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U09 / D	Lugarno (2)	0	1	ASOW	U10G/ G	Lugarno (1)	2	1	Bexley North
U11 / D	Forest Rangers	1	1	Lugarno	U12G/ B	Lugarno	1	0	ASOW
U11 / A	Lugarno	1	4	Connells Point	U14G/ B	Bexley North (1)	5	0	Lugarno (1)
U12 / A	Rockdale Suns (1)	2	0	Lugarno	U18G/ G	St George United	0	7	Lugarno
U09 / D	Oatley RSL	0	3	Lugarno (1)	U12G/ A	Lugarno	2	2	Bexley North
U13 / A	Lugarno	1	1	Carss Park	O35/ B	Lugarno	2	0	ASOW
U12 / B	Lugarno	0	5	Forest Rangers	O35/ C	Banksia Tigers	3	1	Lugarno
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U10 / B	Lugarno	1	0	Kogarah Waratah					
PLR / R	Oatley RSL	1	2	Lugarno					
U16 / B	Bexley North	1	5	Lugarno					
AA / C	Lugarno	2	1	Hurstville Minotaurs					
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Canteen & Field Set up Duty Roster for the weekend:

Date	Sat Morning Canteen & Field setup 7am – 11.30am	Sat Afternoon Canteen & Field pull down 11.30am - 5pm	Sunday Morning field setup only	Sunday field pulldown only	Fields required
Sat 31st July	U16B	U14 A			Fields 5, 6 & Midi
Sun 1st Aug			U10 Girls (1) U12 Girls B	U10 Girls (2) U14 Girls A	Midi Field 6

Match Reports:

7 Lions 1 vs Rockdale Raiders

Goal Scorers: Alex 4 / Daniel D 1 / Daniel B 1 / Luca 1

Unfortunately Jason our fearless defender while holidaying suffered a broken hand which means his season is over and we have a big 'hole' to cover at the back for the next few weeks. Speedy recovering to Jason - will be missed.

Facing the Raiders this week they looked sharp in the warm-up and they started that way, scoring the first goal of the game. Lugarno was a bit disjointed probably thinking about going to Cejay's birthday party instead of focusing on the game.

Rockdale was making all the play and their speed caused some excitement but our team was covering very well despite being off the pace.

Then Cejay from the back started a move with a great pass to Alex who went on goal and slammed in the first, the second came not long after with some fine passing again from Cejay to Alex for his second goal and his accustomed celebration. The tide was turning and the third goal was scored by Daniel B to make it 3 v 1. Closing in on halftime the boys finished off some good play for Alex to convert with a fine shot from distance 4 v 1.

Rockdale to their credit were competitive but our boys just were so determined and unrelenting.

Having no reserve the second half was a test of character for the boys.

Cejay to his credit was very solid in defence, Alex continued where he left off the first half, having a shot hit the post and the subsequent scramble on the goal line being cleared by Rockdale. The boys weren't finished, Daniel B took a pass from Cejay dribbled a player shot on goal which rolled over Luca's leg as he was watching the ball claiming the goal 5 v 1.

Daniel D once again this week brought his kicking shoes and was more involved in the game. This resulted in him getting his first goal of the season which was a great effort, all his team mates surrounded him giving him a big hug which was fun to watch 6 v 1.

To round off the day Daniel B had the ball on the halfway line, looked up and saw Alex on goal, delivered a good pass with Alex tapping in to complete the scoring 7 v 1

Good game boys well done.

7 Goats 3 vs Carss Park 1

Goal Scorer: Noah da Silva 1

POTM: Braedon James

The whole team were fired up and ready for action and it looked like our opponents may have had to forfeit due to lack of players but at the last minute they secured key players from another team and what a lucky find they were for Carss Park.

Tom started the action with fast travelling down the pitch followed by a close attempt at goal and he continued to work hard throughout the match. At one point he had a quick genuflect before kicking the ball as he realised we may need some divine intervention to fend off the opposition's ring-in striker.

Jamie Lee was strong in attack and had a courageous side sweep just missing the goal and with her best friend Zoe the girls kept the heat on by constantly getting stuck in and turning the ball around. Zoe's attacking won her the ball many times and she took off like lightening down the field.

Noah showed us his fearless defence skills with several nail biting saves and he also scored our only goal which was perfectly lined up from the right hand side and flew straight past our opponents.

