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**Lugarno
Cellars**



LFC Player Profile:

Name: Samuel C

Year Started at LFC: 2016

2020 Team: U10A

Preferred Position: Centre Mid-field #10

Years with Lugarno FC: 5 – only 20 more to catch Katie

Favourite Lugarno FC memory: scoring 49 goals in the U7 & getting to the quarter-finals of the Kanga Cup

Favourite Football Team: AS Roma

Favourite Football Player: Francesco Totti

Favourite Food: Spaghetti & Meatballs

Favourite School subject: Sport

Favourite Hero: Thor & Fat Thor (Dad)

Favourite Sport other than Football: Touch footy

Favourite drink: Solo

Favourite Holiday: Colorado

Favourite Movie: Avengers Endgame

Favourite day of the week: Saturday

On Field I am Best Known For: Being a box to box midfielder who sets up goals



Match Results:

Saturday					Sunday				
AG/Div	Home Team	H	A	Away Team	AG/Div	Home Team	H	A	Away Team
U13/C	Lugarno	1	1	Oatley FC	AAW/A	Lugarno (1)	10	0	Lugarno (2)
U12/C	Bexley North	0	1	Lugarno	PWL/1	Forest Rangers	1	2	Lugarno
U16/A	Lugarno FC	1	3	Peakhurst United	O35/1	ASOW	4	1	Lugarno
U14/A	Lugarno FC	2	2	Sans Souci					
AA/B	Lugarno	1	1	Penshurst West					
AA/H	Oatley FC (2)	4	2	Lugarno					
U15/B	Lugarno	0	6	Kogarah Waratah					
AA/F	Lugarno (2)	6	2	Connells Point (1)					
AA/G	Lugarno	2	6	Sans Souci					
PLR/R	Sans Souci	3	0	Lugarno					
AA/C	Rockdale Raiders	2	3	Lugarno					
AA/D	Lugarno	2	4	Kogarah Waratah					
AA/F	Lugarno (1)	0	3	Forest Rangers					
PL1/1	Sans Souci	3	0	Lugarno					

Match Reports:

6B 1 v 6B 2

POTM: Kai S

This week the mighty U/6B1 Dream Team faced LFC 6B2's at Gannons.

The game was played in great spirit with both teams representing their team and LFC with pride.

James lead the team out as Captain for the day and showed the way with some great dribbling and clearing kicks in defence.

Xavier, Anika and Perry worked really hard all game showing great energy and teamwork, and Lachlan, Mark and Zac combined well with great skill and determine in both attack and defence.

Our player of match however was Kai who played his first game on Saturday and performed very well.

Well done dream team!



6B 2 v 6B 1

The U6B2 this weekend played the U6B1 Lugarno team, it was a great game and the boys were really excited to play.

The boys have been getting more confident each week. Mason did some good kicks up the line. We also saw Lino kick the ball towards goal a couple of times. Noah, Elias, Vinnie and Cruz did some good defending.

Overall the team had fun and came away with big smiles.



7B 1 v Connells Point

The Mighty U7B1's arrived at Poulton Park for our 8:30am kick-off and to our surprise we got to play on the Synthetic Fields - what an experience for team. Unfortunately, Benji missed his first ever game for his team in his 3rd year of football as he recovers from a medical procedure, and poor Ashe woke up not feeling the best so we played 2 players down. It so happened to be both the Coach and Manager's kids, but as is the spirit in this team, both Coach and Manager were there to do their duties and support the team.



We got off to a flyer and dominated with all kids working non-stop. Flynn scored a hatrick and hit the post too within the first 10 mins. LFC up 3-0 as Flynn was on fire and dominating through his great positional play but getting great support from all 4 of the others. Owen was on fire today and was having his best game of the year,

popping up everywhere and passing to teammates every chance he had and he actually set up Flynn with some of his great passing. Noah once again was dribbling like a mad man and beating defenders left, right and centre, just need to teach him to look for a teammate when he gets too crowded with opposition players and pass to them as a few times Flynn or Owen were free next to goal for an easy tap in. Aris and Aleck once again were getting involved and chasing things down but also working well as defenders as they stayed just behind the play and supported the boys.

We conceded a goal against the run of play and then, right on half time, we cleared a ball at halfway and it deflected off one of their players and made it's way into our goal. Still up 3-2 at the half.

Aleck started to cramp up, needed extra time on the bench (his dad confirmed he enjoyed a big breakfast) but he did get back on and the boys worked really hard to protect our lead, but we unfortunately went down 4-3 with the last goal a shot from halfway as the ref blew his whistle for full time.

