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# AROUND THE GROUNDS



# Match Results:

Saturday					Sunday				
AG/Div	Home Team	Н	Α	Away Team	AG/Div	Home Team	Н	Α	Away Team
AA/C	Lugarno	3	1	Bexley North	AAW/B	Peakhurst United	1	5	Lugarno
AA/D	Oatley FC	2	4	Lugarno	O35/B	Lugarno	1	2	Penshurst West (1)
AA/E	Forest Rangers	3	6	Lugarno	PWL/1	Lugarno	1	4	Scots FC
AA/F	Lugarno (2)	2	1	Lugarno (1)	U17/18/B	Peakhurst United - 18	4	3	Lugarno - 17
AA/G	Lugarno	1	0	Connells Point (2)					
AA/H	Lugarno	5	1	Connells Point (1)					
AAA1/ 1	Lugarno (2)	2	2	Peakhurst United					
AAA1/ 1	Penshurst West	2	2	Lugarno (1)					
AAAR/ R	Lugarno (2)	5	3	Peakhurst United					
AAAR/ R	Penshurst West	5	0	Lugarno (1)					
U12/B	Oatley FC	4	4	Lugarno					
U12/C	Lugarno	3	F	Bexley North					
U13/A	Oatley FC	F	3	Lugarno					
U13/C	Sans Souci	2	1	Lugarno					
U14/C	Lugarno	12	0	Oatley FC					
U15/B	Ramsgate RSL	3	2	Lugarno	Friday				
U17/18 /B	Lugarno - 17	4	3	Connells Point - 17	O45/A	Lugarno	3	8	Hurstville ZFC (2)

# Match Reports:

## 6B 1 v Forest Rangers

Turf wars at Gannons Park against the old enemy Forest Rangers, there is no love lost in this rivalry even at U6 level.

With no Coach Eddy who is on yet another overseas 'business' trip, manager Michael stepped up to the plate and did both roles, lucky we only had 5 players, 7 would have been a nightmare to coach and manage, but JP was on hand anyway to help with the subs. Soon we worked out Forest Rangers didn't know field locations (which would be fine if they were a visiting team, but don't they also play out of Gannons?), what team cards and a match sheet are, but it worked in our favour as we only

had 3 players on time for kick-off with our some parents dropping off their other kids at other parks and it also let the freshly sprayed line-marking dry up.

Soon we found out the elite training we did the last 2 weeks paid off (wait a minute we didn't train), and bang, before we knew it, Elijah had 3 goals, Christopher 2 and we were up 5-0 at the half.

Second half began and Christopher soon had his hat-trick too, Liam and Benji worked hard like always with both almost putting one in each and Edmund, still being nervous and overwhelmed during game time, was taking most of our kick-ins so we could try get him involved in the game.

Forest pinned one back but Elijah got his 4<sup>th</sup> and bang yet another massive win for the team, 7-1 and the great start to the season continues.





# 8B 1 v Ramsgate RSL

**POTM:** Jarvis

It was great conditions for football at Scarborough East on Saturday for our game against Ramsgate and the boys did themselves proud. After a slow start, where we gave away a couple of early goals, the boys quickly got into gear and took the game to Ramsgate. We dominated Ramsgate for most of the game and demonstrated some excellent teamwork and ball skills, backing our ability and playing with great confidence.

Boyle and Longbottom put in a huge effort on the wing, coming back to defend, putting a few nice passes together and making some fantastic runs up the field. Lucas and Porter (our captain for the day) were very strong at the back and later at centre forward, working extremely hard to win the ball from Ramsgate and get the ball up to our midfield and attacking third.



Samuel Wainright was inspirational at centre midfield, and was everywhere and involved in everything - making strong tackles in our defensive third, assisting the wingers in the midfield third and scored a nice team goal in our attacking third. Kibi had another strong game working hard at centre forward in the first half and as left back in the second half, literally throwing himself at the ball all game. Lucian found his groove in the first half in goals and made some very good saves, and in the second half Lucian did not stop running up and down the field assisting in defence and attack.



Our player of the match for the day was Jarvis, who had an amazing game at left wing and goalkeeper. I think Ramsgate will be having nightmares about this kid who tore them to pieces up the left flank for the entire first half, backing his speed and skill and making his opposition look ridiculous. In the second half Jarvis showed off his prowess in goal, demonstrating his courage and great agility in making some incredible saves. Well done Jarvis.

