Mum. Not long after, Liam put one away and then back to dominance with Christopher completing his hat-trick and we hit the post another 3 times, including a cracker from Conor who is really starting to develop nicely. Elijah, having a quiet game for his standards, was still working hard trying to keep his goal streak of scoring in every game he has played. But just as we thought we would run away with it, Forest got on the attack and on top to finish - they hit the post and then put one away. They hit the post one more time but we held on for our tightest game of the year, a narrow 5-4 win.

Both managers spoke after the game, agreed it was a great game to witness and we soon found out it was their first loss of the year and, like us, they were dominating teams, winning by massive margins.

Well done boys but also Forest Rangers on being great sports and competition for our boys.

#### 8B 1 v Banksia Tigers

POTM: Zac Porter

Another great game and another great performance from the LFC U/8B1's. It was a hot day at Gardiner Park and with only one reserve this week, the boys had to work a little bit harder, but they supported each other well and out played Banksia in the end.

Banksia started the stronger team, but Lucas was monumental in goals in the first half, making many fine saves and keeping LFC in the game.



Kibi was incredible at the back again, shutting down many attacking raids from Banksia and getting us moving forward again with some fine passing. Our captain, Zac Longbottom, was inspirational at centre midfield, he defended bravely, fought for every ball in the midfield and created many goal scoring opportunities. Jarvis again was able to capitalise on the excellent work of the teammates around him, and once again showed how dangerous he can be when given time and space to run and pass the ball. Our hard work in the first half paid off, with LFC scoring two nicely constructed goals late in the first half, scored by Longbottom and Jarvis.



After a well-deserved break at half time, during which there was very little chit chat from the boys as they scoffed down as many orange quarters as possible, the boys started the second half strongly. Lucian worked tirelessly all game at right wing, outplaying Banksia in defence and attack, and getting LFC off to a fast start in the second half. Ibrahim showed the team his reliability and consistency, with a faultless game, especially at left back in the second half, chasing down every ball and every defender with great determination. Samuel Terzopolous had a

solid first half performance at left back, and backed it up with an excellent second half in goals, particularly late in the half when we were under pressure, making a number of important saves.

Our player of the match however was Zac Porter, who had his strongest game of the season playing at left wing and centre forward. Porter worked hard all game, particularly at left midfield, holding

his position and supporting his teammates in both defence and attack. Zac made some very important tackles late in the second half, winning the ball from Banksia and getting the ball forward at a time when we were under pressure.

Well done boys!!

#### 11B 1 v Carss Park

Goal Scorers: Josh / Abs

Manager's Trophy Winner: Josh Coach's Trophy Winner: Billy

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



With the election battle going on around us... would the Libs lose their power or would the Labor party get their wish...?

Who cared – the only battle that mattered on Saturday morning was the mighty Lugarno U11B1's taking on the highly rated Carss Park.

With the sun again beating down on this glorious Sydney morning our kids were raring to

go!

From the off, it was end to end stuff as we were clearly up against a strong Carss Park team.

With Malachi in the centre of the defence keeping their attack to long range efforts and Billy taking control of what was thrown at him, we were going to be no push over as we started to make our presence felt.

Some strong tackling in the middle of the park by Oska and Michael was allowing Josh, Lachie and Elle to roam up front. Unfortunately though, it was a long-range effort that made it into the back of our net.

With Lily, Emmason and Malachi tough in the tackle which kept their attacks at bay we continued to push them back into their half.

Some twists and turns by the impressive Josh and some neat and fancy footwork by Michael created opportunities which just sailed wide of the intended target, again on the counter attack Carss Park caught us off guard to put them 2 nil up.

Not to be outdone this kicked us into a higher gear as we went in search of the elusive goal, some neat interchanges in the middle of the park led to a neat pass into Josh's feet who darted past two defenders leaving them scratching their heads as the ball sailed into the roof of the net. 2-1.

With Billy keen to come out of goal and let his feet do the talking (as opposed to his fine display with his hands in the first half) I changed things around.

Lachie now in between the sticks, Malachi into midfield alongside Billy and Oska now back into Central defence it initially seemed like a master stroke as we pinned Carss Park deep into their half.

With chances from Abs, Lily, Emmason, Michael and Billy I was certain that we'd turn the score around, but we couldn't seem to get it passed their keeper.

With Carss Park getting more confident in their forward play they caught us off guard again with another effort that made it 3-1.

Our confidence seemed to take a massive hit as we seemed to back off their attackers to allow them to score twice again.

But as we've seen before, our little battlers will never give up. With the impressive Josh bamboozling Carss Park with his footwork and Billy keen to get on the score sheet with his skills in the middle of the park it allowed the inform Ab's to take centre stage and add to her goal tally by neatly tucking the ball into the far corner to finish the game 5-2.

Whilst we lost today I don't think the score line was a true reflection of the game. We created a lot of chances today and played some great football, but unfortunately it just wasn't meant to be. At times, we gave their forwards a little bit too much room in front of the goal but overall, we defended well.

Some great performances today in particular Malachi's defensive display in the first half, however trophies go to Billy for his fantastic goal keeping display in the first half and Josh's overall display in driving the team forward at every opportunity.

#### <u>12C (1)</u> v Ramsgate RSL Drew 4 – 4

Goal Scorers: Vinnie Welstead 3 / Michael Vikatos

We were ready to go early at Scarborough East on a beautiful Saturday morning. With a full team, we had high hopes of a competitive game.

It took a little while for the kids to get their rhythm, with 3 goals being scored against us in the first half due to not staying in position, not focusing, and being a bit sloppy.