Bad luck boys, but a super proud coach here with the effort you all put in as you were up against the wall today with 2 players down, dug deep and showed how tough you are. Hopefully Ashe is back this week and Benji will be the week after, he can't wait.



7B 2 v Connells Point

What a close game for our boys at Poulton Park on Saturday morning, narrowly going down to Connells Point 3-2.

A smooth goal was scored early by Wonhyup in the first half, beautifully set up by our energetic Matthew. Then Marcus showed off his skills with another excellent goal. Leon was cool, calm and collected, posing a consistent threat up the front and Tom held his own around the back. The boys showed great sportsmanship and played hard right until the end. Well done fellas!

We missed Ethan this week. Looking forward to having his liveliness back soon!



7B 4 v Carss Park

POTM: Lachlan

The team played so well today, passing, tackling and running around the field. While we were defeated 3-1, 7B4 never stopped trying and had huge smiles on their faces as they played.

Lachlan and Luke darted around the field to get possession of the ball. Ethan performed multiple saves to kick the ball away from the opposition's goal. Brody and Jensen were fantastic all rounders playing centre and backs with ease, Georgie showed her tackling skills to put pressure on the opposition and Ed played his 1st game with the team, with some big kicks executed like a pro.

Lachlan scored our goal and was awarded POTM, resulting in a victory lap around the field. Great job team!





The 7B4s - Luke, Georgie, Brody, Ethan, Jensen, Lachlan, Edmund

9B v Forest Rangers

POTM: Samuel W

It was local derby day for the 9/B1's with a big grudge match against Forest Rangers. With Terzopolous as our captain and our starting centre midfielder, the team were full of confidence starting the game. Longbottom and Porter were very strong at the back, winning possession and getting the ball forward to Jarvis and Wainwright, who created some great goal scoring opportunities. Despite some great passing and support work, we weren't able to find the back of the net and we entered half time 0-0.

Due to another commitment, Coach Nick had to leave at half time and after such a great first half, coach Nick was concerned that breaking this news might affect the team performance in the second half. As it turned out, coach Nick's concerns were misplaced; under the guidance and mentoring of coach Gio the boys second half performance was even better than their first half performance. A quick-fire goal from Kibi to start the half gave the boys an edge and we continued to pressure the Forest Rangers goal. Lucien worked tirelessly up the right wing and combined well with Lucas who was a real enforcer in defence.

Forest Rangers dragged a goal back against the run of play, however after some fine build up play Jett put away our second goal to complete the win and cap off a fine team performance. Coach Nick is now concerned about his tenure as coach and the effectiveness of his 'lucky shorts'...

After such a fine team performance it was difficult to choose a player of the match, but Wainwright stood out after shinning at right wing on the first half and in goals in the second half.

Well done team!

9I v Hurstville ZFC

POTM: Ryan

Great efforts from the team this morning, with the players holding positions, tackling, running and putting pressure on the opposition team for the entire match.

Ryan was an exceptional goalie today, we lost count of the number of saves he performed for the team. Special mentions to Lucius who put his body on the line for the team and Zoe who showed a champion effort in taking possession of the ball. Zoe was also awarded POTM for last week's game against Hurstville Minotaurs.



10B v Arncliffe Aurora

POTM: Leon

It was a cold and damp start at Arncliffe Park at 9am Saturday morning but that could not dampen the enthusiasm of the 10B players and spectators. It was also our first game with the entire 13 person squad!

After a comprehensive win in our first scheduled game and following an intensive weekly training session – we were eager to kick off! It was evident from the opening (non) whistle (the referee didn't have a whistle...) that we were up against a more formidable opponent than we played last week and we were definitely up for the challenge.



Arncliffe seemed to be a team of giants but from the start we stuck to the coaches plan, holding our positions, passing effectively and having a crack when in range.

The game was free flowing from the opening minute with a much reduced field size than last week - there was no room for error. Tackles were a lot more physical and Arncliffe were able to repel our attacking raids with solid defence.

Our super 1st half goalie Deon was diving and stopping everything that Arncliffe threw at him but unfortunately it wasn't long before Arncliffe were

able to sneak one in. While our attack was looking impressive, our defence needed to mark up a bit better as we were leaving unmarked players who were able to shoot on goal.

Coach Steve (who is a master at the Rubik's Cube) was able to solve the substitution puzzles and ensure that all of our players were having equal game time. Every Lugarno player ran on the pitch with enthusiasm and determination and our plan of running the ball up the wing and crossing into the centre to unmarked players was working, but the Arncliffe team just kept stopping our attack and making fast breakaways to turn defence into attack.

