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LFC Player Profile:



Name: Sawyer Danger Harrison.

2020 Team: U14A

Preferred Position: CDM

Years with Lugarno FC: 2nd Year

Favourite Football Team: Tottenham Hotspur FC

Favourite Player: Gareth Bale

On Field I am Best Known For: My left footed

strike and my headers

Most memorable Lugarno FC moment: Debut game in trial match, scoring a cracker of a first goal, and jumping in the air with my new team mate Javier, which we coincidentally recreated in our first match

Match Reports:

6B 1 v Kogarah Waratah

POTM: Xavier

The mighty U/6B1 Dream Team had a tough game against Kogarah Waratah on Saturday.

Mark, Lachy and James got us off to a good start with great tackling and dribbling.

Zac contributed with great passes and Perry (our captain for the day) worked hard all game.

Our player of the match however was Xavier who had his best performance so far this year and showed the way all game.







7B 1 v Connells Point

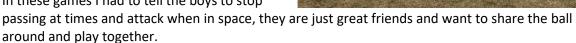


781's all started when last year's U6B2 coach decided to stay in the U6s with his son for 2020 and 3 of the mighty 6B1's made the U8A Football Focus Squad for 2020. It left a team without a coach and player but also a coach and player without a team, but fortunately during last summer's pathways session held by the Awesome Coaching Staff of Lugarno FC at the school, a father cornered the lone coach and at the same time at school his son's mates all corner him

and fortunately for all it formed the mighty U7B1s and, as a coach, I couldn't be happier - my son playing with his mates even though he loved his 2 seasons playing with the kids a year older at school. I can see a new level of joy.

It has been a great start to the season and all I can say as a coach is after a few sessions early in the year (pre-COVID) until now I have seen a massive improvement in all 7 players and great to see all of them getting so involved and loving their football. I really have a team of champions and yet another great set of parents who support not only the kids but me as well.

First game of the year we got up 4-2 (all four goals to Flynn) and then last week we got up 5-0 (3 to Flynn and a goal each to Noah & Benji). In these games I had to tell the boys to stop



This week we unfortunately went down 4-1, but a game of missed opportunities, with some unlucky goals scored against us and we all played well once again. Noah, who must have had 5 red bulls at breakfast, ran rings around them (his dribbling was unbelievable) he hit the post twice and got taken out so many times close to scoring; Flynn, using his great ball skills we have seen in the first couple of weeks and at training, got our only goal; both Aris & Aleks were centimetres from scoring their first ever goals (their shots from way out went just wide), these two boys have really improved from training session one and I couldn't be more proud as a coach; Owen worked hard like he does every game and is getting more confident on the ball each week; Ashe had the defensive play of the game



- as the ball looked certain to go in from miles out he ran at speed never seen before 'as quoted by his parents' and booted it out as it was about to cross the line; and Benji who was known for his defence in the 6B1's has turned more of an allrounder and, after a great run, smashed the post on a tight angle, once again so close. Bring on next week, we can't wait.

9B v Sans Souci

Our opposition must have heard about the intimidating reputation of the LFC U/9B1's and couldn't muster the courage to turn up on Saturday morning (this may or may not be true).

The U/9B1 parents, however, were not intimated and a kids versus parents game was hastily arranged. Sam, Kristy, Peter, Karen, Jeva, Gio, Nick, and Melissa, with the able assistance of Kyla, systematically dismantled the LFC U/9B1's with a crushing win that was described as one of the greatest football performances ever seen at Gannons Park (this also may or may not be true).

Good luck next week boys....

10A v Sans Souci

On a cool Saturday morning our team warmed up in preparation for the clash against Sans Souci.

Jonas turned up just in time for kickoff. Unfortunately first to take the bench.

Not even 60 seconds into the game a penalty was called. Lugarno hand ball!! "No way..." coach Dom yelled from the sideline.

The Sans Souci striker lined up the penalty, the referee making sure the Lugarno team was back behind the line...shoot....wow....an awesome save by Zac our goalkeeper.... Woohooo... the entire team lifted and was instantly on a high. What a save!!



In no time at all, another hand ball is called in the mid field. Kai lines up the ball... dad Vlado nervous from the sideline yells "take your time" awesome strike...but saved by the Sans Souci goalkeeper. Ahhh... nail bitting.

