



# ***The Congo***

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## **FIRST GRADE INTO SEMIFINALS**

Last Saturday's impressive 3-1 victory over second-placed St Patricks Strathfield has given the First Grade a much-needed boost as it enters this Saturday's elimination semifinal against St Matthews Baulkham Hills at Birrong Park.

The match is the first time that Lidcombe has made the Premier League First Grade semifinals since the League's inception in 1968!

The Reserve Grade's loss saw them miss the semifinals.

All Congos are urged to attend this Saturday's game to support our team.

## **TWO GAMES REMAINING FOR JUNIORS**

With the Premier League teams completing their preliminary competition match last Saturday the junior teams still have two competition rounds remaining to be played.

In addition, the Under 8s and possibly the Under 12s could be also playing in the President's Cup on August 28 however this will depend on their final positions in the competition.

## **STATE CUP SEMIFINAL WASHOUT ...AGAIN!**

For the third week running Lidcombe First Grade's State Cup semifinal against Greystanes was again postponed due to Jones Park ground closure.

The match will probably be played next Tuesday or Wednesday night subject to confirmation ... and no more bad weather!

## **THIS WEEK'S MATCHES: SATURDAY AUGUST 14**

- 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

**Freame Park:** Rees Street, Mays Hill

**Kellyville Memorial Park:** Memorial Drive, Kellyville

**Wilson Park:** Newington Road, Silverwater

**Under 6 (Blue):** vs Guildford McCredie Uniting at Phillips Park at 9.00am.

**Under 6 (Gold):** vs OLOR/St Angelas (Black) at Kellyville Park at 9.35am.

**Under 7:** vs Newington Gunners (Red) at Wilson Park at 12 noon.

**Under 8:** vs OLOR/St Angelas (Red) at Kellyville Park at 11.20am.

**Under 10:** vs Guildford McCredie Uniting (Red) at Phillips Park at 10.00am.

**Under 12:** vs OLQP (12) at Daniel St Park at 11.00am.

**Premier:** **MINOR SEMIFINAL:** First Grade vs St Matthews Baulkham Hills at Birrong Park - 3.00pm (*Note earlier kick-off time!*).

# **ASSOCIATION RESULTS - August 7**

<b>Under 8</b>			
G'ford R	<b>5</b>	OLOR R	<b>1</b>
Lidcombe	<b>7</b>	OLQP P	<b>0</b>
St Bern E	<b>1</b>	New'ton	<b>1</b>

<b>Under 10</b>			
OLOR W	<b>5</b>	G'ford R	<b>1</b>
G'ford W	<b>0</b>	New'ton	<b>0</b>
St Bern L	<b>0</b>	Lidcombe	<b>2</b>
Wenty	<b>0</b>	OLQP Q	<b>7</b>
OLOR G	<b>2</b>	OLQP P	<b>0</b>

<b>UNDER 11/12</b>			
St Bern 12E	<b>5</b>	Wenty	<b>0</b>
St Bern T	<b>2</b>	OLQP	<b>2</b>
OLOR W	<b>0</b>	OLQP (12)	<b>0</b>
Lidcombe	<b>2</b>	St Bern L	<b>0</b>
New'ton	<b>Bye</b>	Bye	

<b>PREMIER RESERVES</b>			
Lidcombe	<b>1</b>	St Pats	<b>3</b>
St Col	<b>2</b>	Wenty	<b>1</b>
WASPS	<b>4</b>	St Matts	<b>1</b>

<b>PREMIER FIRSTS</b>			
Lidcombe	<b>3</b>	St Pats	<b>1</b>
St Col	<b>3</b>	Wenty	<b>0</b>
WASPS	<b>3</b>	St Matts	<b>0</b>

## **COMPETITION LADDERS AUGUST 7**

### **UNDER 8s:**

	TEAM	P	F	A	DIF	PTS
1	Lidcombe	14	58	6	52	38
2	Guildford R	14	76	8	68	37
3	New'ton	14	27	18	9	26
4	St Bern(E)	14	11	43	-32	10
5	OLQP (P)	14	8	57	-49	6
6	OLOR R	14	9	57	-48	6