Alanna was on attack and in all of the action with her little legs running at full speed and some great teamwork with Tom nearly resulted in a hard fought goal. Jack also kept the pressure on with his attack and had an attempt at goal which was blocked by the crowd of Carss Park players in goal.

Braedon had a brilliant game of defence and showed good ball skills in turning the ball around and he also had a close call to goal. His consistent performance earned him player of the match.

A great game team and we are very proud of your determination and love of the game.

8 Fish 1 vs St George United

Saturday 17th July

A beautifully sunny winter's day greeted us at Gannons Park for our latest game. With Matthew and Jayden M away we were down to the minimum 5 players, but luckily Alexis Malouf from 8 Fish 2 helped us out.

Despite losing the game by a good margin, anyone who watched the game would conclude that this was an evenly matched game. We made enough breaks on their goal to score many goals, with every team member having a good chance to score a goal. But as has been happening frequently this season, the opposition place a player in goal to act as a 'goalkeeper'. This results in our team finding it hard to score despite being in great scoring positions. Despite me asking the referee to ask the opposition to move the player out of goal they would invariably move back there under instruction from their coach. I don't like this tactic and do not encourage my team to do it as it results in one player not actually playing any football; rather they are a barrier at the goals. I want to encourage all of the boys on our team to try and play football and hopefully enjoy the experience.

Every player can be proud of their efforts during the game in which we kept our spirits up and competed well. Jack hit the post with a great shot early in the game, Jaden A worked hard in defence and had a shot that went wide. Marcus was busy and had a one on one with their 'goalkeeper' but couldn't quite finish. Andrew had multiple chances to score and also chased hard to make a great goal saving tackle. Thomas scored our only goal of the game, but also had another fantastic shot that was saved by their 'goalkeeper'. Alexis proved that she can compete with the boys making many tackles and coming close to scoring on multiple occasions.

Well done to the team, keep up the hard work and you will be rewarded.

Many thanks to Antoinette Armano for washing the team jerseys this week.

8 Fish 1 vs Ramsgate RSL

Saturday 24th July

This was a strange game that proved to be a missed opportunity for a win. We arrived to find that the opposition only had 4 players so we agreed to play 4 v 4 as at that time we only had 4 players present. To make things interesting our jerseys had not arrived so the boys wore their blue Lugarno SC polo shirts, one problem Ramsgate were also in blue. That didn't seem to worry the boys as we got off to a flying start via a long range goal from Matthew. Ramsgate hit back, but then straight from the kick-off Andrew got the ball dribbled around a playing and scored a great goal. Our late comers and jerseys arrived and as substitutions were made, so the boys put their orange jerseys on. Ramsgate scored some quick goals and then we hit back through another goal from Andrew. At half time I encouraged the boys that this game was there to be won although we were behind.

We started the second half well and traded goals with Ramsgate as Matthew got his second goal. Jaden A was working hard in defence and trying to bring the ball forward with purpose. Thomas was busy as usual and yet again came close to scoring but just missed out. Jack was chasing hard and could have bagged a goal with some more luck. Marcus switched from lone defender into attack and also came close to scoring. Although we were trying hard Ramsgate were finishing their chances with greater accuracy. Andrew grabbed his third goal to complete a hat trick but also hit the post and just missed after a mazy run as he dribbled past three Ramsgate players. Matthew also could have got more goals if he had been a little more patient.

Well done boys, keep trying hard and working for each other.

Many thanks to Heidi Welton for washing the team jerseys this week.

Goal Scorer: Lachie 1

On a warm, sunny and distinctly un-July morning, the Lugarno 9A's swarmed onto the field, fresh from last week's draw with fire in their bellies and Phar Lap's will to win.

The question on everyone's lips was – could they repeat last week's heroics or would they succumb to second-up syndrome? Only time (and the scoreboard) would tell....

From the kick-off it was obvious that our favourite foes had revenge on their minds, as they proceeded to spend the majority of the first term camped in our half like the Knipps in a caravan park at Christmas.

Most of the boys seemed a little tentative, with the exception of Harry, whose hassling (albeit on the smallest player on the park) was a sight to behold. He was more annoying than a Justin Beiber ballad – he just wouldn't go away!

