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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/D	Carss Park (1)	3	3	Lugarno	AA/C	Lugarno	3	0	Carss Park (1)					
AA/E	Lugarno	1	5	Ramsgate RSL	AA/E	Rockdale Suns	0	3	Lugarno					
AA/F	Connells Point	1	2	Lugarno (1)	AAW/B	Glory FC	2	3	Lugarno					
AA/F	Kogarah Waratah (1)	1	9	Lugarno (2)	O35/B	Dolls Point	3	3	Lugarno					
AA/G	Glory FC	4	1	Lugarno	PWL/1	Dolls Point	5	2	Lugarno					
AA/H	Lugarno	3	3	Penshurst West										
AAA1/1	Lugarno (1)	3	2	Banksia Tigers										
AAA1/1	Oatley FC	2	1	Lugarno (2)										
AAAR/R	Oatley FC	0	1	Lugarno (2)										
AAAR/R	Lugarno (1)	2	3	Banksia Tigers										
U12/C	Oatley FC	6	1	Lugarno (2)										
U12/C	Lugarno (1)	1	3	Arncliffe Aurora										
U13/A	Hurstville Minotaurs	2	1	Lugarno										
U13/C	Lugarno	1	1	Peakhurst United										
U14/C	Glory FC	1	6	Lugarno										
U15/B	Lugarno	7	1	Rockdale Suns										
U17/18/B	Bexley North	1	3	Lugarno - 17						<b>Friday</b>				
										O45/A	Sans Souci	4	2	Lugarno

## **Match Reports:**

### **6B 1 v Arncliffe Aurora**

And the dream of an undefeated season is over.

Playing a later game than usual and away at Arncliffe on a pitch which looked like it was on the side of the Himalayas + half the size of our Gannons SSF fields, against a team with 2-3 goalkeepers, the boys worked hard and had many more shots on target but a bus was in the way and, with not enough room to dribble or pass and with the slope taking the ball out too many times, we just weren't used to the conditions.



We fell behind early, but then dominated, but they got us on the counter. With Christopher having a few great cracks from halfway, some heading straight in but with opponents parked in the goals they just wouldn't drop, but a few opponents stomachs and chests would feel it the next morning.

Finally, Elijah scored us a cracker and it looked like we would finish them off in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.



Unfortunately, we couldn't break through and they got us on the counter a few more times. So unfortunately we lost our first game of the season - maybe if a ref was there to let players know you can't stand in the circle it would have been different, but overall the game was played in good spirits.

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

**Won 3 – 0**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

**Goal Scorers:** Harrison V 2 / Ross

On a cold blustery morning we travelled today to Gardiner Park to play the team in 4th Place. In the windy conditions we needed to start the match well.

At our team huddle before the game, we agreed that if we won the toss we should run against the wind in the first half.

Our captain today, Daniel C, won the toss and elected to run against the wind. We knew that if we could hold Banksia out in the first half and keep them scoreless, then we would come home strong with the wind at our backs.

We controlled the game from the first whistle. The team was tackling strongly and putting together some nice passing moves.

Our first chance came from a good run from Harrison V up front. Harrison V crossed the ball to Zack whose shot went wide of the Banksia goal.

Harrison V then made another good run at the Banksia goal. His shot was saved by the Banksia keeper onto the post. The ball bounced clear of the goal.

Harrison V was in the action again when a great through ball from Adam put him on a one v one position with the Banksia keeper. Harrison V's shot was well saved by the Banksia keeper.

We then saw some great passing when Daniel C (from the back) provided a pass to Adam who in turn provided a pass to Ray.

Shane then made a good run on our right side. He passed the ball to Ray who then passed the ball to Zack. Zack's shot went just wide of the Banksia goal.

We had a late scare in the first half when a shot by the Banksia striker went just wide of our goal.

The first half ended 0-0 and it was just what we wanted. The team produced a great team performance into the wind.

We started the 2nd half strongly and found ourselves on the attack early. Harrison V saw his left shot go wide of the Banksia goal.

A good passing move from Daniel C to Harrison V to Adam saw Adam's shot also go wide of the Banksia goal.

We then won a corner on the right side. Adam played a short corner to Gab. Gab then passed the ball back to Adam. Adam's cross bounced off the Banksia near post. The ball eventually found Harrison V whose shot went just wide.

A good through ball from Alex to Harrison V saw Harrison V put Zack on a solo run at the Banksia goal only to see Zack called back for offside.

We then had a scare at the back when the Banksia striker again saw his shot go wide.

We were playing well and it was a matter of time before we scored our first goal.