### **UNDER 10s:**

	TEAM	P	F	A	DIF	PTS
1	OLQP Q	14	71	0	71	<b>42</b>
2	Guildford W	1	27	16	11	<b>30</b>
3	New'ton	14	32	10	22	<b>26</b>
4	OLQP P	14	22	16	6	<b>23</b>
5	OLOR G	14	20	21	-1	<b>22</b>
6	OLOR W	14	32	30	2	<b>19</b>
7	Lidcombe	14	20	31	-12	<b>18</b>
8	Guildford R	14	14	27	-13	<b>16</b>
9	St Bern L	14	4	38	-34	<b>3</b>
10	Wenty	14	3	55	-52	<b>3</b>

### **UNDER 11s/12s:**

	TEAM	P	F	A	DIF	PTS
1	Wenty ##	14	35	15	20	<b>34</b>
2	Lidcombe	14	45	4	41	<b>33</b>
3	St Bern 12L ##	13	28	10	18	<b>31</b>
4	St Bern 12E#	13	48	7	41	<b>31</b>
5	OLQP##	14	27	31	-4	<b>25</b>
6	New'ton##	13	15	23	-8	<b>15</b>
7	St Bern T##	13	10	36	-26	<b>11</b>
8	OLQP 12#	14	2	30	-28	<b>11</b>
9	OLOR W#	14	3	57	-54	<b>6</b>

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### **PREMIER - RESERVES:**

	TEAM	P	F	A	DIF	PTS
1	St Pats	16	36	15	21	<b>37</b>
2	St Cols	16	32	17	15	<b>31</b>
3	Wenty	16	24	16	8	<b>22</b>
4	WASPS	16	23	29	-6	<b>20</b>
5	Lidcombe	16	14	32	-18	<b>14</b>
6	St Matts	16	8	28	-20	<b>11</b>

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2	St Pats	16	29	26	3	<b>28</b>
3	Lidcombe	16	33	30	3	<b>25</b>
4	St Matts	16	38	34	4	<b>24</b>
5	Wenty	16	21	44	-23	<b>10</b>
6	St Cols	16	16	35	-19	<b>6</b>

# Results of Congs Matches – August 7 2010

## **Under 6s (Blue) lost to Newington Gunners 5-2 at Wilson Park:**

The Under 6 (Blue) played against Newington last Saturday at Wilson Park.

With almost a full team the team put on a fine performance.

Brandon Thai responded to Newington's first goal with a thumping goal of his own!

We became excited after a couple of bustling runs through the centre of the field from Connor Smith one of which paid off with his first goal of the season. Well done!

Newington put another goal through just before half time

for the score of 3-2 down at the break.

After half time we put Joshua Lim in goals and what an effort he made in stopping many strong shots from Newington.

It was another great game from the entire team, despite a finishing score of 5-2 down.

## **Under 6s (Gold) forfeited to St Bernadettes (Tigers) at Eric Mobbs Reserve:**

Last Saturday only three players were able to make the long trip out to Eric Mobbs Reserve at Castle Hill.

As a result we had to forfeit the game.

Thanks to Jordan, Samuel and Adam and their parents for turning up.

## **Under 7s defeated St Bernadettes (Lions) 4-0 at Phillips Park:**

Supported by three players from the Under 6s, Adam Mehajer together with the Hamdan twins, the Under 7 side easily accounted for St

Bernadettes 4-0 at Phillips Park in a welcome return to form.

Justin Chan-frias led Lidcombe's charge scoring all

four goals and the locals proved too strong for a determined opposition.

## **Under 8s defeated OLQP (P) 7-0 at Phillips Park:**

The Under 8s played second last placed OLQP at Phillips Park.

Lidcombe opened the scoring after seven minutes when substitute Liam Curran scored directly from a corner with his first touch of the match.