Great team effort boys.

#### 9Girls v ASOW

"GOALS GALORE" in this game!

The undefeated 9Girls have continued their run to 3 games with an impressive 6 - 0 win against ASOW.

Full of confidence, which is now turning into a hunger to score, Lugarno girls were just too dominant for the opposition.

The highlight of the game was the amount of passing/through balls the girls were doing throughout the game.

Every single girl contributed to the win and was an absolute pleasure to watch, great teamwork.



Also a mention to the parents - a great bunch of cheerleaders and united all together, a great example to the girls.

Great job girls.

GOAL SCORERS: Imogen / Ivana / Alessia / Ally / Emily



9Girls celebrating another win

# 9B1 v Rockdale Raiders

POTM: Elijah

Today the 9B1's played their third game of the season against Rockdale Raiders at home at Gannons. It was a nice early 8:30am start for the teams, on a nice and chilly morning. We only started with 5 players, but we still managed to put pressure on the opposition for most of the first half, creating a number of chances in front of goal. Unfortunately, we copped a goal on the counter attack, so we went into the second half a goal down.

We managed to recruit a couple of players during the game so we had a full team to start the second half, and we came out firing. We went on the attack for a lot of the second half, and we



managed to put a few goals away, and keep the opposition scoreless! Two fantastic goals, one from Elijah and another from Ethan right at the end, put us in front 2-1. The second half saw some gripping end to end stuff, with Elizabeth in the back cleaning up and Jarvis making some great saves to preserve our lead. Kale and Lucian were great in attack and defence, Amelia made some very

good interceptions and Maddi terrorised the opposition up front. The game finished at 2-1 with what was our second win of the season!

The coaches comments for each player:

**Maddi** - played in the striker role and terrorised the opposition with some great attacks on goal and some great tackling also. She is getting close to getting her first goal for the season.

**Elizabeth** - fantastic effort at sweeper again, cleaning up everything that came her way. She is improving each week and making some great decisions in defence.

**Kale** - excellent effort in attack and defence, he made some great tackles and was instrumental in turning our defence into attack - well done.

**Jarvis** - one of our helpers and 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 scored a great goal to equal the scores. He played well in both attack and defence and was our player of the match!

**Lucian** - another helper, he was the little terrier, never giving up - playing all over the park and making some great tackles and putting some great passes together.

**Amelia** - played the second half and made some great interceptions and put some very good passes together - well done.

**Ethan** - he played the second half for us on the left, and was a great help to the team, dribbling past the opposition with ease and scoring what proved to be the winning goal - a great effort!

Our player of the match was **Elijah**, who received the McDonald's award for today with a great effort in attack, defence and in front of goals! He scored a great goal and has been playing well for the last couple of games now. Well done Elijah!

Special mention also to Kiarna, who wasn't here today but she received the player of the match for the last game we played - well done Kiarna!

Great work 9B1's - today was a fantastic effort from all players, especially being down on numbers and coming back from a goal down to win the match. We have played 3 games now and won 2 of them, so I'd say we doing pretty good! Well done team!

#### 10 1 v Banksia Tigers

POTM: Angus Graham

We were well into our warm up awaiting the arrival of our rivals, who had obviously headed for the greener pastures at the northern end of Gannons, before realising kick off was imminent on Gannons # dust bowl.

We clearly started out as the better team and the game settled quickly into a good opportunity to practice, however many missed opportunities and the larger field set up (clearly set at maximum by LFC Under 10 & 11 Maximum field size 70m long x 50m wide) left both teams scratching their heads at times when trying to adjust to the extra space like a kid in his mum and dad's bed.

When we started a quick touch and pass - we were able to open up the game. Stoic attempts from Leo and Lennox and some long range screamers from Miles and Rex left the opposition reeling in defence. An honourable mention must go to the efforts of Max in defence who put his body on the line on many occasions and was able to chase down rogue counter attacks more times than should have happened, Morris (the one man powerhouse) as always led by example.

## 11B1 v Forest Rangers

Goal Scorers: Michael 3 / Josh 2 / Billy 2 / Abs 1

Manager's Trophy Winner: Emmason Coach's Trophy Winner: Michael

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





If a picture paints a thousand words, does it mean two pictures paint 2,000?

With an early start for some with BBQ and canteen duty and the sun shining down on Gannons Park, I was feeling pretty confident of a good result, however as I walked down to the pitch with 'Mr Coco Pops' I was told that there was going to be a top of 19 degrees...