The kids started to come together though, and play like the team we know they can be, when Vinnie scored a goal just before the half time whistle.

After a rousing address from Nick at half time, the kids focused. It was tight, but we came back with a goal from Michael, a spot kick and a penalty from Vinnie.

It was a great come back, and all of the parents were proud that the kids never gave up, even from 3-1 down.

Special mention should go to Aaliyah and Lily for their efforts in the back line. They are getting better and better every week!

Also Olivia, for never giving up and always giving it her all.

#### 14C v Sans Souci Won 2 – 0

Goal Scorers: Harrison V / Daniel W

Today's game marked the start of the second round. Our team was sitting first on the table, 5 points ahead of our opponents today.

The first round game was a hard fought 3-3 draw. We knew that today's game was not going to be easy and we needed to start the game faster and stronger than our opponents.

At our pregame huddle we discussed coming out of the blocks fast and not to let Sans Souci settle on the ball.

We took the advantage from the first whistle and were on the attack early. The team was shutting down the SS players and passing the ball to each other well.

We took the lead midway into the first half when Daniel W put an exquisite ball through to a fast running Harrison V, whose left foot shot was well directed past the SS keeper. 1-0 our way.

This provided the team with increased confidence. Ross produced a great turn at our left forward position which bamboozled his SS defender.

Daniel W had a great run at the SS goal. His shot was saved by the SS keeper.

Adam then provided Harrison V with a great through ball. Harrison V then turned his defender and struck the ball on the volley which skimmed the SS cross bar.

Ross and Gab then combined on the left hand side. Gab's shot was saved by the SS keeper.

Daniel W and Ross combined well on our left side. The eventual shot from Ross went just wide.

We had a scare when SS, in front of our goal, came close to scoring. Daniel C was able to save the day for us and clear the impending danger.

SS had a number of chances at our goal. Noah was on his game and made some great saves. Fortunately for us, most of the SS shots sailed over our goal.

We then won a corner on our right side. Adam pushed up into the SS penalty box. Harrison V took a well flighted corner into the SS goal area. The ball found its way to Adam whose shot was well saved by the SS keeper.

The first half ended 1-0 our way. At the half time huddle we discussed the importance of maintaining our dominance and not to let SS into the game.

Noah had a bit of work to do early in the 2nd half. He came to the rescue with a great save.

SS eventually put the ball into our net from a long range goal. Fortunate for us the goal was disallowed for a hand ball by the shooter.

We then went on the attack when Adam provided Daniel W with pass in front of the SS goal. Daniel W then provided a delicate flick of the ball to Harrison V.

Daniel W produced some great trickery in front of the SS goal. His left foot shot was saved well by the SS keeper.

Towards the end of the 2nd half we won a corner on our left hand side. Adam took the corner. Gab, seeing the opportunity, went short. Gab then passed the ball back to Adam who beat a SS defender and crossed the ball into the SS doggy box where Harrison V was standing. There was a scuffle with the ball eventually crossing the SS goal line. Daniel W claimed the last touch for us before the ball crossed the line. 2-0 our way.

As was the case throughout the whole game, our defence was holding firm. We were closing down the SS players well. Noah then had to deal with a high bouncing ball.

Daniel W came close to scoring when he collected the ball on the left side of the SS goal. He beat a number of defenders. His close range shot was well saved by the boot of the SS keeper.

Ross has a good run at the SS goal. His shot went wide.

Daniel W then saw his shot float just over the SS bar.

A great team performance today. We were on our game from the first whistle and did not give SS time to settle on the ball. We defended strongly and passed the ball to each other well.

Noah, despite feeling under the weather, had his usual reliable game in goals for us. He produced some good saves and his long punt kicks travelled over the half way line every time.

Tim had a great game. He was quick to close down SS attackers and his ball distribution from the back was excellent.

Alex playing at sweeper today diffused a lot of the SS raids at our goal. His distribution of the ball to our forwards created a number of attacking opportunities for our team.

Shane had a great game for us at left back. He quickly closed down the SS players and made some good runs with the ball.

Nathan defended well today. He was quick to the ball and his passes out from defence were great.

Sean was under an injury cloud before the game. This did not bother him on the field playing his usual solid game. Sean seemed to be a magnet to the ball and had a stage in the game where the ball would not leave him alone.

Daniel C as always played well today. His great defending of a SS attack in the first half saved the day for us. This would have changed the course of the game if SS was to score.

Daniel B had a good game. He too had a stage in the game where the ball would not leave him alone. Each time he kicked the ball it would ricochet back to him.

Gab had his usual busy game. He was tireless in attack and defence. His great presence of mind when Adam played a short corner to him assisted the team with the resulting goal.

Adam (coming out of defence) controlled things for us and provided some excellent ball to our forwards. He was unlucky not to score in the first half.

Harrison V also controlled things well for us in the middle of the park. He and Daniel W have formed a great partnership up front. His great left foot goal was very well taken.

Harrison C goes from strength to strength. His positional play, defence and passing were great today.

Ray had a busy game today and covered a lot of ground across the park. His great close ball control and support to the forwards created many chances for us.

Zack made some excellent runs at the SS goal. He combined well with Ross and Daniel W up front.

Ross had a great game and proved a handful for the SS defence. His awesome turns on the ball had the SS defence guessing.

Daniel W played an great game for us in the middle of our attack. He has great ability to hold onto the ball. He combined well with Ross, Zack and Harrison V.

<u>17B</u> v Forest Rangers Won 6 – 0

Goal Scorers: Matt Denson 5 / Alex Jovcevski

AAF 2 v Kogarah Waratah Drew 1 – 1

Goal Scorer: Eddy Poh





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