Ball makes it across the ground, great display of defense by Jake....up the line up to Jett for a shot at goal....missed.

Back across the ground. Shot by Kai into the back of the net....wow only 6 minutes have passed. Lugarno 1-0.

Goal by Sans Souci 2 minutes later....Great stretch by our goalie Zac. It unfortunately went in. It was Sans Souci number 10 with a pony tail... girl power.

Lugarno 1-1

Wow.... Ball straight to Jett scores with 15 minutes to go. Great kickoff by Lugarno.

Lugarno 2-1

Great immediate attack by Sans Souci straight back into the safe hands of Zac.

Our defenders Isaac, Levi, Jonas and Jake just continued to push through then onto our mids Samuel and Arnold on the ball passing and lining up our forwards Sam, Jett and Kai.

Great ball control by Sam taking it down the line.

Sam is taken down... Sans Souci stepped on his foot. He's off for a few minutes to recover.

Levi using his skills to keep the ball away from goal.

7.5 mins to go. Jett gets a penalty shoot GOAL!!!

Lugarno 3-1.

Arnold weaves his way thru the mids.

2nd goal to Sans Souci with 2.5 mins to go.

Lugarno 3-2.

Exciting game from the first moment, great ball control from both teams.

The 2nd half kicked off with a shot straight at the Sans Souci goal. The boys are pumped.

Great placement by Samuel, Kai has a shot at goal.

6 minutes to go San Souci equalise.....ahh

Lugarno 3-3.

Intense game. Ball continually crossing to both ends of the field.

Great save from Zac with 3.5 mins to go.

Another hand ball. Levi to take the free kick.

Corner with 2 minutes to go. Close but no goal.

Well done team. Intense for us parents. Great game.

10B v Rockdale Suns

POTM: Deon

The U10B's finally got their season started for 2020 in a game against Rockdale Suns. We didn't really know what to expect from the opposition, but you could tell the kids were raring to go after a Covid-induced slumber.



Following on from last year's form, we again had no referee, so Jimmy stepped up to the plate, asked for his \$12 match fee (which was refused), and got the first game of the season under-way.

From the opening whistle it was Lugarno on the front foot. It was fantastic to see our team play their positions and importantly hold their positions throughout the game. We pushed the ball wide, and spread open the play, much to the shock of the opposition who unfortunately had no answers for our great teamwork. It was really pleasing to see the kids pass with purpose,

spreading the ball wide and making the ball do the work. We went into the half-time break 2-0 up, with some quality finishes from Ben and Leon, who opened the scoring for the season. Our defence was also solid, with Elizabeth, Daniel and Andrew solid at the back, making sure our goalkeeper Jayden virtually had nothing to do.

The second half started much like the first, and again we pushed forward from the kick-off. We scored again within the first minute, and it wasn't long before Leon had his first hattrick for the season. Our midfielders were working so hard together, with the rotation of Deon, Jayden, Oliver (first half), Luca, Kyla and Kale all making significant contributions to a dominant second half display. For the first time in our coaching career, we lost count of the scoreline, as Leon, Ben, Jayden, Kyla and Maddi all got on the scoresheet! Extra special was that Leon and Jayden both got hattricks, whilst Ben got on the scoresheet 4 times!



The game ended up finishing with a 12-0 win to Lugarno!!! What was most pleasing about this however was not the number of goals we scored (which was amazing!), but the fact that we maintained concentration and strong defence to keep the opposition scoreless. Both Jayden & Oliver in goals did not have a single save to make all game, which was a credit to a strong defensive line, some strong tackles even when we were up by so much, and great defensive actions from our midfielders who prevented them from even getting a sniff on our goals.

Congratulations to the team on winning our first game of the season! Keep up the hard work at training and each game 10Bs - we are all very proud of you!

