



The Congo

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650!

THREE GAMES TO THE RECORD!

Last Saturday JAMES "PC" MAY played his 650th game for Lidcombe and remains well on track to shortly overtake KEN "KJ" JAMES' existing club record of 652 games.

James' first game was on 7 April 1979 in the Under 8s side coached by Ray "Curly" James and he will play his 653rd game on **Saturday June 19** in the Premier Reserves match against Wentworthville Uniting at Phillips Park.

"OBO" CLOSING IN ON HIS 500TH!

Despite the aching knees and chronic back injuries veteran PETER "OBO" OBEREMOK celebrated his 498th game last Saturday with another vintage display for the Premier League First Grade in their 1-1 draw with St Matthews.

Peter, who commenced playing for the Congs in Ray James' Under 8s in 1974, will become only the eleventh Lidcombe player to reach the magical 500 game mark on **Saturday June 5** in the First Grade match against St Patricks at Phillips Park.

SIX-A-SIDE SATURDAY JUNE 12

Don't forget that all senior and junior Saturday competition matches will take a break on **Saturday June 12** as the annual Churches Six-a-side competition will once again be held at Everley Park, South Granville. All junior sides are scheduled to take part in the Six-a-side.

ASSOCIATION RESULTS - 22nd MAY

Under 8			
OLOR R	0	Lidcombe	5
St Bern E	0	Guild R	6
OLQP P	0	Newington	1

PREMIER LEAGUE - RESERVES			
Lidcombe	0	St Matts	0
WASPS	2	St Colum	2
St Pats	2	Wenty	3

Under 10			
Guild R	2	OLOR W	0
Newington	1	Guild W	1
Lidcombe	3	St Bern L	0
OLQP Q	7	Wenty	0
OLQP P	0	OLOR G	1

PREMIER LEAGUE - FIRSTS			
Lidcombe	1	St Matts	1
WASPS	5	St Colum	2
St Pats	3	Wenty	1

UNDER 11/12			
Wenty	3	St Bern 12E	1
OLQP	3	St Bern T	1
OLQP 12	0	OLOR W	0
St Bern 12L	1	Lidcombe 12	1
Newington	Bye		

COMPETITION LADDERS 22nd MAY

UNDER 8s:

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
1	Lidcombe	7	7	0	0	29	4	25	21
2	Guildford R	7	6	0	1	41	5	36	18
3	New'ton	7	5	0	2	17	6	11	15
4	St Bern(E)	7	2	0	5	6	21	-15	6
5	OLQP (P)	7	1	0	6	6	25	-19	3
6	OLOR R	7	0	0	7	0	38	-38	0

PREMIER LEAGUE - RESERVES:

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
1	St Pats	8	5	0	3	19	10	9	15
2	St Col	8	4	3	1	15	7	8	15
3	Wenty	8	4	1	3	13	7	6	13
4	Lidcombe	8	3	2	3	9	13	-4	11
5	WASPS	8	3	1	4	10	13	-3	10
6	St Matts	8	0	3	5	2	18	-16	3

UNDER 10s:

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
1	OLQP Q	7	7	0	0	38	0	38	21
2	OLQP P	7	5	1	1	16	4	12	16
4	Guildford W	7	4	2	1	15	11	4	14
3	New'ton	7	3	2	2	14	6	8	11
6	Lidcombe	7	3	1	3	12	15	-3	10
5	OLOR W	7	3	0	4	16	12	4	9
7	OLOR G	7	3	0	4	6	11	-5	9
8	Guildford R	7	3	0	4	6	12	-6	9
9	St Bern L	7	1	0	6	3	23	-20	3
10	Wenty	7	0	0	7	1	33	-32	0

PREMIER LEAGUE - FIRSTS:

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
1	WASPS	8	8	0	0	24	7	17	24
2	St Pats	8	5	0	3	14	10	4	15
3	St Matts	8	3	3	2	18	13	5	12
4	Lidcombe	8	2	3	3	15	19	-4	9
5	Wenty	8	2	0	6	12	23	-11	6
6	St Col	8	0	2	6	7	18	-11	2

