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# ***AROUND THE GROUNDS***

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## **Match Results:**

Saturday					Friday				
AG/Div	Home Team	H	A	Away Team	AG/Div	Home Team	H	A	Away Team
AA/C	Ramsgate RSL	2	1	Lugarno	O45/A	Lugarno	0	9	Scots FC
AA/D	Lugarno	0	3	Sans Souci (2)					
AA/E	Lugarno	4	4	Kogarah Waratah (2)					
AA/F	Lugarno (1)	2	2	Kogarah Waratah (2)					
AA/F	Peakhurst United (1)	3	1	Lugarno (2)					
AA/G	Connells Point (2)	1	3	Lugarno					
AA/H	Connells Point (1)	1	3	Lugarno					
AAA1/1	Lugarno (2)	1	0	Lugarno (1)					
AAAR/R	Lugarno (2)	1	0	Lugarno (1)					
U12/C	Lugarno (2)	1	5	Penshurst West					
U12/C	Bexley North	0	5	Lugarno (1)					
U13/A	ASOW	0	8	Lugarno					
U13/C	Bexley North	1	4	Lugarno					
U14/C	Lugarno	3	0	Glory FC					
U15/B	Banksia Tigers	0	7	Lugarno					
U17/18/B	Kogarah Waratah - 18	2	2	Lugarno - 17					

## **Match Reports:**

### **6B 1 v Connells Point**



The early 8:30am games have been a killer this year, but an even earlier start was required on Saturday as we had Photo day! And thanks to a sneaky mum (her name won't be disclosed for 'safety' concerns) we got an illegal team photo which is attached. Unfortunately, Julian couldn't make it, he was very under the weather, but happy to see Benjamin and Conor come through as they have been sick during the week. And, to no surprise to anyone, Manager Michael knew the photographer - he did his wedding 15 years ago, so after adding to his tally of handshakes it was Game Time!

The boys took it easy noticing the other team was smaller than them, but Connells could play and we soon found ourselves down 1-0. Step up Christopher, bang 1-1, then Liam, and Elijah got a double as soon as he got on and we were up 4-1 at the half. Edmund found himself a position - after playing sweeper at training, he employed that in the game, getting the most touches he has ever had, probably more in this game than all season put together – awesome news for coach and manager! Benji doing his usually defensive role, roaming behind the play and booting anything forward when the ball got out of the middle and now having the comfort of having Edmund behind him too. Conor was wreaking havoc and playing a perfect winger's game, going for long runs along the sideline.

2<sup>nd</sup> half started - Christopher and Liam added to their tally, towards the end of the game Connells smashed two in less than a minute but just before full time Liam completed his hat-trick and we got another win 7-3. So at the half point of the season, the team remains undefeated with 7 wins and 2 draws. Well done team.

After the game our team enjoyed doing Canteen and BBQ duty for the second time this year, it's great to give back to the club and we loved the 'Souvlaki' round concept, hope we cooked them perfect for all. Another very busy Saturday morning done and dusted!

## **8B 1 v Bexley North**

**POTM:** Zac B

The boys were glad to be back in action after a week off and we had a tough assignment against a very good Bexley North side. We were under pressure early with Longbottom required to make some early saves in goals and continued his form with a great half as goalkeeper. Kibi was busy at centre midfield, chasing down every ball, and getting us moving forward into some good goal scoring positions. Terzopolous made the most of his opportunity at centre forward nearly scoring on a couple of occasions. We finished the half well with Wainwright defending strongly and closing down the Bexley North attack.



The second half saw a mixed start with both teams battling for possession and field position. Lucas and Ibrahim were very solid and reliable at left and right back, winning the ball and keeping Bexley North out of our defensive third. Jarvis had a busy half of football at left wing, helping out his team mates at every opportunity and every position on the field.

Our player of the match however was Boyle, who put in a great performance at left back and left wing in the first half, and centre forward in second half. Boyle held his position well, showed good ball skills, supported his team mates and worked hard all game. Well done Boyle and well done team.



## **9A (91 2) v Connells Point**

**POTM:** Sam E

With a full complement of players available this week, the team was eager to make amends following a gallant yet fruitless performance in our trial against the Marconi SAP team on Thursday night.



Playing away from home is never easy and we clearly struggled on a field that was not as well marked, however after a sluggish start the team began to dominate winning corner after corner. After keeping the opposition pinned we conceded the first goal on the counter, but true to form our boys kept their heads up, bounced back and two corners later **Jonas** had an attempt parried

away by the keeper and some quick thinking by **Sam E** who slipped a wonderful ball to **Samuel** who coolly slotted home the equaliser.