I considered the short walk back to the car to slip on the long sleeve top, but quickly realised that 19 degrees is a hot summers day in the UK!

With Elle down the south coast basking in glorious sunshine, it was left to the remaining 10 little superstars to 'battle the cold' and take on the mite of the feared Forest Rangers from just across the park.

With a slight change of formation to previous weeks, we dropped 3 into defence to allow more space in the middle of the park ... it was game on with the mighty Oranges taking on the Greens!

With a strong back line of Oska in the middle, Lachie to his right and Lily to his left it was going to be tough for any opposition to break through. Add the mighty Malachi to the frame in between the sticks and we were able to quickly build some solid attacks!

And attack we did, as we literally camped in the Forest half.

In the early minutes, there were some fine interchanges between Michael, Billy and Josh which threatened the opposition's goal, but we couldn't quite hit the target.

The neat football continued and the ball broke to the bewildered Abi out on the left of the park, she couldn't believe her luck with a 1 on 1 chance with the keeper where she neatly tucked it into the corner of the net to take us 1 nil up.

This seemed to fire up Josh and Michael who also wanted to get on the score sheet.

It was Michael's turn next from a neat pass from the 'blue booted' Billy to break open the defence who fired it into the back of the net.

Each time Rangers tried to get into our half they were met with the ever impressive Oska, who broke down their play... With another neat interchange it was Michael again on the scoresheet.

Not to be outdone, Josh created some wizardry with his feet to dance past 3 of the on-coming defenders and plant the ball neatly past Ranger's keeper!

Soon after, it was Michael again on the scoresheet after some long-range efforts from both Billy and Oska. 4 nil.

Again, Josh broke open the Rangers defence as he twisted left and right and unleashed a lightning bolt to the left-hand side of the goalkeeper – it was destined for the goal but not without a touch by Michael's outstretched boot to give him a first half hatrick.

Some skills in the centre of defence saw Lachie twist away from his marker to set up another fine counter attack. This time there was no doubt about who scored as Josh again tied the Rangers in knots before planting the ball into the Rangers net.

With Malachi keen to get out on to the pitch, we switched over the gloves to give Lachie a go between the sticks.

With Malachi allowing Oska to push into midfield, it gave us even more freedom to roam, but this time it was the Rangers keeper who had other ideas to keep us at bay.

With chances falling to Josh, Lily, Malachi and Tristan I was certain we'd add more to our tally.

With Billy instrumental in the middle of the park, we didn't have to wait too long for him to make it 7 nil with some neat footwork to dance through the centre of the defence.

We continued to press and again Billy was keen to add to his season's tally with a fine strike to the far post which left the keeper with no chance. Great strike!

With minutes remaining and a shout from the sideline 'go get a birthday goal' the final chance was left to Emmason. As the ball was cleared from a corner, it took a bounce and, with a neat first-time effort, a thunder bolt was struck which narrowly missed the far post again to leave the score at 8 nil to the mighty Oranges.

An absolute delight to watch the game from the sidelines today and a number of parents commenting on how far this team has come. Yes, it's great to score goals, but what was most impressive today was how you all kept your positions and worked for each other on and off the ball. The neat passing and forward play was fantastic.

Manager's trophy went to Emmason for her tough tackling and passing, and the Coach's Trophy could have gone to anyone today, but the stand out in the first half goes to Michael for his midfield display and his hattrick.

Great game and thanks to all the parents that were able to help with BBQ and Canteen duty. Special mention to Rick for giving the Lugarno BBQ a long and overdue clean up! ©

13A v Sans Souci

Won 8 - 0

Saturday 13th April

POTM: Yianni

Our second game of the season saw us up against Sans Souci. After a red-hot performance last week beating Banksia Tigers 11-0, confidence was booming.

Every single player put in a shift working hard all game, our preseason training starting to show, our POTM Yianni worked up and down the pitch, even scoring a cracking goal. Our rock-solid defence did not let Sans Souci go



past their own half, with not even a shot on goal.

Up 2 -0 at half time, Sans Souci's game plan was to park the bus, maybe even a few buses, which had our boys frustrated in the first half. However, the second half was a completely different game - we outplayed, outsmarted, outran our opponents, scoring 6 unanswered goals.

Two games 2 clean sheets 19 Goals and we are only getting started.

