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AROUND THE GROUNDS

Congratulations to these teams who played Finals Football in 2019:

U12C(1), U13A, U14C, U15B, AAA/1(2), AAC, AAD, AAF(2), AAH & AAW B



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Match Reports:

12C(1) v Oatley FC

Lost 0 – 2

FINAL



13A v Hurstville Minoaturs

Lost 0 – 2

GRAND FINAL



Lugarno FC 13A's reached back to back grand finals at Kogarah Oval.

The team went down narrowly 2-0 to Hurstville Minotaurs. Lugarno fell behind 1-0 to a fortunate goal in the first half but came out to dominate the second half creating a number of good goal scoring opportunities.

With the team on the attack for most of the second half, the opposition benefited from a counterattack move and scored their second decisive goal.

Well done to both teams for playing good football and for demonstrating good spirits during the game.

Wishing our under 13A team all the best for season 2020. We are confident they can go one step better next season.

14C v Arncliffe Aurora

Won 2 – 1

GRAND FINAL

Goal Scorers: Harrison V / Alex (pen)



Well this is it. The final dance. It all comes down to this game. The team was looking to redeem themselves from their Grand Final loss two years ago.

Throughout the year we have had hard games against Arncliffe Aurora (AA). We knew that AA would come at us today after we beat them 4-0 three weeks ago.

We needed to maintain the same mindset we had when we played them last time.

We started the game strongly and did not let AA settle on the ball. We had the better of the early exchanges.

We had a number of good attacking raids at the AA goal. Adam was controlling things well in the middle of the park.

Midway into the first half Adam took a corner on our left hand side. His floating corner bounced back off the AA post.

We continued to attack the AA goal. A good through ball from Daniel W saw Harrison V again on his way towards the AA goal. Harrison V provided a pass to Zack who shot at the AA goal. The AA keeper saved the ball and miraculously stopped the ball from crossing their goal line.

Shortly after that Adam provided a great through ball to Harrison V. Harrison V outpaced the AA defenders and shot the ball with his left foot across the diving AA keeper into their goal. 1-0 our way.

We were soon on the attack again. This time a through ball from Adam again found Harrison V. Harrison V put the ball in the AA goal but he was called back for offside.

Another through ball from Daniel W put Harrison V through. Harrison V's goal bound shot was deflected to Ross, whose great shot bounced into the AA goal off the post. Again the goal was disallowed for offside.

Throughout the first half our defence was doing well to keep the AA attackers out.

The first half ended 1-0 our way.

At our half time huddle I wanted much of the same in the second half as the first half. I wanted the team to get to the ball and not let the ball bounce over their heads.

The second half continued as tough as the first half. AA was not going to back down.

We found that most of our early second half play was going down our right hand side.

AA had a number of attacks at our goal. Alex was doing well sweeping all of the AA through balls. Our keeper Noah was having a busier second half and was called upon to make a great one on one save. Noah bravely came out and saved the ball from an AA attackers feet.

It was end to end play for most of the second half. Just after midway into the second half AA won a free kick outside our penalty box on their right hand side. Our wall was set. The AA kick taker was able to curl the ball over our wall and into our goal. 1-1. There was nothing Noah could have done about the goal.

To our team's credit they did not drop their heads. They continued to defend strongly and go in search of the winning goal.

Harrison V was again put into the clear. His long range shot was saved by the keeper.

With about 10 minutes left Shane contested for the ball and fell awkwardly on his arm. Shane was clearly in pain but continued on playing, making some crucial tackles.

With the final whistle approaching, Harrison V found himself in another run towards the AA goal. Harrison V was fouled in the AA penalty box and we were awarded a penalty. With under two minutes to play Alex stepped up to take the penalty.

Alex coolly put the ball into the AA goal. 2-1 our way. The team then defended valiantly and was able to run the clock down to the final whistle.

The Grand Final ended 2-1 our way. The whole team again showed their great resilience and will to win. They did not surrender when AA levelled the score at 1-1 midway into the second half.

The win also maintains our undefeated status for the year. Each member of the team had a great season and contributed/deserved their success. They made their families and friends proud.

We later found out that Shane did actually fracture his arm and is required to be in a cast for four weeks. Shane showed great determination to play on whilst in pain. He didn't want to let the team down.

Noah had a great game in goals. He made some crucial saves.

Alex as always was solid at sweeper. His distribution from the back was excellent.

Daniel W marked the AA striker well. He made some great tackles.

Shane had a great game throughout. His lightning speed allowed him to easily to chase down his AA left wing. His distributions were great. He showed great courage to play on with a fractured arm.

Gab was called upon the take on the left fullback duties for us today. As always Gab never disappoints and had a fantastic game. He tirelessly marked his AA right wing and never gave him an inch.

Adam controlled things well for us in the middle of the park. His through balls to Harrison V throughout the game were pin point. He can close to scoring with a corner.

Sean had a great game. He tackled/intercepted the ball well. He too provided some excellent passes and long balls to the team.

Harrison C ran himself into the ground. He supported Zack well on our right hand side.

Daniel B had a good game. He made some good tackles and passed the ball well.

Daniel W controlled things well for us in the midfield. He too made some good tackles and provided some good passes to the team.