**Jake** was once again staller at the back stopping through balls and re-igniting the attack, **Levi** was highly effective with linking balls from the back to the front of the park where **Ollie** was wreaking havoc forcing saves and winning corners.

Our opposition was persistent though and scored a cheeky one on the counter again, sending us into half-time 2-1 down. After a rousing half-time speech from the coach, the boys switched on and came on to the pitch with renewed belief and immediately made an impact.

**Sam E** did some excellent hustling down the left wing and after cleverly switching to his right foot netted the next goal, 2-2. Then in what seemed like a matter of seconds, **Samuel** scored his brace and added to the goal tally - finally in the lead, the boys took their foot off the gas and conceded an equaliser.

Then **Riley** stepped up at the back and started to hustle a little more, own the space and defended like a champion. Then, through some excellent link up work, he drew in two players and passed an amazing ball to **Kai**, who took on another two players and unleashed the foot cannon to put us in the lead again.

From then on, the team did not take a backward step, **Jett** was everywhere terrorising the defence with his electric runs and short corners. **Zac** made it hard for the defence to keep up with darting runs that kept them guessing. With a couple of minutes to go **Jett** ensured that there was no doubt about the result, scoring after a goal mouth scramble.

Final Score Lugarno 5 – Connells Point 3

## **10I v Banksia Tigers**

**POTM:** Oliver

After a few tough weeks the boys had their heads back into training, warm up was also tight and it showed as they put on some excellent soccer.

The backs were strong and, with more focus on marking the middle rather than chasing the ball, we will be rock solid.

Hugh and Oliver were dynamite up the wing making some strong crosses.

Keep up the good work at training lads and we will have a great back end to the season.



## **11B 1 v Ramsgate**

**Goals Scorer:** Michael 3

**Manager's Trophy Winner:** Michael

**Coach's Trophy Winner:** Michael & Josh

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

With a very early start for everyone on Saturday I wondered if the kids would be half asleep by the time the game kicked off...

However, with the freshly cut hair-styles and extra gel slicking back the hair for the team photos, I needn't have been concerned – our little superstars were keen to impress as soon as the referee blew his whistle!



Malachi, fresh from 'eating dirt' at training, was solid between the sticks and with Elle, Lily and the ever impressive Oska in defence we started the game strongly.

Some early interchanges between 'twinkle toes' Josh and the 'rainbow-booted' Billy (he's had that many pairs of boots this season I can't keep up) in the centre of the park saw us dominate the midfield and pin the defence back deep into their half!

Some neat (and very slick) passing between midfield and attack saw us start to pepper the opposition goal, with Michael and Emmason going close early on.

We didn't have to wait too much longer as Josh be-dazzled the defence and laid off a neat pass to the in-form Michael, who blasted the ball past the keeper to open the scoring.

The fantastic forward play continued as both Josh and Billy drove us forward with their dribbling and, with Michael looking to score each time he got the ball, he beat his man and neatly placed the ball just inside the near post to take us 2 nil up.

Each time the opposition tried to break they were met with the left boot of Lily who always seemed to mop things up to help protect our goal.

As the half was drawing towards a close, a little lapse in concentration allowed them to get in behind the defence to score to make it 2-1 at half time.

With our bellies full of pre-match bacon and egg rolls, we had just enough room to sneak in some vitamin C from the half time oranges.

A change of personnel saw Malachi fit into defence alongside Oska to shore up the defence, with Lachie pulling on the GK jersey and the gloves.

Much like the first half, we continued to press with Elle showing off her skills on the right and Abs getting forward at every opportunity and Tristan getting in on the action to pepper the Ramsgate goal.

We tried our luck with some long-range efforts from Billy and Josh but couldn't seem to find the target. However, against the run of play, we let them back in the game as we tried to play the ball a bit too much near our goal, which resulted in another goal and the score level. 2-2 this really was game on and tested our resolve.

With Malachi 'the energiser bunny' popping up all over the park, whether it was back in defence or driving his team forward in the attack, we began to take control again.

The passing was a joy to watch and, as the clock counted down towards the death, it was Abs who put the pressure on their left back and managed to get the ball across to Michael, who was waiting to pounce in the area, for his hatrick and final goal of the game to make it 3-3.

Another fantastic team performance again on Saturday. The work-rate was high energy and the passing was a joy to watch. Stand out performances by a lot of people today. Lily for her tough tackling in defence, Josh with his skills driving us forward, Michael with his hatrick and Malachi for his second half defence display.

This team has really gone from strength to strength this year. Each week you guys seem to get better and better! Well done, keep up the great work.