Our first goal came midway through the second half when Harrison V saw his shot well saved by the Banksia keeper. Ross was on hand to put the ball into the Banksia goal from close range. 1-0 our way.

Our 2nd goal came shortly after. We won a corner on the left hand side. Adam took the corner and delivered a bullet-like kick into the middle of the Banksia goal mouth. After a bit of a scramble the ball eventually fell to Harrison V who put the ball into the Banksia net. 2-0 our way.

We saw a great passing exchange between Shane and Harrison C on our front right side.

After another short corner on our right side the ball found Harrison V who's shot went just over the Banksia goal.

Our 3rd goal came from a great through ball from Alex to a fast running Harrison V. Harrison V found himself again one on one with the Banksia keeper. Harrison V was able to direct his shot into the Banksia goal despite the advancing keeper. 3-0 our way.

The match ended 3-0 our way. The entire team had a great game. We tackled strongly and passed the ball to each other well. We created a number of good goal scoring chances and scored 3 great goals.

Daniel B tackled and passed the ball well.

Harrison C (wearing his new boots) had a good game. He combined well with Shane on our right side. His arms must be sore from all the throw ins he did in the 2nd half.

Noah in our goals had a relatively quiet game. What he was called on to do he did well.

Alex had his usual solid game at sweeper for us. He cleaned up all of the Banksia through balls and provided some good passes to our forwards.

Shane had a strong game at right fullback. He was quick to close down the Banksia strikers and made some good runs with the ball.

Tim chased the Banksia right wing down with ease with his lightning speed. He provided some good passes from the back.

Daniel C was great at stopper. He marked the dangerous Banksia striker well and did not give him an inch. He too provided some good passes out of our defence.

Adam controlled the game well for us in the middle of the park. He provided some great passes to our forwards.

Gab had a strong game. He found himself all over the park closing down the Banksia players and providing some great passes.

Ray ran himself into the ground on our right hand side. He worked tirelessly helping out our defence and creating goal scoring opportunities. He made some great runs with the ball.

Ross had a good game at left wing. He combined well with Harrison V up front. He scored a great poacher's goal for our first goal.

Zack played well at our right wing. He ran hard at the Banksia left back and created some chances. He combined well with Ray and Harrison C.

Harrison V again was the focal point for most of our attacks. Harrison V's speed and well timed runs saw him able to exploit the space in behind the Banksia defence. He scored two great goals and could have had more if not for the heroics of the Banksia keeper.

## **14C v Glory FC**

**Won 6 – 1**

**Goal Scorers:** Harrison V 3 / Gab 2 / Ross



An early start for us today at 8.30am. A win today would seal our minor premiership for position for season 2019.

We had a very sluggish start to the first half. The team could not get out of first gear.

Shane provided a great through ball to Harrison V. Unfortunately, Harrison V was offside.

Harrison V and Ray put on a good passing move down the right hand side. Harrison V provided a cross to Zack in the middle. Zack's shot was saved by the keeper.

Our first goal came mid way into the first half. A poor clearance from the Glory FC defence saw Harrison V intercept the ball and calmly placed the ball into the Glory FC goal. 1-0 our way.

Our second goal came shortly after when we were awarded an indirect free kick on the edge of the Glory FC penalty box. Adam touched the ball to Harrison V who chipped the ball over the wall into the goal. 2-0 our way.

Even though we were 2-0 up we were still stuck in first gear. We were not closing down the Glory FC players and our passes were not to our feet.

Adam put a good through ball for Ross to run onto. Ross's shot went just wide of the goal.

Ray did some good work on the right hand side. His cross into the middle of the Glory FC goal found Ross. Ross's shot was saved by the Glory FC keeper.

Glory FC were able to pull a goal back late in the first half courtesy of an own goal from us after we failed to clear the ball.

Glory FC then were awarded a free kick just outside our penalty box. Our wall was set. Lucky for us the kick hit our wall. Unlucky for Shane his face got in the way of the ball. Shane was ok.

Ray had a good one on one run at the Glory FC keeper. His shot was saved by the Glory FC keeper.

Adam, Ray and Ross then combined well only to see Ross's shot go over the Glory FC cross bar.

The end of the first half could not come quick enough for us. It ended 2-1 our way.

At our half time huddle I wanted the team to lift themselves and be more positive. They needed to keep things simple and not panic and push a rushed pass.

My half time talk seemed to have worked. The team started the second half positively and began to play some good soccer.

Zack made two great runs at the Glory FC goal. One shot went wide and the other was saved well by the Glory FC keeper.