Our next game against Oatley FC will be a tough as they have challenged us a few times int the past. By Ali Elassi

# 14C v Oatley FC Won 12 – 0

Goal Scorers: Daniel W 4/ Alex 4 / Harrison / Ross / Own goals 2

After the Easter break the team was ready for our game today. We welcomed Nathan back following his time off with a fractured foot.

We were informed before the game that Oatley FC were expecting to start the match with only 8 players.

In our prematch huddle we discussed the importance of passing and supporting each other given our 3 player advantage.

We too had players missing and started the game with 12 players.

It took some time for us to get into the game. We dominated early but couldn't seem to get our passes right. We tried to do some fancy things instead of keeping it simple.

Eventually we got into our rhythm and went 1-0 up after 10 minutes from a well taken goal by Harrison V. Harrison V collected the ball outside the Oatley FC penalty box. He dribbled past a number of Oatley FC defenders and was able to slot the ball past the Oatley FC goal keeper into the back of the net.

Our next goal came courtesy of an Oatley FC own goal. After winning a corner on the right side, Adam floated the ball to the near post. The ball deflected off their defender into the goal.

The next goal (shortly after) was a peach of a goal from Daniel W. Again, Adam floated a corner from the right side into the middle of the Oatley goal. Daniel W produced a well executed volley into the back of the Oatley goal.

The team continued to exploit the player advantage and kept pressing the Oatley goal. After some good lead up work on the left hand side, Daniel W collected the ball and after some great dribbling skills he was able to slot the ball past the Oatley FC goal keeper.

To Oatley FC's credit they did not drop their heads, but kept trying. Oatley FC had some good attacking runs at our goal. Our defence (Alex, Nathan, Tim & Gab) held strong.

Seizing the opportunity Alex pushed up and after some great dribbling, shot past the Oatley FC goal keeper into the back of the net.

Shortly after the kick off, Alex saw another one of his shots hit the Oatley FC crossbar.

With the end of the first half nearing we found ourselves attacking on the left hand side. A shot from Daniel W was deflected by an Oatley FC defender into their goal.

The first half ended 6-0 our way.

At our half time huddle I asked the team to continue passing the ball to each other and support each other off the ball. I wanted the team to play "simple soccer" and not to do anything fancy.

Before I could put the half time oranges away Daniel W scored his 3rd goal. I missed the goal but I am told it was well taken.

Daniel W then took his goal tally to 4 from an awesome strike from the edge of the penalty box.

We were closing down the Oatley FC players quickly and continued passing the ball to each other well. Adam did a great job in the centre of the park. Tim was strong at right fullback. His great speed allowed him to close down the Oatley forwards quickly.

Gab played well at left fullback and created some great attacking runs on the left side. Gab teamed up well with Adam at corner kicks which created some good scoring chances for us.

Daniel B tackled and passed the ball well. He took some good throw ins.

Ross scored our 9th goal from a great left footed shot. Daniel W provided Ross with the assisted pass before Ross coolly put the ball in the back of the net.

Alex was having a good (but relatively quiet) game at sweeper for us. Alex then pushed forward and completed our scoring with 3 more goals. His first goal was a from a shot outside the box. He followed this up with cracking shot inside the box. Alex then scored his 4th and our last goal after some good lead up work from team.

Harrison V had a great game and was the base for a lot of our attacking raids. Harrison V had a shot in the 2nd half which floated just over the Oatley FC crossbar.

Nathan had a good return game. He tackled strongly and provided a great piece of skill in the 2nd half when he performed an awesome turn on the ball which deceived our opponents and impressed our spectators.

Ray's silky skills were again on display today for all to see. His close dribbling and trickery kept the Oatley FC defence guessing his next move.

Zac made some good runs up front and combined well with Ross and Daniel W.

Our goal keeper Noah was a spectator for most of the game. He had a quieter 2nd half. What Noah was called on to do he did well.

Given our significant player advantage it was pleasing to see the team passing the ball to each other and creating a number of goal scoring opportunities. We took all our chances well. We however need to work on our support play.

AAF2 v AAF1 Won 2-1

**Goal Scorers:** Fotes Efthimiadis / Mark McCormack

<u>AAH</u> v Connells Point Won 5 – 1

Goal Scorers: Jackie Liang / Matthew Denson / Cem Oztan / David Martinovic / Nicholas Mytilinios

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