### **12C (1) v Bexley North                      Won 5 – 0**

**Goal Scorers:** Michael Vikatos 3 / Linden Pike / Lachlan Weekes

Sometimes this year we have struggled to find our rhythm on the big field. With more players on the field and a bigger field to play on, it has been harder to get the results that we would like.

This Saturday, all the kids came to the game with a positive attitude and all tried really hard. This shows in the result that we achieved. The team took direction and stayed in their positions. When this happens, everything falls into place.

Well done team.

### **14C v Hurstville Glory                      Won 3 – 0**

**Goal Scorers:** Alex 2 / Adam

For our team, today's game was our last game of the second round. The team was well placed in first place on the ladder by 6 points.

It was a shame that Glory FC only had enough players present (7) to start the game. At our prematch huddle I wanted the team to focus on utilising the free space and pass/move off the ball.



We started the match in second gear. Even though we had a four player advantage we made things hard for ourselves early on.

Glory FC had some quick players in their defence. Our team put some good long passes through to our forwards. Alex played at our central forward position today and found himself clear on a number of occasions.

Our goal keeper Noah was called upon to make a great save early. An unmarked Glory FC player (in our box) had his shot pushed onto our post by Noah. The ball then bounced into the middle of our goal. Noah was quick to pounce on the ball to keep it out of our goal.

It wasn't until mid way into the first half when we scored our first goal. It started with Daniel C collecting the ball in the middle of the park. He passed the ball to Zack on our left wing. Zack passed the ball to Alex in front of the Glory FC goal. Alex had no trouble putting the ball past the Glory FC keeper. 1-0 our way.

Our second goal was a great long range effort by Adam. Sean started our attack this time from just inside the Glory FC half (in the middle). Defying his coach's cries to go left to Zack, Sean decided to go right instead to Ray. This proved to be the correct decision as Ray then provided a pass to Adam who shot from the right side of the Glory FC penalty box into their goal.

2-0 our way.



Before the end of the first half we had more attempts at the Glory FC goal. Their keeper made some good goal saving stops and ensured that the first half ended only 2-0 our way.

At our second half huddle I wanted the team to concentrate on playing it simple and not to get too frustrated.

We started the second half off well. We were playing the ball down the left and right hand sides and creating

some chances for Alex up front.

The Glory FC goal keeper continued to frustrate our forwards with more good saves.

Our defence were closing down the Glory FC attackers at every moment. This ensured that Noah had a relatively quiet game in our goals in the second half.

Gab was having a good game and made some great long runs at the Glory FC goal.

Daniel B too was having a good game. He combined well with Ross on our left hand side and made some good passes.

Harrison C, in his first game back after 2 weeks, played well. He made some good tackles and passes.

Daniel C had an excellent second half and provided the team with some great passes.

Sean was in control of our defence and made a number of good intercepts and clearances.

After some good passing in the middle of the park, Alex had another one of his shots saved well by the Glory FC keeper.

Our third goal came from some good lead up work on our right hand side. The ball found its way to Alex whose shot sailed into the Glory FC goal. 3-0 our way.

We then won a corner (on the right side). Adam played the ball short to Gab who passed the ball to Alex. Alex provided a cross the into the Glory FC goal mouth where Zack's half volley shot was saved well by the Glory FC keeper.

The match ended 3-0 our way. The team had a better second half even though we only scored one goal. Credit must go to the Glory FC team. With only 7 players they made us earn our win today.

Ross made some good runs at the Glory FC defence. He had some good attempts at the Glory FC goal.

Zack too made some good runs at the Glory FC defence. He provided some great passes to Alex in the middle. He almost scored with a great half volley shot.

Shane and Tim as always were solid in our defence. They both provided good passes out from the back.

Ray combined well with Ross in the first half and Zack in the second half. He made some great dribbling runs at the Glory defence.

Alex scored two excellent goals and narrowly missed/had other attempts saved by the Glory FC keeper.

Adam too scored an awesome goal. He provided constant support to the team with many passes.

Nathan had his usual sold game. He tackled strongly and passed the ball well. He won the best Falcon of the day when his face got in the way of a high ball. Nathan still showed evidence of this after the game.

Well that's the end of the second round for us. We remain undefeated this season. Next week we play the team in second place (Sans Souci). A good result next week will further cement our spot on top.

#### **14C v Banksia Tigers**

**Won 3 – 0**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

**Goal Scorers:** Harrison V / Ross / Zack

Before today's game the team was sitting nicely 6 points clear in first place. Today we played the team coming 3<sup>rd</sup>. A win today would cement our spot on top of the table.

Our team have been playing some great soccer and we were looking to continue this today.

We started the game on the front foot. We were closing our opponents down well and took control of the match early. We were putting together some great passing exchanges.