UNDER 11s/12s:

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
1	Wenty #	7	6	1	0	21	5	16	19
2	St Bern 12E#	7	5	1	1	29	5	24	16
3	St Bern 12L #	7	5	1	1	17	7	10	16
4	Lidcombe	7	4	3	0	24	3	21	15
5	OLQP #	7	5	0	2	15	14	1	15
6	OLQP 12#	7	2	1	4	2	15	-13	7
7	New'ton #	7	2	0	5	8	18	-10	6
8	St Bern T#	7	1	1	5	5	25	-20	4
9	OLOR W	7	0	2	5	1	30	-29	2

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THIS WEEK'S MATCHES: SATURDAY 29th MAY 2010

- Junior teams meet at their ground 30 minutes before kick-off.
- Premier League teams meet at their ground at 1.00pm.

GROUND LOCALITY:

- DANIEL ST PARK: Daniel Street Greystanes
- EVERLEY PARK: Everley Street South Granville
- WILSON PARK: Newington Road Silverwater

Under 6 (B): vs OLQP (P) at Daniel St Park (2A) at 9.00am.

Under 6 (G): vs OLQP (W) at Daniel St Park (2B) at 10.00am.

Under 7: vs Newington Gunners (Red) - Phillips Park at 11.00am.

Under 8: vs Newington Gunners at Wilson Park at 11.00am.

Under 10: vs Guildford McCredie Uniting (Red) at Everley Park (1) at 12noon.

Under 12: vs OLQP (12) at Phillips Park 1 at 12noon.

Premier: vs St Columbas Castle Hill at Phillips Park 1 at 1.30pm/3.15pm.

Results of Congs Matches – 22nd May 2010

Under 6s (Blue) vs OLOR/St Angelas (White) at Phillips Park:

No report received at time of printing.

Under 6s (Gold) lost OLOR/St Angelas (Green) 0-10 at Phillips Park:

The team played OLOR/St Angelas (Green) last Saturday at Phillips Park at 11.00am.

Although the score showed 10-0 to OLOR the kids still had a lot of fun, to say the least!

Aidan Curran had a great game on the field first half and was excellent in goals second half.

Adam Mhajer played hard and successfully stole the ball a few times and made some good breaks.

Aydan Hamdan also displayed some good defence but on the day St Angelas were just too strong for our learning side.

Under 7s defeated St Bernadettes (Lions) 6-1 at Eric Mobbs Reserve:

There must have been a blue moon shining over Eric Mobbs Reserve last Saturday!

Reason was that for the first time in recorded history Coach Daniel James found his OWN WAY to this far-flung outpost ground up at Castle Hill!

With only FOUR players taking the field Lidcombe faced a tough battle but managed to keep the scores locked at 1-1 until reinforcements arrived.

From then on it was one-way traffic as Lidcombe piled on five more goals to run out easy 6-1 winners.

George Faingataa found the net on four occasions while Justin Chan-Frias netted the other two goals.

The goalscorers and Serhan Kol were Lidcombe's best.

Reports haven't been received as yet if the successful Coach managed to find his way back home!

Under 8s defeated OLOR/St Angelas (Red) 5-0 at Kellyville Park:

Last Saturday competition leaders the Under 8s travelled to Kellyville to take on OLOR and came away with a convincing 5-0 win.

With a full team ready to go the boys started in the positions that they were accustomed to with Christopher May in goals for the first half.

It was a tough first half and Chris made a number of very good saves.

Lidcombe's first goal came from Abraham Hamdan and it was his first goal this year. Later on Salim Mhajer scored to take Lidcombe to 2-0. Liam Curran made some excellent runs from the back and was rewarded with a long-range goal two minutes before half time

The second half came and OLQP were facing the sun. Lidcombe received a penalty

right which Chris May narrowly missed.

However Chris got his proverbial back up and scored shortly after!

Liam Curran scored right next to the post leaving Lidcombe with a 5-0 win.

Best for Lidcombe in a very good team display were Alex Maljevac, Abraham Hamdan and Brian Lam.