Jayden was full of running and was showing some great skill in the middle...or was it Oliver??? Kyla was everywhere and covered more ground than Burke and Wills, and Elijah started where he finished off last season, being solid in tackling and showing some attacking flair.

But the ball just wouldn't bounce our way and despite better defence from Elizabeth, Daniel and Andrew, Arncliffe went 2-0 up when a shot rocketed past the outstretched hand of 'Big D'. We were definitely missing the 'space' from a bigger and wider field. The parents who were huddled up like Himalayan explorers (socially distant of course) were enjoying a most exciting game with the ball going from end to end.



A half time chat from Steve maintained our focus and game plan and saw Kale go into goals...and what a superstar he was with so many impressive saves over the second half. Ben continued to look dangerous every time he touched the ball and was itching to unleash his lethal left foot strike and Mads was strong in the middle, loving the rough stuff and fighting for every loose ball.

The second half continued in much the same way with Lugarno FC looking the more controlling and skilled but Arncliffe effectively defending and counter attacking. And despite our many opportunities, against the run of play, Arncliffe scored again and it was 3-0.

To Lugarno's credit the kids never gave up or put their heads down and with some great team work we were able to claw one back with another goal to Leon... 3-1!

This seem to give our team an extra incentive and the tough physical battle continued and Lugarno were definitely dominating. Luca was rising to the challenge, staying solid in defence and feeding our midfielders or clearing when necessary.



But it was 'one of those games' and again, against the run of play, Arncliffe were able to score again and it was 4-1.

Unbelievably this seemed to lift us even more and in final 5 minutes we scored twice with another goal to Leon and an own goal forced by the pressure we continued to mount.

Final score 5-3 to Arncliffe!

It was a terrific game of action, excitement and suspense and one that our parents really enjoyed! Most impressive was the determination of the team and never giving up.....

The coaches and managers comments for each player:

- 1. Deon** – proved to be a superstar goalkeeper in the first half and worked tirelessly in the second half, helping set up many chances and making so many tackles. 'Big D' as he likes to be called has certainly hit the ground running at the start of the season and is putting in some big performances!
- 2. Elizabeth** – was as solid as a rock again in defence and it was great to see her organising other defenders and using her voice to get others to mark the opposition. Made a great run down the sideline and LOVES tackling – the bigger they are – the more she loves it!
- 3. Jayden** – demonstrated a lot of skill and commitment in the midfield, always being there in attack and helping out in defence, wherever the ball went – Jayden was never too far behind. Has wonderful footwork and ball control that helped set up numerous goal scoring opportunities.
- 4. Kale** – had a blinder both in the field and in goals. Kale is really learning to play to his strengths and is looking to pass and set up team mates every time he gets the ball. Shows a lot of commitment in defence as well. Kale was a superstar goalkeeper today as well – pulling off a number of saves that had the big (socially distant!) crowd 'oohing and aahing!'
- 5. Leon** – scored another 2 goals with one of the goals showing a terrific first touch to control a difficult pass and then as cool as you like slotted it past the keeper. Leon is definitely the player in the right place at the right time to score goals but also chases hard in defence and made some crucial tackles today. Our well deserved Player of the Match today!
- 6. Andrew** – continues to 'learn his trade' as a valued defender in our team. It is great to see Andrew listen carefully to instructions and then put into practice what is discussed. He is a 'coaches dream' in that he wants to listen and learn. Andrew made some important tackles that stopped attacking raids and more goals.
- 7. Daniel** – used both his brain and his body to play an impressive game today! Daniel was very determined to not let anyone around him in defence and even was the starting point of some of our attack today, passing to a midfielder or forward. Held his position so well throughout the entire game.
- 8. Ben** – made some crucial tackles which is very important for Ben as while he is often a great attacker, he showed what he can do in defence today! Ben is really holding that left edge well this year and is so reliable in crossing the ball or getting a shot on goal. He was unlucky not to hit the back of the net today.
- 9. Maddi** – loves the rough stuff and certainly let their defenders know she was there, stealing the ball from defenders and always charging through at a 100km an hour putting pressure on. Maddi is setting up a great combination with the wingers and midfielders, holding that centre forward position and always looking at scoring!

10. Kyla – was again the player who travelled the furthest today – using both her pace and brains to cover the field. A special highlight from Kyla today was that she was well set up in an attacking position but when the ball was turned over she sprinted the length of the field to make an important tackle in defence and help out the goalkeeper. Another great game Kyla!