Our first goal of the second half came from some good work on our left from Gab who found Harrison V in front of the Glory FC goal. Harrison V provided a pass to Ross inside the Glory FC penalty box. Ross's shot found the back of the Glory FC goal. 3-1 our way.

It wasn't long until we were 4-1 up. Ross returned the favour to Harrison V with a good pass. Harrison V calmly put the ball past the Glory FC keeper.

Gab was starting to grow in confidence and made a good run at the Glory FC goal.

Gab then made a great run down our left hand side. His cross into the middle of the Glory FC goal was missed by the Glory FC keeper and rolled into the goal. Harrison V kept a good eye on the ball all the way into the goal to ensure that Gab was credited with the goal. 5-1 our way.

Harrison C, after some good work on our right hand side, provided a good pass to Gab in front of the Glory FC goal. Gab's shot beat the Glory FC keeper into their goal. 6-1 our way.

Gab outpaced everyone with a great long run at the Glory FC goal. His shot at the end went wide.

Tim made two great one on one tackles close to our goal.

Zack also outpaced the Glory FC defence. It took a finger tip save from the Glory FC keeper to put the ball behind for a corner.

Alex then came up the field when we won a corner on our left. A short corner between Ross and Harrison V found Alex on the edge of the Glory FC penalty box. Alex's goal bound shot was deflected for another corner by a Glory FC defender.

The match ended 6-1 our way. That was a much improved second half by the team. We closed the Glory FC players down, passed the ball to our players better, created and scored some good goals.

Noah had a safe game in our goal. His punt kicks went over the half way line. He could do little to stop the goal against us.

Tim was quick to close down the Glory FC forwards. He made some great defensive plays.

Shane also closed down the Glory FC forwards quickly. His passes out of defence were productive.

Alex was very safe at sweeper. He provided some great passes to the team.

Daniel C was solid at stopper. He made some good tackles and passes.

Gab had an awesome game. He made some great runs at the Glory FC goal and score two goals.

Harrison C played well at right half. He provided a good pass to Gab for our 6th goal.

Daniel B made some good tackles and passes.

Adam controlled the middle of the park well. He made some great tackles and provided some good balls to our forwards.

Sean made some good interceptions and provided some good long passes.

Ray combined well with the team. He made some good runs at the Glory FC goal.

Ross scored a great goal and made some good runs with the ball.

Zack also made some good runs at the Glory FC goal. He came close to scoring.

Harrison V scored three great goals and had many runs at the Glory FC goal. He worked well with the rest of the team.

**15B v Kogarah Waratah** **Won 6 – 0** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July

**Goal Scorers:** Josiah Montoya 3 / Andrei Esdaile-Watts / Saul Robinson / Ali Elassi (13A)

This round was an important game vs top of the table Kogarah Waratah.

A win would see us move from third to equal first with Kogarah and Ramsgate but top of the table due to goal difference.

With only eight players available, we were able to get our game moved back an hour and a half (thanks to a forfeit by another team in our division), which meant we could get some help from five members of the 13As. All the boys brought their A game and outplayed Kogarah, beating them 6-0, which takes us to the top of the table.

Well done boys and a huge thanks to the 13As - Ali, Sawyer, Niko, Christian and Javier.

**15B v Rockdale Suns** **Won 7 – 1**

**Goal Scorers:** Josiah Montoya 3 / Andrei Esdaile-Watts / Saul Robinson / Anthony Fonti / Own goal

**17B v ASOW** **Lost 1 – 5** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July

**Goal Scorer:** Ibbby

**17B v Bexley North** **Won 3 – 1**

**Goal Scorers:** Matt Denson 2 / Jordan

**AAF (2) v Kogarah Waratah** **Won 9 – 1**

**Goal Scorers:** Matthew Denson 4 / Christian Petrovski 2 / Eddy Poh 2 / Mark McCormack

The annual injury tolls and oversea trips have seen the top of the table LFC AAF2 start to struggle with player availability and results, and are hanging onto a 1 point lead.

We came up against 3<sup>rd</sup> place who were only 2 points behind us and a loss would most probably mean dropping to 3<sup>rd</sup> ourselves. With only 11 players available (2 more than last week's double header), we called on a couple of the 17B's to back up for us.

As always we dominated the game but the game remained 0-0 till about the 15<sup>th</sup> minute, when young Matty and Christian arrived. Within 10 minutes of their arrival it was clear to see they fitted right into our team. The way we played and them converting our dominance as they put away our first 3 goals.

It was all one way traffic from there and with 2 games remaining, bar a disaster, we have all but secured a top 2 finish and we are in a two way battle for the minor premiership with a 1 point lead currently.