The coaches comments for each player:

- 1. Deon the 'everywhere man', Deon was solid in both attack and defence. He held the centre of the park well and was basically involved in everything, from making tackles in the backline to creating fantastic opportunities up front we need to get a tracking device on this kid to see how many KM he racked up in the game!
- 2. Elizabeth continued on from her excellent form last season, showing the trademark 'Forgione' family defence. She was solid at the back, cleaning up everything that came her way that fact that our goalkeepers had nothing to do shows how much impact she had on the game.
- **3. Jayden** played in goals the first half, and didn't really have much to do, but once we released him onto the field in the second half, it was a whole new ball-game. He terrorised the defence with his length of the field runs, and scored some really nice goals, notching up his first hattrick for the season!
- **4. Kale** did not stop trying in the middle, making some crucial plays and setting up attack beautifully. What was most pleasing was that he is learning to move into positions and call for the ball, rather than crowd his own player, which meant he put himself into position to receive the ball a lot more, so he could then distribute the ball to his team mates.
- 5. Leon a great debut performance for the team, he scored our teams first goal and then notched up his hattrick within a couple of minutes of the second half. What was most impressive was not just the fact he scored so many goals, but that he didn't try to blast the ball past the keeper, but instead placed the ball away from the keeper, which was very smart play.
- **6. Andrew** we have seen tremendous improvement in Andrew just over the last couple of weeks, and this showed in the game today. He was solid in defence and played with his

- heart on his sleeve, doing everything he could to make sure he won the ball in defence and not let the opposition through.
- 7. Daniel the final cog in the defensive wheel, Daniel is so diligent with his defence. He holds his position very well, and makes sure he listens carefully to the coaches instructions. He played really well today in his first game for the team, making some great defensive reads and tackles, helping to turn defence into attack with some great balls down the line.
- **8. Ben** our player of the year last year, Ben started his first game fantastically. In what proved to be a master-stroke from the coach, Ben started on the bench and came on to some tired opposition on the left side of the park. Within a minute of coming on, he scored a cracking goal to put us further in front, which was followed up by a second-half hattrick, meaning he had 4 goals for the game!
- **9. Maddi** she only knows one way to play forward, fast and hard! The opposition quiver in their boots when she is full flight, as she doesn't stop for anyone in her way. She got her maiden goal for the season as well, and was so strong on the ball every time she went on the attack.
- **10. Kyla** we're going to have to call her the 'everywhere girl', because she was involved in everything today. She had to leave early to attend water-polo, so we gave her 5 min in the second half up front well she made sure she scored before she left! A great effort in her first game for the team, well done.
- **11. Oliver** played extremely well in the first half, taking on defenders and making sure he distributed the ball wide to our wing-backs. He had to deal with multiple defenders coming at him, but he handled it well and was solid in the centre of the park. Unfortunately he went in goals in the second half and literally had nothing to do!
- **12.** Luca solid as always in the midfield, he stopped many attacking raids from the opposition, and was great at turning our defence into attack. He helped set-up a couple of goals with some great through-balls. Great game and effort today for Luca.
- **13. Elijah** unfortunately he couldn't make today's game, but we look forward to getting him back next week.

It was extremely difficult to select just one player, as all the kids played really well today. But our player of the match was **Deon**, who played a terrific game and was a crucial component of us not only scoring so many goals, but also keeping the opposition scoreless!

Thanks also to all the parents and friends who turned up and supported the team!

Coaches – Steve & Jimmy

Goal scorers - Ben (4), Leon (3), Jayden (3), Kyla (1), Maddi (1)



111 v Forest Rangers

The prose, as it goes, follows...

How to capture Gannon's atmosphere

With the second grudge match of the year?

A rose by any other name would smell as sweet

As Luggas Under 11's orange socks and booted feet.

'Good hustle, play the way your facing, go crew!'

That's just into the first half when Jack's goal followed through.

Great passing up the line -

Rex to Remi to Jack & more goals by 1/2 time.

One goal bent around the corner Matrix-style

In form we'll not forget for a while!

In the second half, Elouise had fancy feet

One goal went in and then she hit repeat!

Rex in 8 - Rexinates!

The chant went up from his sideline mates!

Ash and Hugh knew what to do,

Defence was solid no goals were let through.

Please see Coach's graph for the full break down of times, pass and goal.

This Ode to Luggas but a temporary manager's extol.

Great match all! You were up to the task.

In this Saturday's glory until next week you'll bask.

Well played one and all.

12C v Hurstville Glory Lost 1 – 4

Goal Scorer: Michael L
POTM: Oska & Malachi

Team: Sam, Michael, Tristan, Jordan, Lily, Lachlan, Lucas, Abbie, Emmason, Malachi, Joshua, Elle,

Oska

Not available: Romeo, Theodore

After a rest in the week from training due to the heavy rain we were keen to get back out on the park against a strong Glory side...