11. Oliver – played a very solid game in both attack and defence and showed great enthusiasm and eagerness to be on the pitch. Oliver set up a number of chances today and was unlucky not to have scored. A great game in the field Oliver – keep up the great work!

12. Luca – continued to show his soccer skills by mesmerising defenders with some fancy footwork at times and helping turn defence into attack. Was a solid defender on the right edge and held his position well, being the last line of defence on the right side.

13. Elijah – Elijah put in another 100% performance, giving everything he has out on the field – always looking for work and tackling strong and doing everything he can to win the ball. Elijah is an amazing goalkeeper but it was great to have Elijah play a whole game in the field today and he was very unlucky also not to score.

Thanks again to all the parents and friends who turned up and supported the team (socially distant) of course! It is a wonderful bunch of kids and parents we have in the 10B's and we are all looking forward to the rest of the season!

Coaches – Steve & Jimmy

Goal scorers - Leon (2), one own goal

11I v Connells Point

Hip hip hooray
For Luggas today!
The orange and blue
Again came through!

The strategy mapped on Coach's board
The team plays were surely not ignored

Strong defence from Lennox, Moz and Rex in 8
Kept the field clear for a first half played straight!

Jack was back and Miles was too!
Billie scored as well, it's true.

At half time more strategy
The team come together & scored another three!

Connells Point got one goal through,
but Luggas never let it shew

Cheers Coach for skills, sportsmanship and stats for playing,
A great seasons ahead with Mr Graham 🤝

Sarah

12C v Bexley North

Won 1 – 0

Goal Scorer: Michael L

POTM: Josh & Lucas

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

Not available: Romeo, Theodore



A nice crisp morning and a short drive across to Bexley North I was feeling good about the game today!

As I grabbed the football bag and jumped out of the car, I initially thought I was at a military training camp... whistle... whistle, whistle ... then I realised it was the opposition being put through their paces by their 'army officer' 😊 ... Poor kids, they were tired before the proper whistle was blown!

With a change in Goalkeeper personnel, this time it was Lachie to protect our goal with Malachi moving into a centre midfield to add some steel to our engine room.

We started the game strongly with some neat interchanges across the pitch. Elle with some neat passing and tackling allowing Josh and Michael to get into the game early and Emmason mopping up anything that came at her.

With both Sam and Malachi running the show in the middle of the park, we continued to press. Some great work on both the flanks with Josh with his tricks and Abbie with all her tenacity pushing us forward. We pushed them back in their half and broke through their rear-guard. Penalty shouts from the sideline, but the referee didn't see it that way... whose payroll was he on I questioned myself 😊 ... it certainly wasn't ours!

With Oska, Lucas and Jordan looking strong at the back, they cleared everything up that came at them, the opposition started to become frustrated. We finished the half strongly with no goals to show for our hard work.

A quick half-time team talk to basically say... keep doing what you are doing as the opposition will tire and let the ball do the work.

Our little superstars sprang into life in the second half as they could see Bexley were there for the taking.

This time it was Lily in at left back who showed no fear putting in the tackles and Malachi full of energy seemingly getting his foot into everything to break down the midfield.

We were now on the front foot with some clever link up play and skills in the middle of the park - Tristan the drag-back king linking up with Sam, Josh and Jordan. We continued to press and boom, Michael unleashed into the back of the net to break the scoring dead-lock.

To say the Manager and Coach were a little excited would be an under-statement.

As we continued to torment Bexley with our constant threat, the pushes in the back seemed to go un-noticed by the referee. We maintained our calm, but not without one lapse in concentration that allowed them a shot on goal.

With only two touches to his name all game in goals showed just how dominant we had been. A quickly taken kick which found Jordan on the right who found the twinkle toes of Josh and Emmason, broke through the back of the defence.

The home team increasingly getting frustrated as they couldn't get near the ball, had to resort to the 'win at all costs' mentality by lashing out with an elbow to the star man in the middle, Sam, who was felled like a tree to end up in a heap on the floor! The ref finally got hold of the game and blew his whistle for a penalty.

As he hit the floor there was a shout from one of their players on the subs bench 'break their ankles'... needless to say there were a few words exchanged on the sideline.

Up stepped the freshly cut hair of Josh to take the penalty ...The nerves on the bench were high as we were hoping to make it two. Unfortunately, there must have been a brain freeze not knowing which sport he was playing ... On any given rugby day, it would have been a nice 2 pointer!