Our first raid on the Banksia goal came from our left side when Ross combined well with Harrison V who laid the ball off to Adam. Adam's shot on goal went just wide.

Our first goal after 10 minutes came from a great individual effort from Harrison V who dribbled his way towards the Banksia goal. Harrison V executed a well placed shot past the Banksia keeper. 1-0 our way.

We let our guard down for a moment but a great save from Noah ensured we maintained our 1-0 advantage.

Our second goal started from a great run from Shane deep on our right hand side. The ball found Zack who unleashed a great shot over the keeper's head into the Banksia goal. 2-0 our way.



Gab, inspired by the encouragement of his dad on the sideline, was having an awesome game. Gab collected the ball on our left side. He made a great dribbling run and provided an inch perfect pass to a fast running Harrison V. Harrison V again put a well placed shot past the Banksia keeper into their goal. Sadly the referee called the play back for offside.

Shortly after this we went 3-0 in the lead when a great pin point cross from Adam (on the right forward position) found Ross in front of the Banksia goal. Ross' volley from close range cannoned into the back of the Banksia net.

Gab then produced another great run on the left hand side and produced the same great pass to Harrison V in the Banksia penalty box. The Banksia defenders this time were able to close our attack down.

We then won a corner on our left side. Harrison V played a short corner to Ross who returned the pass to Harrison V. Harrison V then found an unmarked Gab in front of the Banksia goal. Gab's shot went just over the Banksia crossbar.

Harrison V then saw a great shot saved by the Banksia keeper.

The first half ended 3-0 our way. That was a great half of soccer by our team. We defended well and produced some great passing exchanges with our team. We scored three great goals and created a number of other scoring chances.

We started the second half where we left off the first and dominated the early play.

We continued to put together some nice passing moves and attacked the Banksia defence from both the left and right hand sides.

Zack made some good runs down the right and provided some good crosses into the Banksia box. Ross did the same on the left hand side.

The team was also attacking through the middle. On this occasion, after some excellent passing, the ball found Harrison V whose shot on goal hit the Banksia post and bounced away.

We created more chances through the middle but the wet ground was making it very slippery in front of goal. Zack had a shot saved well by the Banksia keeper.

Gab was having an awesome game on our left side. He was combining well with Adam, Ross and Harrison V. Gab found himself in open space late in the second half. His shot went inches wide of the Banksia goal.

On a rare occasion Banksia found themselves attacking our goal. Noah was called upon to make a finger tip save with minutes left to play. This ensured that we kept a clean sheet today. Even though Noah was having a very quiet game in our goal what he was required to do he did well.

Ross had an injury scare late in the second half and was taken off.

Ray had our final shot on goal from outside the Banksia box. His powerful shot went just wide.

The match ended 3-0 our way. Even though the second half finished goalless, we created a number of goal scoring chances from some excellent lead up passing work.

Our defence was very solid today and quickly closed down the Banksia attackers.

Shane a right back had a great game. He tackled well and went on some great long dribbling runs.

Tim at sweeper was in control. He ensured that any Banksia attacks on our goal were closed down quickly.

Sean had a good game at left fullback today. He tackled and passed the ball well. He anticipated and intercepted a number of the Banksia through balls.

Daniel C had an awesome game at stopper. He made sure that the Banksia striker (their main play maker) had no room when he received the ball. Daniel C was quick to close him down and distributed the ball out of defence well.

Adam was non stop in our centre midfield. He tackled strongly and provided great ball distribution to our forwards. His pin point cross to Ross for our second goal was excellent.

Daniel B tackled and passed the ball well.

Ray had a great game. He made a number of good dribbling runs at the Banksia defence and provided good support to the rest of our team.

Ross made a number of runs at the Banksia goal. He combined well with Gab and Harrison V. Ross also scored a great volley goal.

Zack also made a number of great runs at the Banksia defence. He too scored a great goal in the first half.

Harrison V had an awesome game at striker today. Even though he was surrounded by a number of Banksia defenders he always made himself available for the team. Harrison V scored a great goal and had another goal disallowed.

**15B v Banksia Tigers Won 7 – 0**

**Goal Scorers:** Josiah 3 / Will 3 / Andrei

**17B v Kogarah Waratah Drew 2 – 2**

**Goal Scorers:** Anthony Azzi / Matt Denson

**AAF (2) v Peakhurst Lost 1 – 3**

**Goal Scorer:** Jehad Matar

**AAF (2) v Forest Rangers Drew 1 – 1**

**Goal Scorer:** Mark McCormack

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

**AAH v Connells Point Won 3 – 1**

**Goal Scorers:** Hani Obeid / Cem Oztan / David Martinovic

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