As I pulled into the Boatwright Avenue carpark, I could see the opposition already doing their drills 30 minutes before the game. It was an indication that we were playing a strong side.

With the pitch looking perfect after yet another great display from the dads putting up the nets and marking out the pitch, our little superstars were raring to go.



With the 'big man' in goal, Malachi who's officially taller than me, we are in safe hands and 'the Rock' Oska returned from his Coffs Harbour hols to sit in alongside the defence of Jordan, Lily and Lucas.

The whistle blew and we started strongly, pushing the opposition back into their half with some neat interchanges between midfield and attack.

With a strong defence and the skills in the middle with both Sam and Josh pushing forward to support the attack, we created a few chances but couldn't break them down.

As Glory started to get more of the ball, they pinned us back but our resolute defence kept them at bay, but they continued to push and somehow managed to break through with two quick goals. It was unfortunate for our little superstars as we'd had more than our fair-share of the ball.

Not to be deterred, we continued to pass the ball around with Emmason, Elle and Abbie getting involved. As we walked in at half time for a much need break, we spoke about continuing our passing and not losing our shape. We were determined to get back into the game and I asked for some goals....

As we went back out for the second half, we had a bit more spring in our step, we weren't done just yet! With the attacking force of Michael, Josh and Tristan we created chance after chance... but this time it was Jordan who broke down the Glory attack to push a sweet ball out to Josh who created something out of nothing... This time it was Michael to plant one into the back of the net to make the home crowd go wild (or maybe it was just the coach).

As we continued to push it was Josh who was desperate to score as he jinxed left, then right but couldn't quite get his shot away.

Big tackles kept flying in from Oska, Lily, Lachie and Lucas to keep them at bay, but they had a flurry of chances and with Malachi seemingly getting in the way of pretty much everything they threw at us, but they broke us down and scored another 2.

We continued to press, but everything we threw at them the keeper has his say. The score finished 4-1.

As I said at the finish, Glory are most probably going to be one of the strongest teams we face all season and at times we put them under pressure. The passing at times was a joy to watch and some of the skills on display wouldn't go amiss in the Real Madrid team. As we learn week after week on a bigger pitch let's let the ball do the work with our passing and moving and leave the tricks further up the park. 4-1 wasn't a true reflection of the game but we can take pride in the work rate and the team work.

Great overall effort but standouts and trophy winners go to The Rock Oska at the back, tremendous game alongside Lucas at the back. Great talking and tackling. The other trophy goes to Malachi for his excellent work in goal, you kept us in the game with your saves and your kicking. Well done.

Oh and 'spot the coach' in the photo – Bec tells me that there is a coach there somewhere 😉



12C v Hurstville Minotaurs Lost 2 – 3 Saturday 11th July

Goal Scorers: Sam C / Michael L

POTM: Sam & Lachie

Team: Sam C, Michael L, Tristan P, Jordan T, Lily C, Lachlan C, Lucas N, Abbie C, Emmason F, Malachi

P, Joshua P

Not available: Elle V R, Romeo T, Theodore P, Oska A

With the heavy rain overnight, there were concerns that the season might get delayed another week, however if CV-19 can't stop us then a little bit of 'English weather' was certainly not going to get in the way.



With pitch set up done (thanks dads) and everyone raring to go there was one more thing before the whistle blew. Our first minute silence to honour the life of a young Lugarno player that lost his life. Our little superstars were absolutely exemplary and didn't mutter a word through-out. #respect

The whistle blew and we were off, with

Malachi safe in between the sticks with a rear-guard of Lucas, Lachie and Jordan we started strong, however we were matched by a good solid Minotaur's side.

We passed the ball around nicely between defence and midfield to keep them at bay, however a lapse in concentration allowed them their chance and their attacker took the chance to slip the ball under Malachi to open the scoring.

Not to be deterred, this really kick started our play with Lucas putting in some strong tackling which allowed Sam more time on the ball in the middle of the park. The front 3 of Josh, Tristan and Michael started to click and it wasn't long before Josh jostled the ball down on the right side of the park who neatly knocked the ball into the on-coming Michael who slotted the ball past the on-coming keeper to put the scores back to level to make it 1-1.