Ross was tightly marked by the AA right back. Ross however was able to find some space and make some good runs down our left hand side. He teamed up well with Harrison V up front.

Zack also was marked closely by the AA left back. He too was able to make some good runs down our right hand side. He came close to scoring in the first half.

Harrison V had a excellent game. He scored a great goal and made some great runs at the AA goal. He won the penalty which eventually won the Grand Final for us.

15B v Ramsgate RSL

Won 2 – 1

GRAND FINAL



Minor premiers and now premiers!

Lugarno FC 15B team took out the grand final 2-1 against Ramsgate RSL.

After a scoreless first half Lugarno took command in the second half to lead 2-0 before Ramsgate RSL scored a goal to make it 2-1.

The last minutes of the game featured end to end action but Lugarno held on to take out the grand final.

Well done boys, super coach Ocky and team officials.

AAW B v Connells Point

Lost 2 – 3

GRAND FINAL



The Lugarno AAWB team finished the season as minor premiers and grand final runners up after going down 3-2 to Connells Point in the decider at Kogarah Oval.

After dominating the first half with ball possession and field position, Lugarno went into the half-time break leading 1-0.

In the second half Connells Point equalised from a corner kick before Lugarno scored to make it 2-1 from great counter attacking play.

With 4 minutes left and Lugarno in control of the game, Connells Point grabbed the equaliser and the winning goal arrived with just seconds left in normal game time.

It was an unlucky turn of events for Lugarno during the last 5 minutes of the game as they went from being 2-1 up to 3-2 down.

Credit to both teams as the grand final produced some great football and once again the game was played in good spirits.

Congratulations to our AAWB side for a successful season.

All the best for next season ladies.

AAA1 (2) v Oatley FC

Lost 0 – 2

GRAND FINAL



The AAA1(2) team has finished the year as Minor Premiers and Grand Final runners up, after going down in the Grand Final 2-0 to Oatley FC.

By finishing as Minor Premiers, the team secured an important spot for Lugarno FC in the Premier League competition for season 2020.

Well done team for a great season.

AAC v ASOW

Won 1 – 1

GRAND FINAL



Congratulations to the AAC team for winning the Grand Final after an exciting penalty shootout against ASOW.

The game finished 1-1 after extra time and the 10 man Lugarno team held on to clinch the title after penalties.

AAF (2) v Forest Rangers

Won 3 – 0

GRAND FINAL

Goals Scorer: Matthew Denson 3



And the boys have done it with a mighty 3-0 win over Forest Rangers to take out the double.

Arriving at Peakhurst 5 1hour before our 4pm kick-off for our “first” warm-up of the year, we cracked open our training shirts from their packaging and headed behind the almost constructed sheds, although most of us wanted to stay and cheer on our C Grade boys. We finished our warm-up and headed back to our eskies and bags, only to discover for the 2nd time today another GF was going to extra-time but, more shocking, a couple of the refs/linesmen that finished their duties for the day had helped themselves to a few of our beers! Lucky we knew the leader of that pack and for once he looked pretty tall standing in the new elevated seating. We cheered on the C grade boys as they delivered LFC a premiership in an exciting penalty shootout.

Out we went for our 4pm kick-off at 5pm, but lucky as it was a hot day and we were busted from our warmup, thanks Tommy. Kotta delivered his pre-game speech an hour before but a few quick words in the pre-game circle fired us up. As the newly formed “Wolfpack” aka Grand Final Day Breakfast Crew headed to the bench, the game was off and running. The teams played more of a feeling each other out first half (did I just say that), we had one good chance that should have been put away which went over from close range, and they had a few attacks but nothing too serious to threaten our goal.

Second half opened up as we got on top of them - Eddy had a great shot from outside the box and the keeper at full stretch just got his fingers to it. Then Mark played a long ball in the box and with 3 players there Eddy somehow got to it first (well he is pretty quick) and lobbed the ball up, looked like it might go in but it was going to drop short and as the keeper almost got to it, Matt popped up for a perfect (hitting the back of his head) “header”, 1-0 Luggers. (And we have video footage of it –

classic material!). Our defense held strong which has been the key to our success for years as they tried to get back, Tommy almost killed the game with a bullet from outside the box which hit the inside of the crossbar but somehow didn't drop in and Matt hit the post a few minutes later, but then Matt got one in and it was 2-0 with 10 to go. As the game was coming to an end, Zorba had a great run and then cut back in the box, and he got cleaned up - penalty. Forest player wasn't happy and gave the ref "the bird", out came the red card. Harry handed the ball to Matt who completed his hat-trick as the full time whistle blew. Most of us 40+ year old's couldn't lift our arms in celebration and didn't really start celebrating till after a team photo on the pitch with all our family, friends and supporters.

After the handing out of the Premiers Medal, pop went the champagne bottles, beer flew in the air and Jehad ran, we knew that was the start of the celebrations which kicked on, for some of us till 4am. Specials thanks to everyone of our Family & Friends who came to support us, but also the committee members who were there and also David McDougall for taking some great photos for us which will last a lifetime. And we live by injured Rob's slogan, 'We are a bunch of Misfits, that somehow Work'. WELL DONE TEAM!



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