The Jonah-zone was again the focus of activity early in the match, the man of steel proving his worth with some fine saves and humungous ball heaves. He had obviously been working on some new skills during the week, with his gymnastic splits and 'evil eye' deflecting the ball and the defender like a hobo's body odour.

The crowd were tight with tension – shouting words of encouragement at every opportunity. The far side of the field were particularly vocal, with Dave's customary "Come on LUGGAARRRNOOHHHH" for once outdone by Richard's "STOP BALL WATCHING!!" which stopped everyone!! Still not quite sure what (who?) he was referring to...

The backs, as usual were rock solid. Nathan was in his element, flashing from one side of the field to the other like a Klingon at warp speed.

Mitchell was "The Rock" – fearless, ultra consistent and unwavering in his determination to keep the ball away from the danger zone.

Brennan returned to the backs for the second week and proved a force again with those thunder boots connecting with everything in their path – leather or flesh (and in one case, very nearly an opposition player's earlobe).

There wasn't a great deal for the forwards to do as most of the half was spent defusing Rockdale's raids, but they made the most of their limited opportunities.

Despite being marginally outplayed by Rockdale in the first half, the score line remained at a tense nil-all as snakes were scoffed and Grandmaster George consulted his tactics folder to confirm the plan conjured up with Coach Elvis during the week. It was time to bring on the secret weapon...

Enter the super-sub, Nickolas, decked out in Sponge-Bob Square-Pants yellow for his semi-regular appearance as goalie. The Jonah-zone had morphed into the Nick Shack – Rockdale beware!

The injection of fresh legs enabled Jonah to have a lope in defence, pushing Brennan forward to the left wing, and the change in attitude was palpable. The forwards started to get more possession, and the momentum of the game started to swing.

Erik was as dynamic as ever; his footwork fancier than Michael Flatley in a Riverdance moment as he made two classic breaks in rapid succession. The first attempt went just wide, the second went in the net, but was deemed offside by the ref. Disappointed but not deterred, the boys forged on.

Mark was pesteringly persistent, pressuring the opposition into coughing up possession, and slipping perfectly proportioned passes through to the support.

James brought his usual brand of brilliance, darting up the sidelines and ducking through the midfield like a baddie in a B Grade movie.

Tyron was rampant in the forward line, and had obviously been practising his acting skills. His '*Oh-c'mon-that-was-soooo-a-free-kick*' pose impressed the spectators, however the ref was unmoved. Everyone's a critic.....

With just minutes to go Rockdale got their act together and made a break down the middle of the park. In a swan dive that rivalled Matthew Mitcham, Nick snatched the ball from the twitching toes of

the Rockdale attack, but it was forced free when he hit the ground with a thud that was probably heard in Mortdale. As if in slow motion, the striker wound up to finish it off. Spectators held their breath as one, waiting for the screams of delight from the opposite side of the field. Like a dog with a string of sausages, Jonah stormed to the ball, and pounded it over the sideline before the foes feet could find the net. PHEW!!

The boys now fired up, attacking in earnest and peppering the Rockdale goal like a Masterchef contestant in a mystery box challenge.

Lachie was inspiring, leading from the front with a deadly sidestep stolen straight from David Campese. With seconds on the clock, he weaved his way past 4 defenders, before thumping the ball past the grasping hands of a desperate Rockdale goalie. The celebrations on the sidelines were only exceeded by the players themselves - hugging like a rugby scrum and whooping with joy.

Counting down the last seconds was like having teeth pulled (sorry Jim). As the final whistle blew, the screams of delight knew no bounds!

A huge thanks to Nick who put his body on the line for his "2nd team" – love your work!

Congratulations boys – you are getting better and better as the pointy end of the season approaches. Keep playing like you are and the sky is the limit!!

9D (1) vs Oatley RSL

Won 3 - 0

Goal Scorers: James Leftakis 3

POTM: Stephen Theodoridis

Despite predictions to the contrary the rain managed to stay away from Gannons Park as Lugarno faced Oatley RSL for the second successive week.

The Lugarno players were constantly reminded in the lead up to the game to effectively erase memories of last week's 7-0 win and focus on the game as it represents a new game. The principle that past results account for nothing quickly became evident with Lugarno went straight onto the attack from kick-off and virtually remained camped in Oatley's RSL's half.