The game was end to end through-out the rest of the half with both teams creating chances but both defences stopping anything that came their way.

As our little battlers came in for the half time team talk, we swapped things around. With Malachi keen to cover every blade of grass we put him into the midfield and this time it was Tristan that donned the gloves to protect the goals.

As we trudged back out on to the park it was only then I realised we'd been playing with 10 players and one sub! Blame the coach for this! Absolutely my fault.

As soon as the whistle blew to mark the start of the 2nd half we were quick out of the traps and pushed forward. This time it was Emmason and Abbie linking up to put their defence under pressure

As we pushed forward, we had chance after chance, but we couldn't seem to put the ball away... and then out of nowhere our midfield having pushed forward, the mighty Minotaur's against the run of play snuck one through the defence and added one more to their goal tally to make it 1-2.

Some teams may have rolled over, but not our mighty U12's - this now was really game on. Tough tackling from Lachie and Lily set the tone for the rest of the game and with Sam orchestrating the middle of the park it wasn't long before we were back on the score-sheet with some fine footwork from Michael who laid the ball off to Sam who planted the ball into the back of the net.

Chance after chance we created, corner after corner but their keeper was outstanding to keep us at bay... another lapse in concentration which allowed their attackers through and unfortunately, we couldn't keep the ball out.

The supporters were on the edge of their seats as we continued to push for the equaliser with Abs, Josh, Michael and Malachi all having chances to level the game. It wasn't meant to be and the game finished 3-2.

Although it wasn't the result we were after I saw some really promising signs, tough tackling, the work rate never stopped and the passing was fantastic.... It was always going to be tough with no

substitutes, but I'll take the blame for this one as it really didn't help that the coach can't count to 11.

Trophies this week go to Sam (Coaches Player of the Week) for his all-round work rate, passing and his 2nd goal of the season and to Lachie (Managers Players of the week) for his tough tackling and non-stop running! Well done guys, well deserved.

13C v Rockdale Raiders Lost 1 – 9

13C v Forest Rangers Won 8 – 5 Saturday 11th July

13Cs Match Overviews Rounds 1 & 2.

Our team this year is made up of a mixture of last year's teams and new players, and the merge has been a successful one that is coached by the fabulous and knowledgeable Matt and Stephen D from AAD.

Although our first 2 games were completely different results, the first a hard fought 8-5 win, the next a 9-1 loss, both games were examples of how great this team will be by season's end.

Our first match had 10 of us facing a full team, and one of our players having helped out the 14As earlier, and when 2 goals were scored against us in quick succession, I admit I felt sick for what I thought was to come.

But was I proved wrong! The team shook off their dismay and went into attack mode, and before I knew it, we were 2 each. Then ahead 4-2.

Exhaustion was hitting in though, and FR scored 3 more against us.

The admiration I felt towards this mix of 11, 12 and 13 year old boys only grew as they yet again shrugged this off and, working as a team, scored 4 more heartbursting goals, leading us to a spectacular win.

Our second game was against a team that I believe should be moved up to B as their size and skill outplayed our team from kick off, and whilst we did not play as well as we could have, our kids and wings were very unlucky not to be rewarded with more goals.

Defensive work will add to our strengths, and I have no doubt we will be a top 4 team come finals if we continue to put in the hard work and perseverance we have already shown.

Bec Harrison, Manager and game day coach Rounds 1 and 2 as our coaches games conflicted both weeks.

<u>14A</u> v Banksia Tigers Won 4 – 1

Goal Scorers: Ali / Sawyer / Yianni / Corey

Our second game against Banksia started badly and only got worse when we all made uncharacteristic, mistake ridden passes or decisions, losing structure and shape. It was no surprise when Banksia took advantage of this to score against us.

The only highlight of the first half was Ali's beautifully placed long over the keeper's head with 30 seconds left.

The second half saw a different spirit amongst the players, displaying more determination and precision, and after challenges in the box we were awarded two penalties that were perfectly executed by Sawyer, then Yianni.

As Banksia upped the pressure, our boys replied with beautiful passes leading up to Corey putting the game beyond their reach with another goal, and a 4-1 win on our resume.

Plenty of positives to draw from both games as even at their worst they can shake it off and as a team turn the game around to shine as they well deserve.