Under 10s defeated St Bernadettes (Lions) 3-0 at Phillips Park :

Luckily the rain held off last Saturday as it was a home game!

We were up against the ninth-placed team on the competition ladder which I was hoping would increase many of the players confidence and I was so right about that!

There was such a remarkable difference by all players, especially the mid-fielders.

The game saw the team play well in their positions and

showing excellent passing skills.

Ibrahim Taha still has injured feet and is unable to kick the ball so his position in goals suited him perfectly with his big throws and good communication skills.

The fullbacks were yet again able to tackle and win the ball back at the most crucial times.

Our three strikers, Samuel Zubkov, Andrew Lylo and Alpina Bou-Sleiman all scored a goal each, in that order.

Mitchell Djelevski's precise passes gave us a huge advantage.

Players of the match: Alpina Bou-Sleiman, Jonathon Duong and Camryn Batchelor.

Tenpin City Achievement award went to Vinushan Kunganatan.

William Ha was having a great game until he was knocked down and had to come off the field.

Hope you recover well!

Under 12s drew St Bernadettes (Lions) 1-1 at Eric Mobbs Reserve:

With Coach Mat James on the sick list last Saturday we travelled to Eric Mobbs Reserve at Castle Hill for the important match against third-placed St Bernadettes (Lions) with Paul Kratz and Sam Annous in charge of the team for the day.

About midway through the first half Bellal Elkhodr was

able to score through a build up from the midfield and the score remained 1-0 at half time.

The score stayed the same for most of the second half thanks to some great defensive work from Daniel Kratz and his co-defenders.

Late in the game an opposition corner found its

way into Mohammed Elkhodr's hands which resulted in a penalty that was converted against Patrick May making it 1-1 at full time. Best players Daniel, Bellal and Ibrahim Annous. Get well, Coach Mat!

Premier League vs St Matthews Baulkham Hills at Phillips Park: Reserve Grade drew 0-0:

Due to the unavailability last Saturday of a number of players, particularly strikers, Lidcombe struggled to create scoring opportunities but were still able to come away with a valuable point even if it was at the expense of bottom side St Matthews. Steve May was very strong at the back for

Lidcombe while his older brother James (in his 650th game!) proved very reliable between the posts in the windy conditions.

James' clearing kicks frequently reached the centre circle although Ken "KJ" James discounted these as

(in his words!) they were "wind assisted"!

Apart from Steve and James May, Tito Tealdo stood out for Lidcombe.

First Grade drew 1-1:

(From the Coach's Desk)

Despite missing four regular first graders, Mat James, Trent Smith, Alfonso Argueta and Dave Winn, for this important game I knew we faced a difficult task against third-placed St Matthews.

However the positive attitude in this squad that I am becoming familiar with took this game right up to the opposition taking a lead of 1-0 into the break thanks to an own-goal..

A sleepy period in the second half saw St Matts score the equaliser off a lucky deflection that was unavoidable and forgiving.

Stephen James was the standout performer for Lidcombe in a great captain's game while veteran Peter Oberemok (in his 498th game)

and Danny James put in their best games of the season.

Robbie Hastings was certainly effective in limiting the opportunities for St Matts' most dangerous player and special mention must be made of Steve May who got out of a sick bed to play a full game in Reserves and back up for First Grade.

Another veteran Kieran "Kegs" O'Hara turned in a good display in goals for Lidcombe.

Both sides had the opportunity to win in the second half but in the end a draw was probably a true reflection of the state of play.

It was the team's best performance of the year with constant on-field support and encouragement being especially noticeable from the sidelines.

Lidcombe has shown it can come from behind in past games and obtain points against top teams when regular first grade players are absent and this must be encouraging for our prospects. From here on guys up the tempo, support one another on and off the field, stay positive and focussed.

Turn draws into wins and the results will strengthen our plans for August.

I must thank those Reserve Graders who backed up for us as this shows we have the depth to maintain a solid first grade.

The Reserve Grade's performance also cannot be overlooked.

Well done to both sides!

- Phil McIntosh