Numerous goal scoring opportunities were wasted during the first half. With Oatley RSL struggling to launch any attacking raids against the Lugarno half, Lugarno's defensive unit comprising of Peter, Evander and Harris started to venture further and further forward to join the midfield duo of Stephen and Mitchell, and our frustrated attacking line-up comprising of Harry, Jack and James.

Our first half goalkeeper Raffi was virtually isolated from the rest of the team and the game as Lugarno sustained the pressure by earning countless corners and inventing new ways of missing goal scoring opportunities.

The frustration was certainly affecting the parents and team supporters lined behind the sidelines who became very animated.

With the referee blowing the whistle for halftime the Lugarno side came off the field fully aware that their wonderful effort and commitment during the first half was not adequately rewarded by the football gods or reflected on the score line which stood at 0-0.

Team talk at the break was very simple but to the point as coach Hagop reminded the boys that while they were in total control of the game they now needed to start converting their goal scoring chances into goals. An emphasis was also placed on passing and support play, and the defensive unit was reminded to remain alert at all times concerning the odd Oatley RSL counter attack that may produce a shock goal against the run of play.

Within two minutes of the commencement of the second half, James embarked on his trademark run by surging into the Oatley RSL penalty area then by-passed a couple of Oatley defenders in the penalty box remained composed to shoot pass the advancing Oatley RSL goalkeeper to help open the goal scoring account for Lugarno.

The Lugarno supporters leaped to their feet at the great second half start which brought to an end the frustration of players and supporters alike.

With the pattern for the second half established so early, Lugarno launched attacking raid after attacking raid and the goals started to flow. A second goal was perfectly executed by James who went ahead to grab his second successive hat-trick.

Lugarno's third and final goal proved to be a bit fortunate with a miss-hit shot from James successfully eluding the Oatley RSL defenders and goalkeeper to just roll into the Oatley RSL goals.

Taking a 3-0 lead gave an overall confidence to the team that the game was now safe. The players were however reminded to maintain their positions as Oatley RSL launched a couple of attacking raids that were effectively dealt with by our second half goal-keeper Mitchell.

A potentially dangerous match had been won. While the final score line of 3-0 was well short from the previous week's 7-0 win, playing the same team in successive weeks can be tricky especially if the previous week's win proves to be a comfortable one.

Checking the results of other games in our division that is exactly what occurred. Teams that were defeated last week bounced back to either score victories or to draw against the same opposition this week. So it was pleasing that the curse of "overconfidence" was successfully overcome.

Good effort boys and let us maintain the effort leading up to the finals.

9D (2) vs ASOW

Lost 0 - 1

Like a Channel Nine re-run of Top Gear we took on ASOW for the second week in a row. Our team began warm-ups as usual before Captain Omar lead them to the centre of the field. Showing the skills of an experienced ANZAC two-up specialist, Omar won the toss and elected to kick off.

The old 'E' boys began a little sluggishly. They were slow to reach the ball allowing the opposition to dominate possession. ASOW were prepared after completing their homework on us. Their line-up for today's game had changed.

Michael was on his toes as ASOW probed for weaknesses in our defence. Finally, ASOW found a crack and cut free down the left hand side. Scrambling to defend, Isaac and Jack mowed them down faster than 'Jims Mowing Service'.



9D (2) boys preparing for the corner

Like unwelcome squatters ASOW set-up camp around the penalty box. Lugarno held tight for what seemed like an eternity, when ASOW was awarded a corner. The corner kick and ensuing mix up allowed the ball to enter our penalty box area. There was confusion everywhere and finally the score card had been marked up. We were 1-Nil down.

Ironically, it was a corner kick that provided us with an opportunity to score our first goal against ASOW the previous week.

The team regrouped and started all over again. Their tireless attempts could not stop the surrender of possession which appeared faster

than goods in a liquidation sale. ASOW continually replaced their tired players with fresh reserves. Half time was a welcome break for our lads who were showing signs of fatigue.

At the end of the coach's talk, the boys made a pact to boost their efforts as they aimed up for the commencement of the second half. Apart from a couple of good counter-attacks, handled well by Dean and Isaac, the second half saw Jake, Alex and Nicholas making like Blaxland, Lawson & Wentworth trying to climb over the top of ASOW. They continued to explore for a path to the back of their net.

All the ASOW troops dropped back in defence knowing that if they kept us out the game would be theirs. Jake broke free of the traffic and only had the goal-keeper to beat. Unfortunately he did not quite convert this opportunity into a goal.

