



The Congo

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500!

“OBO” TO REACH HIS MILESTONE!

Congratulations to PETER OBEREMOK (Premier League) who plays his 500th game for Lidcombe this Saturday at Phillips Park.

Peter commenced playing with us back in 1974 as an Under 8 player and is considered to be one of the finest footballers to ever play for the Congos.

651!

TWO GAMES FOR THE RECORD!

Despite the wet and gloomy conditions at Phillips Park last Saturday JAMES “PC MAY” played his 651st game for the club and needs only two more games to create a new club record formerly held by KEN “KJ” JAMES.

It is a long way since James’ first game 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.

NEXT WEEK - 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.

THIS WEEK’S MATCHES: SATURDAY 5th JUNE 2010

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

GROUND LOCALITY:

- ERIC MOBBS RESERVE: Excelsior St Castle Hill (turn RIGHT off Old Northern Road)
- EVERLEY PARK: Everley Street South Granville

Under 6 (B): vs St Bernadettes (Hawks) at Phillips Park at 10.00am.

Under 6 (G): vs St Bernadettes (L)-Eric Mobbs Reserve (1B) at 10.00am.

Under 7: vs OLOR/St Angelas (Red) at Phillips Park at 11.00am.

Under 8: vs Guildford McCredie (Red) - Everley Park (3) at 11.00am.

Under 10: vs OLOR/St Angelas (White) - Phillips Park (1) at 12noon.

Under 12: BYE

Premier: vs St Patricks Strathfield at Phillips Park 1 at 1.30pm/3.15pm

ASSOCIATION RESULTS - 29th MAY

Under 8			
OLOR R	3	St Bern E	2
Lidcombe	6	Newington	0
OLQP P	0	Guild R	5

PREMIER LEAGUE - RESERVES			
Lidcombe	3	St Colum	2
St Matts	0	St Pats	1
Wenty	0	WASPS	2

Under 10			
Newington	7	OLOR W	1
Guild R	2	Lidcombe	2
Wenty	0	Guild W	6
OLOR G	3	St Bern L	0
OLQP P	0	OLQP Q	3

PREMIER LEAGUE - FIRSTS			
Lidcombe	3	St Colum	1
St Matts	3	St Pats	6
Wenty	1	WASPS	4

UNDER 11/12			
St Bern 12E	TBD	Newington	TBD
Wenty	3	OLQP	1
St Bern T	TBD	St Bern 12L	TBD
Lidcombe	5	OLQP 12	0
OLOR W	BYE		

TBD = To be Determined

COMPETITION LADDERS 29th MAY

UNDER 8s:

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
1	Lidcombe	8	8	0	0	35	4	31	24
2	Guildford R	8	7	0	1	46	5	41	21
3	New'ton	8	5	0	3	17	12	5	15
4	St Bern(E)	8	2	0	6	8	24	-16	6
5	OLQP (P)	8	1	0	7	6	30	-24	3
6	OLOR R	8	1	0	7	3	40	-37	3

PREMIER LEAGUE - RESERVES:

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
1	St Pats	9	6	0	3	20	10	10	18
2	St Col	9	4	3	2	17	10	7	15
3	Lidcombe	9	4	2	3	12	15	-3	14
4	Wenty	9	4	1	4	13	9	4	13
5	WASPS	9	4	1	4	12	13	-1	13
6	St Matts	9	0	3	6	2	19	-17	3

UNDER 10s:

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
1	OLQP Q	8	8	0	0	41	0	41	24
2	Guildford W	8	5	2	1	21	11	10	17
3	OLQP P	8	5	1	2	16	7	9	16
4	New'ton	8	4	2	2	21	7	14	14
5	OLOR G	8	4	0	4	9	11	-2	12
6	Lidcombe	8	3	2	3	14	17	-3	11
7	OLOR W	8	3	0	5	17	19	-2	9
8	Guildford R	8	3	1	4	8	14	-6	10
9	St Bern L	8	1	0	7	3	26	-23	3
10	Wenty	8	0	0	8	1	39	-38	0

PREMIER LEAGUE - FIRSTS:

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
1	WASPS	9	9	0	0	28	8	20	27
2	St Pats	9	6	0	3	20	13	7	18
3	St Matts	9	3	3	3	21	19	2	12
4	Lidcombe	9	3	3	3	18	20	-2	12
5	Wenty	9	2	0	7	13	27	-14	6
6	St Cols	9	0	2	7	8	21	-13	2

UNDER 11s/12s:

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
1	Wenty #	8	7	1	0	24	6	18	22
2	Lidcombe	8	5	3	0	29	3	26	18
3	St Bern 12E#	7	5	1	1	29	5	24	16
4	St Bern 12L #	7	5	1	1	17	7	10	16
5	OLQP #	8	5	0	3	16	17	-1	15
6	OLQP 12#	8	2	1	5	2	20	-18	7
7	New'ton #	7	2	0	5	8	18	-10	6
8	OLOR W#	8	1	2	5	1	30	-29	5
9	St Bern T#	7	1	1	5	5	25	-20	4

Received Bye

Results of Congs Matches – 29th May 2010

Under 6s (Blue) lost to OLQP (P) 0-10 at Daniel St Park:

The Under 6 (Blue) played against OLQP (Falcons) last Saturday.

It was cold, wet and early but Lidcombe came out fighting from the beginning.

We started with Joshua Lim in goals first half and he put

in a valiant effort. Brandon Thai's defence was strong and consistent.

The Falcons were playing with one more than Lidcombe and got a couple of early goals. But with a never give up attitude we played on.

Jerold Reyes took a ball hard in the face but came back on to give them more grief.

Player of the day with her best effort for the year was Madaleine Leask.

Well done to the whole team.

Under 6s (Gold) lost to OLQP (W) 0-15 at Daniel St Park:

The team played at Daniel St Greystanes at 10am on a cold and wet morning and tried hard against a good team but lost 15-0.

Aidan Curran played hard trying to stop their attacks but

they had some good players that were hard to beat.

Adam Mhajer and Aydan Hamdan played good games in defence also while Adam had fun playing goal keeper

in the second half for the first time ever.

All up the kids had fun and that's the main thing at this stage.

Under 7s defeated Newington Gunners (Red) 6-1 at Phillips Park:

It was another pleasing turnout for the coach last Saturday with EIGHT players ready for the game against Newington.

Despite the wet conditions the team put in an excellent

performance to defeat the Gunners 6-1.

Goals came from George Faingataa (4) and Justin Chan-Frias (2).

Best players were the goalscorers, Edwin Akol,

Raagul Seaverajah and Ali Askar.

Under 8s defeated Newington Gunners 6-0 at Phillips Park:

In their first home game for the season the Under 8s took on third-placed Newington Gunners on the top field at Phillips Park.

The competition leaders started very strongly with Liam Curran scoring after three minutes and Salim Mhajer adding another goal one minute later.

The locals continued to pressure the Newington goal and were awarded a corner in the 11th minute.

From the resulting kick taken by Liam Curran, Chris May calmly slotted the ball in from the back post to bring the score to 3-0.

For the rest of the half Newington strengthened their defence and managed to prevent Lidcombe from adding further to the score despite the best efforts of strikers Abraham Hamdan and Mohamed Ahmed.

The second half again saw Lidcombe dominate with Bryan Lam and William Leask playing particularly well in midfield.

The constant pressure paid off 10 minutes into the half with Salim scoring his second goal for the match.

A minute later Calvin Iturra found the back of the net for the first time this season.

Chris May finished off the scoring to bring the final scoreline to 6-0 in Lidcombe's favour.

In an outstanding match where the Lidcombe's passing and teamwork were real standouts the best performers were Chris May, Calvin Iturra and Liam Curran.

The defensive efforts of Athavan Nithiananthan and the terrific one-on-one save of second half goalkeeper Gabriel Albano also deserve special mention.

Under 10s drew Guildford McCredie Uniting (Red) 2-2 at Everley Park:

To our pleasant surprise last Saturday's match against eighth-placed Guildford McCredie (Red) was not cancelled due to the rain!

Considering how wet and muddy Everley Park was we were fortunate that the weather was kind to us while playing with no injuries to either team.