Special Mention:

Great Team Spirit evident.

Javier and Brodie forming a solid partnership in defence.

Sammy in career best form.

Our midfield creating plenty of chances.. not to finish more of them!

Cheers From Happy Coach Mick Harrison.

14A v Arncliffe Won 4 – 2 Saturday 11th July

Goal Scorers: Yanni 2 / Sawyer / Corey

Our team of players and their families were heartbroken to lose one of our own before season's commencement.

Janene Seymour, precious mother of player Callum and his little sister Erin, and beloved wife of Jason, our team's trainer, co coach and all round legend, lost her battle with cancer leaving an indescribable hole in their lives. And a deep sadness amongst our team as we grieve with them and miss their presence this season.

Both our first matches were best described as being like the Little Girl With The Curl Right In The Middle Of Her Forehead.

When this team were good, they were very, very good, but when they were bad they were horrid. Too harsh a term but great poem!



First game we started strongly, creating numerous chances in the space of a few minutes, and we're rewarded with 2 goals from outside the 18 yard box, one each from Sawyer then Yanni, and both contenders for Goal of The Year!

We then lost our shape and structure, allowing Arncliffe back into the game, conceding 2 goals.

The boys responded in a way that may not have been graceful but did the required job of scoring 2 more goals, one with a cool finish from Corey, the other a well deserved strike from Yanni.

Special mention:

New players Theo, Austin and Josiah making solid debuts.

Niko and Yiannis partnership in midfield.

Sammy in defence.

Austin, our new GK's solid debut.

11 Year Old Atticus for helping out and displaying his usual heart and mongrel.

AAF 2 v Forest Rangers Lost 0 – 2

AAF 2 v Peakhurst United Lost 2 – 3 Saturday 11th July

Goal Scorers: Mark / Nick

Hecklers FC has returned in a quest for a 6th Straight Grand Final Appearance and 3rd Premiership in 2020, but a week out before the season our player of the year from 2020, Thomas 'Ka-Dosh' Murphy scored a new job which involved Saturday work and pulled the pin - this after our main scoring threat Eddy 'Eng-rish' Poh decided to move to the more realistic Over 35's, our Defence Anchor Andrew 'Trev' Cox decided to take a year off and Johnny 'Borderline Midget' Papaioannou retired, and to make matters worse our comeback kid Jeremy 'Not in my House' Peisley hurt himself in a trial.

We were fortunate to be left in F grade - after doing the double last year we thought we were certain to move up, not sure what happened and with some luck we welcomed a new member to the 'bald' squad - John 'I'm Portuguese but no Ronaldo' Constantino, but we still have been left with only 15 players.

With most of us now well into our 40's and looking more like opponents dad's, we decided to document and video behind the scenes the season which we will archive and only pull out if a future LFC squad looks like they will match our unbelievable record to remind everyone who Hecklers FC were, and we will call it 'The Last Dance'. So far we have forgotten to document or video anything, but we will get there.

Week 1 started against the team that finished 2nd last year who we also beat in the finals. We got off to a flying start and were up 2-0 early, thanks to beautiful goals from Mark 'Fookin Hell' McCormick, a strike from outside the box and a great flick in by Nick 'Truffle Butter' Kottaras. But by halftime we let the lead slip and were even at 2-2 though we had a few more chances that should have been put away by our experienced squad. Second half was a tug of war and we were the ones who cracked and let in a goal to lose 2-3.

After the game during our usually laugh with a few ales 'The Last Dance' cry soon became 'It's Gonna be a Long One', even though it is a shorten season.

Week 2 we came up against the team we smashed 3-0 in the Grand Final last year and they were hungry for revenge. We conceded a goal in each half and just couldn't score - next week we will make a few positional changes otherwise, it really is Gonna be a Long One, but hopefully we will hit some form soon and good to get these two tough games out of the way.

And remember the 1998 Bulls also started very slow and needed time to warm up their aging bodies - we are like a steam train, once we get going we get going, just takes a while to get there.

Lugarno FC Goal Keeper Clinics

Lugarno GK clinics are providing guidance and confidence to junior players of all ages, in a fun and inclusive environment.

Any girls and boys interested in extra defence training as well as Goalkeeping skills are encouraged to attend.

Check out some of these stars!