As time marched on the beads of perspiration on the Coach's forehead become prominent on a cold winter's morning!

Captain Omar was moved up front to stack the midfield. The boys lifted their work rate as per their half time pact and were rewarded with a number of opportunities. However, the ball was sprayed wide of the target each time. Liam took a shot through the middle but was well covered by the opposition's goalkeeper who was being protected by the ASOW back three. Lugarno dug deep and showing more heart than an organ donor's convention, rallied again and again.

The final whistle sounded bringing to an end our formidable 14 game winning streak. ASOW rightly celebrated while Lugarno proudly shook their hands - one of our young players was heard telling the opposition that they were a 'cool' team.

Good effort and sportsmanship boys.

10 Girls (2) vs Connells Point **Lost 0 - 2**

Facing another top 4 team in Connells we knew it would be a test but the girls were ready. Supercoach had the match plan and the girls were terrific again with Reyhan leading the way in the 1st half in goals with some super saves. Olivia kept up her good form with a busy game in midfield and Stef and Sunetra were dangerous with a couple of excellent breaks. Maddie kept things steady at the back with Lucinda and we were only down 0-1 at half time.

The second half was another great effort from the girls and even some shirt pulling from the opposition could not stop our enthusiasm. The midfield of Erin, Julia and Monique was very solid and Marnie's header brought the crowd back to full voice. Unfortunately we went down 0-2 but we know we can beat them and with our semi chances still alive we will hopefully get another chance.

11D vs Forest Rangers **Drew 1 - 1**

Goal Scorer: Danny Martins 1

Round 15 was a short away trip to Gannons 1 for the clash of two sides dead locked in second spot with the same amount of goals scored as conceded. The ref got proceedings underway and for the first 15 or so the "Lugarnians" had total control of the match in both territory and possession, the only thing we were not controlling was our finishing and the score board.

The pressure eventually resulted in a penalty being awarded and young Daniel stepped up to put his trusty left foot to work. He buried it, however the ref recalled it as he had not blown his whistle. Shot number two hit the post and Rangers had dodged a bullet (was it going to be one of those days?). On one of the rare occasions the opposition entered our half they cracked a speculator from good distance which deflected off a defender and hit the back of the net. Seano's first touch in 20 minutes was to pick the ball up out of the back of the net. The opposition happily took their goal lead to the break.

The second half trend was much the same as the first although Rangers were hitting us on the counter a little more as the kids pressed for an equaliser. Eventually the pressure took its toll as Julian, with a charging run into the box, was brought down from behind for a definite penalty and the ref was having none of the 'he got the ball' cries from the hopefuls in green. Danny was asked to step up again and, to his credit, stayed composed and brought us level to set up a tense 4 remaining minutes. The kids pressed hard but in the end had to share the spoils. While we were all disappointed we did not get the much needed three points after a dominant performance, the team is in good form and need to re focus for another important match next week.

Nothing has changed as all sides in the top four drew, so as in real life the table still resembles the M5 in peak hour.

12 Girls B vs ASOW**Won 1 - 0****Goal Scorers:** Sarah Borg ½ / Tess Ruz ½

Game 15 of the year was against the last placed ASOW team.

For the first time in what seems like months, we had every girl available and the luxury of having 2 reserves.

The backs were Melissa, Mia, Codie and Abigeal who all worked really hard this week and managed to limit the shots on goal to just a few.

With help from the backs, Maree really never looked like getting beaten and was able to easily stop anything coming her way.

The midfielders were Bianca, Eliza, Tess, Georgia, Tadum and Gabriella. A lot of the game was played in the middle of the park and our girls generally had the better of play which meant that we were able to create a few more opportunities than our opposition.

Sarah and Kaylie played strongly as forwards and I am a little unsure as to who got the goal so I have called it ½ each to Sarah and Tess. Sarah had a nice shot on goal on the angle which the keeper fumbled and the ball was rolling into the goal. What we don't know is whether the ball had crossed the line before Tess came flying in and finished it off just in case.

The win means we are only 1 point away from 4th spot so if we can manage a win or 2 from our last 3 games, it is possible we can finish 4th and play in the semis which would be a terrific achievement given that half the team are playing football for the first time this year.

Well done ladies...