Goalkeeper Ibrahim Taha showed no fear and had the skill and confidence to make a number of saves.

Our most experienced fullback James Lawandos was unavailable which made the others step up their game. Well done!

Mitchell Djelevski scored our first goal and played extra

hard to cover most of the field as other midfielders were finding it difficult to keep up with their opposition and hold onto their position.

The strikers' performance improved immensely in the second half.

After being down 2 - 1 a big throw from our goalkeeper gave Lidcombe the break

needed for Andrew Lylo, Mitchell and Samuel Zubkov to assist Alpina Bou-Sleiman to score the equaliser.

Players of the match: Ibrahim Taha, Hamze Taha, Matthew Amurao and Andrew Lylo. 'Player of the Week' trophy went to Samuel Zubkov

Thank you to the players and parents for turning up on such a wet and gloomy day. Despite the conditions it was a good game overall.

Under 12s defeated OLQP (12) 5-0 at Phillips Park:

Playing at home in wet conditions the Under 12s came flying out of the blocks, not allowing the opposition to settle on the ball.

Being wet it was going to be difficult for both teams to control the greasy ball but Lidcombe did well finding their passes and not allowing the conditions to faze them. Lidcombe had all the attack for the first period of the game creating chance after chance only to have some wayward shots when it mattered most.

Anthony Boustani had the first clear-cut chance by winning a penalty however

after picking himself up to take the attempt he only managed to drive the ball straight at the keeper!

A few minutes later Bellal Elkhodr latched onto a through ball to put the home team 1-0 up and he added a second only minutes later.

A second penalty of the half saw Eloise Tanti step up and slot the ball in giving the keeper no hope this time.

The 3-0 scoreline at half time was a good reflection of the team's effort.

The second half saw more of the same with the home side constantly attacking.

Anthony made up for his earlier penalty miss by slotting one home midway through the half.

However the goal of the game must go to Patrick May!

With the OLQP keeper clearing the ball it went straight to Patrick who calmly put his foot to the ball volleying from 25 metres out to split two defenders and lob the keeper rounding off a great performance!

Well played, guys (and gall)

Premier League vs St Columbas Castle Hill at Phillips Park:

Reserve Grade won 3-2:

Last Saturday at home it was a Brett May goal that allowed the Reserve Grade to take a surprise 1-0 lead over second-placed St Columbas however the opposition equalised just before the break.

With the side determined to gain valuable points two

second half goals from Samnang (Tim) Kaing (his first goals for the club) gave the locals some breathing space and although conceding a late goal Lidcombe was able to hang on for a well-deserved win and move into third place on the ladder.

Best for Lidcombe were Brett May, Steve May and Ron Booth.

Kieran O'Hara was also a strong performer out on the field.

First Grade won 3-1:

(From the Coach's Desk)

After doing all the early attacking but missing numerous first half chances Lidcombe still found itself behind 1-0 when last-placed St Columbas scored after a goalmouth scrimmage.

Despite this setback Lidcombe went to the break at 1-1 following a goal to Matt Hyde.

The second half saw further goals to Matt James and superb one from Matt Lane extended the lead.

The result came from the magnificent leadership of Steve James, the rock-hard defence from the pocket-rocket Danny James and the

dominating midfield defence of Robbie Hastings and all others around him.

I must make mention of our secret weapons up front - "The Three Amigos" Mat James, Matt Lane and Matt Hyde - a "matt finish" to say the least! With precision finishing you have now shown the opposition that Lidcombe is on the up and up

At this stage of the competition the squad is where I wanted it to be (both teams) and it is exciting to see where we are.

The commitment like the one we saw last Saturday will see

"Phil's Raiders" (both teams) there at the end.

I believe in this squad and you can believe that you can topple any side in this competition. You have proven this to yourself so just keep consistent and let me lead you at the end. I would like to make special mention of our inspirational goalkeeper Kieran "Keggs" O'Hara who has now settled in well to his new position.

Back up last Saturday's performance this week against St Patricks and the belief will filter through to everyone.

Well done, guys!

- Phil McIntosh