



The Congo

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State Cup Knockout Competition Match Wednesday 19th August 2009 Premier League 1st Grade

vs St Matthews at Jones Park (2), Banks St Merrylands West
(UBD 210, N6), at 8.00pm.
Meet at Jones Park No Later than 7.30am

This Week's Competition Matches Saturday 22nd August 2009

Under 6 vs Newington (Red) at Phillips Park, at 9.00am.
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 8.30am

Under 7 vs Newington (Green) at Wilson Park, Newington Rd
Silverwater (UBD Map 212 F7) at 11.00am.
Meet at Wilson Park No Later than 10.30am

Under 9 vs Guildford McCredie at Everley Park Everley Rd South
Granville (UBD 231 F12), Everley Rd South Granville (UBD 231
F12), at 10.00am.
Meet at Everley Park No Later than 9.30am

Under 11 vs St Bernadettes (12 - Eagles) at Excelsior Park (1) (Eric
Mobbs Reserve) Excelsior Ave Castle Hill (UBD 171 D6) at
12.00pm.
Meet at Excelsior Park St No Later than 11.30am

Presentation Day

ATTENTION ALL CLUB MEMBERS

The annual Presentation and Picnic day will once again be held at Phillips Park.

This year the Presentation day will be held on October 25 commencing at 11.30am.

Activities include age races, BBQ lunch, fun & games and climaxing in the presentation
of trophies where EVERY junior player will receive a trophy.

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RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED 15TH AUGUST 2009

Under 6s drew with OLQP Falcons 3-3 at Daniel St Park:

The under sixes took on OLQP at Daniel St Park. It was an exciting game with Yasser Alseady playing up front this week and was rewarded for his efforts with two thumping

goals. Justin Chan-Frias provided many photo opportunities with his slide tackling and also put a goal away. Fantastic effort from the whole side who played till the last

second of the match, and were unlucky not to come away with a win. Top performers this week were Brandon Thai, George Faingataa and Connor Smith.

BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to the following players who are celebrating their birthdays' this month.

James Lawandos (U/9) 3/8, Abraham Hamdan (U/7) 14/8, Samuel Harris (U/7) 16/8, Keegan Murray (U11) 25/8, Khaled Hamdan (U11) 28/8,

Under 7s lost to Wentworthville Uniting 1-3 at Philips Park:

In the first match of the day at Phillips Park, Lidcombe faced off against Wentworthville Uniting. The locals started well constantly pressuring the Wentworthville goal, with shots from Salim Mhajer, Calvin Iturra and Alex Isaacs being saved by an outstanding Wentworthville keeper. Such was Lidcombe's dominance in the first half that Wentworthville had only one long range shot on goal which unfortunately sailed over goalkeeper Blake Batchelor's head and into the back of the net. This one shot gave

Wentworthville a 1-0 lead which they were able to hang onto until half time. The second half was a more even contest with Lidcombe still having the better of field position. Unfortunately, as in the first half, Wentworthville would score from their only two visits near the Lidcombe goal. Towards the end of the match Lidcombe were rewarded for their dominance with Salim Mhajer getting one past the keeper to finally put his team on the score sheet. The final score line of 1-3 does not accurately reflect the dominance of Lidcombe in this match.

Lidcombe did however learn a valuable lesson from this match. When things are not going your way in a match you sometimes have to try twice as hard and make an extra effort to help your team, and not rely on the same players every week to win the match for you! Best performers for Lidcombe this week were Calvin Iturra, Arzycki De Vera and Athavan Nithiananthan. While Abraham Hamdan, Samuel Harris, Blake Batchelor, Salim Mhajer and Alex Isaacs were strong in patches.

Under 9s Defeated OLQP Falcons (P) 1-0 at Phillips Park:

The Under 9 team took on fourth placed OLQP at Phillips Park in what was to be another exciting match Lidcombe turned it on again and showed great ball control, team work and determination. Hamze Taha shone in goals during the first half with his calm play and great clearing kicks.

James Lawandos and Chris May continued to hold the defence together and calmly set up attacking raids feeding the ball to midfielders Mitchell Djelevski and Andrew Lylo. It was from one of these raids that Ibrahim Taha latched onto a ball that Andrew Lylo crossed to give the

locals the lead at half time.

The second half continued much the same as the first with both side having their share of the ball but it was Lidcombe who ran out 1-0 victors thanks to their superior ball control and true Congo spirit.

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED 8TH AUGUST (CONT)

Under 11s defeated St Bernadettes (11- Eagles) 1-0 at Excelsior Park:

Heading into the game last Saturday against St Bernadettes (Eagles), the under 11 competition leaders, we were 2 points behind them, but an impressive team effort saw the side come away from Excelsior Park with 1 – 0 victory which has now taken them to the top of the competition ladder.

In the first half running down the hill the team played mainly in the opposition's half, creating many scoring chances and they probably should have been ahead by more than just the one goal which was scored by Eloise Tanti who showed good positional sense to be on the spot to tap the ball in following a cross from the left wing.

It was always going to be harder running up the hill in the second half, but the team defended determinedly and still managed a few attacking raids on the opposition's goals. Anthony Boustani should probably have scored after one particularly good run, but he took his shot from probably a bit too far out. However these were the instructions from the coach before the game so it was pleasing to see that he was listening.

St Bernadettes only had one real chance to score and this came about in the second half when a misdirected pass saw two St Bernadettes attackers in front of our goals with only our keeper to beat. Fortunately, Patrick Murray came to the rescue with a brilliant save, diving at the feet of the opposition players

to claim the ball. This was the only time in the game, apart from taking goal kicks, that our keeper had to touch the ball.

As mentioned above, an excellent team effort with all players contributing. They certainly took notice of pre-game instructions to be "hungry" and first to the ball. It was also pleasing to see so many of the players willing to head the ball when the situation required it.

Special mention should be made of Daniel Kratz's defensive efforts at sweeper and Ibrahim Annous' strong play at stopper. Also, the team was lucky that Eloise got the doctor's clearance to play after recently recovering from swine flu as she had a busy game (including a few headers) and, of course, she scored the match winner.

Competition Tables as at 15th August 2009

Under 11

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Bernadettes (12T)	15	15	0	0	44	4	45
OLQP Falcons (12Q)	15	11	1	3	41	11	34
Lidcombe Chs (11)	15	9	3	3	27	8	30
St Bernadettes (11E)	15	9	1	5	28	10	28
OLQP Falcons (12P)	15	8	1	6	42	19	25
St Bernadettes (12E)	15	7	1	7	37	22	22
St Bernadettes (11L)	15	7	1	7	20	21	22
Wentworthville (12)	15	3	1	11	13	38	10
OLOR (11 White)	15	1	1	13	2	57	4
OLQP Falcons (11)	15	0	0	15	1	65	0

Under 9

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
OLQP Falcons (Q)	14	12	1	1	29	4	40
Guildford McCredie	13	9	1	3	21	5	34
Newington Gunners	13	8	2	3	27	9	32
OLQP Falcons (P)	13	7	2	4	28	11	29
OLOR (Green)	13	5	3	5	30	16	24
OLOR (White)	14	6	2	6	25	22	23
Lidcombe Churches	13	3	1	9	13	25	16
St Bernadettes	13	2	2	9	4	35	14
Wentworthville	14	0	2	12	1	51	5