14A vs St George United**Drew 3 - 3****Goal Scorers:** Jarrod Radcliffe 1 / Brandon Kubiak 1 / Jake Kubiak 1

Game 14 of the year saw us play the last placed St George United away.

In typical Lugarno fashion, we started the game slowly and it wasn't long before we were one goal down, letting in possibly our second softest goal of the season...the softest was last week!!!!

Unfortunately we were guilty of treating the game as a training run and were guilty of having shot after shot from 25 to 30 metres out rather than trying to build some team work and create proper shots on goal.

There were some points in the game when we did play some nice football, particularly our first goal where some nice passing saw Jarrod down the left side finishing perfectly across the keeper. Brandon got the second after he was left unmarked which gave him a chance to steady himself and beat the keeper with a nice strike. The third was a free kick from distance taken perfectly by Jake and above the keeper's head.

Apart from the above, there was some ordinary defence and a general lack of urgency against a team that was trying desperately hard despite their poor season. As it goes in football, St George had 4 shots on goal and knocked 3 in. We had probably 20 shots on goal for our 3 and hit the post on one occasion.

Some much tougher games coming up and then the semis so it is time for the boys to lift...

14Girls B (2) vs Forest Rangers Drew 0 - 0

Today was the local grudge match between Lugarno and Rangers.

Rangers are currently in the top 3 but our girls came ready to play.

The game see-sawed back and forth all day with some great chances saved by both goalies. The girls had some assistance from the U12GA's which meant for the first time in 4 weeks we had a full team and some reserves. At the end of the day a draw was a fair result for the way both teams

fought all day. Our thanks to the U12GA's girls who helped us out after playing a game jut before ours - Katie, Ashleigh, Selina and Sophie.

Well done girls, it just goes to show that when we have a full team we can give any other team a run for their money.

16Girls A vs Sans Souci Drew 0 - 0

OUTSTANDING..... What a great game....!!! Nil all but this game felt like we won the World Cup...! Sue and I are proud of the display you all put on today. You all played as a team, had fun, passed the ball around and defended and thoroughly entertained all your supporters.

I would not have liked to have been sitting in the Sans Souci camp after the game, sounded like they were in the bad books, probably headed straight off to the Wanda Surf Hills.

Highlight number 1: Belinda Lombardo (14's) played the whole game in goals and as much as I wanted to give Belinda a run on the field she was an absolute rock in goals and has some massive saves.. Thank you from the whole team...

Highlight number 2: Miki... do I need to say anymore...it is a shame Miki missed so many games through injury...not only does she have a great clearing kick, she is very relaxed under pressure...

A big thanks to Georgina and Emily for helping us out...you girls always play great soccer with us.

DAME of the GAME.....Way too hard to choose...so you all get 1 point...GREAT WORK GIRLS.

18Girls vs St George United Won 7 - 0

Goal Scorers: Rebecca Radcliffe 3 / Stephanie Rizoski 3 / Caitlin Goman 1

Another good game by the girls today, against an understrength St George Utd side. St George started the game with 9 players and just defended the whole time. Another girl showed up soon after kick off, but they were still 1 short all game. Caitlin G is goals for the first half did not touch the ball and, if not for the lovely sunny weather, would have frozen! However, it took our girls about 20 mins to break through their 'wall', with Rebecca able to score a couple of goals almost back to back. About 10 mins later Steph was able to score her first goal of the day, with Laura almost getting one soon after. We went to the break with the score at 3-0.

At the break, coach Paul (Irish), urged the girls to lift their game and practise proper passing, to prepare for when we meet the better teams in the semis.

With a win looking certain, Paul decided to give Caitlin G a run on the field as striker and Maddy was put into goals for the second half. Steve decided a bit of dad/daughter bonding time in the goal mouth would keep her from total boredom, however Maddy was actually forced to make 2 good saves when the St George strikers managed to outrun our defenders! Steph and Rebecca were able to complete their hat tricks, and the cheers went up from the girls and the sidelines when Caitlin was also able to score a goal!! Great work for a goalie!!

Next week's game will be more of a challenge girls as we are playing the team sitting just under us on the ladder, with a couple of girls unavailable. But on the positive side we finally get Nicola back after 5 weeks in the Greek islands, so hopefully she will be raring to go!!!

With the finals starting in a couple of weeks, we need to make sure **everyone** turns up to training and on time please.

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