We continued to hold our steel with Lucas flying in with some nicely timed tackles as we played down the clock to see out our first three points and 1st victory of the season.

As you could tell from the post-match speech and the excitement in the manger's voice, we knew we'd been in a game. From the sideline it was a real pleasure to watch your team-work, your work-rate, the passing between one and other and in particular your composure.

I know there were a few un-timely tackles, things said by the players, elbows flying and constant pushing in the back. Let the ref do his job and keep playing the game. You certainly all did that and you should be proud of yourselves today. The coach and the manager are 😊

Trophies could have been split by a number of players today, Elle you had a cracking game as did Malachi and Oska. However, Manager's player goes to Josh for his skills and his battling whilst Coaches player today goes to Lucas for his tackling, passing and work-rate in the middle of defence.

Well done all, fantastic game to watch!

13C v Oatley RSL

Draw 1 – 1

Goal Scorer: Benji

POTM: Cooper

As both Steve and Matt were unable to get to the game, I ran the boys again this week and I have to begin with a big Thank You to the parents who were already setting up the field by the time I arrived.

Not feeling 100% my hubby warmed up the boys, spending particular time with first half goalie Cooper. We are very lucky to have two players that do a fabulous job sharing the position, when most teams are lucky to have one!

Oatley are a lovely team that I have known for a while so looked forward to a hard fought but fair game with no dramas.

Both teams had early opportunities and Cooper was having the best game he had ever played, his confidence growing with each save.

Our kids were working hard in attack, but not able to break past Oatley's large Centre Back.

Finally, our beautiful combination of passes led by Anthony and finished off by Benji found us in the lead.

However, our weakness has been in defence as we are still finding the right position for each player, and lazy marking up in the box for a corner gave Oatley the equaliser, which was disappointing but to be honest a fair result.

Man of the Match was Cooper, with special mention to Benji for a beautiful finish to his goal, and Atticus who put a stop to too many opposition attacks to mention.

14A v Sans Souci

Drew 2 – 2

Goal Scorers: Sawyer / Niko

Every team has a Greg Norman opposition team, the team they are far superior to, but something happens Game Day and your team chokes, making the time pass more painfully than it should.

Sans Souci are ours.

It wasn't pretty. Souci scored first. We scored.

One more each by games end left us feeling miserable with the draw, while Souci celebrated like it was a win. At least our goals from Sawyer and Niko were beautiful.

Special mention to Maria Leiva for her brave loyalty to our coach, Cheers Mick, at half time by crossing to Souci's side and genuinely acknowledging Souci's Goal Keeper's saves during our attacks, whilst also defending our coach when his head became a topic of discussion. 😊



AAF 2 v Connells Point

Won 6 – 2

Goal Scorers: Zobra 2 / PTN / Eddy / Harry / EW

And finally, we have opened our account for the 2020 'last dance' season with an impressive 6-2 win.

Things didn't look that good in the morning as most of us were running around at our kids matches - we had 3 players message saying they were pulling out due to injury, but a chance run in with one of our foundation players (now apparently O35 superstar), Eddy Poh, got him to come back play for us and he brought another apparent O35 superstar Jarrod 'EW' with him.

Harry, injured, said he can go keeper, which helped with our game plan of moving PTN (Pete the Neighbour) forward and our keeper Michael 'Yare' to LB. It worked a treat as PTN opened the scoring with a beautiful run and beautiful finish, then our apparent superstar Mark 'Fookin Hell' McCormack missed a penalty but then Eddy got one for us and, bang, the dangerous 2-0 up early score.

Alex finally got to the game and, seeing we were up 2-0, decided to have a run in the midfield - not a good idea for him post lockdown, and before we knew it 2-2 and he quickly moved back to Centre Back. 2-2 at the half.

We knew we needed this win and a perfect cross came in to Ian 'Zobra' which he knee, shoulder, onto his head as he made it 3-2. We then won a penalty again, which keeper Harry 'COVID-19' slotted away easily, to Mark's disgust. Jarrod then got one with Zobra finishing off his brace on the bell with a beautiful run.

But the highlight of the game was the post-game BBQ with the famous PS-40 making its debut at Gannons, with Foti 'Supercoach' cooking up a feast for the team which included Lamb Backstrap Souvlaki and Lamb 'Halal' Kafta for Jihad (like he needs any more food) on a charcoal BBQ - thank you buddy. Even the rain didn't keep us away as we enjoyed the feast and a few ales while watching our mighty AAD's play, and finally some pictures - pity none of the actually football game and apologies to the canteen for down turn in sales this week.