Liam then doubled his tally ten minutes later finding the net just before Salim Mhajer who also scored to see the

half time score at 3-0 in Lidcombe's favour.

The second half saw Lidcombe continue to easily dominate the match.

Abraham Hamdan scored in the first minute and goals then followed at regular intervals from Blake Batchelor, Arzycki DeVera and Athavan Nithiananthan to bring the

final score to a 7-0 Lidcombe victory.

The score could have been much higher had the Lidcombe players stayed in position and played more like a team.

Best players for Lidcombe this week were Talhar Ahmed, Calvin Iturra, Liam Curran and Yatin Moharana.

## **Under 10s defeated St Bernadettes (Lions) 2-0 at Eric Mobbs Reserve:**

Following two cancelled training sessions together with a washed out home game last week, the team was looking forward to getting back onto the field and playing!

The match started off slow for us with the opposition showing off their skills in defending and slowing us right down.

We were bunching up, yet again, due to the players not holding onto their position. Close to the half time whistle, a big throw-in from Camryn Batchelor found Mitchell Djelevski. Mitchell crossed the ball to Hamze Taha who was close to the goal area and a precise pass from Hamze to

Samuel Zubkov who scored the first goal for the match.

The second half was like watching a totally different game!

Ibrahim Taha (goal keeper in the first half) was back in his usual position of centre back and his guidance and expertise saw Lidcombe hold onto their positions better, communicating and attacking with confidence and skill.

Camryn in goals did not get to touch the ball once which is a credit to the whole team.

Our second goal was put away by Andrew Lylo with a clever pass yet again from Hamze Taha.

I was fascinated by St Bernadettes' play. For a team

that has received only three points in this year's competition they were outstanding in holding onto their position and defending strong throughout the whole match.

A special mention goes to Jonathon Duong as he played with no fear and surprised all of us (even himself) for his best effort on the field to date. Well done Jonathon! Today you were hungry for the ball. Best performances: Ibrahim Taha, Andrew Lylo, Samuel Zubkov and Hamze Taha.

Happy birthday to James Lawandos: "Hip, hip hooray!"

## **Under 12s defeated St Bernadettes (Lions) 2-0 at Phillips Park:**

As the competition draws to a close the Under 12s took on St Bernadettes Lions in an Under 12 top-of-the-table clash at Phillips Park.

A win for Lidcombe was crucial if the team hoped to retain their title from last year.

From the opening whistle the whole team looked up to the challenge.

Lidcombe applied the pressure all game, not only in attack but also in defence, every player getting behind the ball desperate to keep the opposition at bay.

One of many attacking chances the locals created in the first half gained them a corner. A nice ball whipped in saw the opposition clear it to what seemed a safe distance from goal but the tenacity of Ibrahim Annous to get to the ball first saw him launch a long range effort that sailed up and over the goal keeper to give Lidcombe a lead of 1-0 at the break.

The second half saw more of the same from Lidcombe showing a hunger to grab more goals to put the game beyond doubt.

It wasn't until 10 minutes from time that Lidcombe would grab the match sealer with Anthony Boustani on hand to slot the ball home scoring Lidcombe's second goal of the game to finish off the opposition.

With only a few games remaining the team needs to show the same hunger and fight if they are to take home the title again.

Well played the whole team.

## **Premier League vs St Patricks Strathfield at Phillips Park:**

### **Reserve Grade lost 3-1:**

An understrength Reserve Grade were very competitive despite going down 3-1 to minor premiers St Patricks last Saturday.

The locals played with plenty of spirit and certainly held their own against St Pats.

David Winn was Lidcombe's goalscorer to end a season

where a disappointing run of second round losses has again kept us out of the finals.

### **First Grade won 3-1:**

Lidcombe's First Grade put together a very good performance in a warm up for this Saturday's semifinal, particularly in the first half hour when they frustrated second-

placed St Patricks by retaining the ball for long periods.

A cracking first time volley by Matt Lane opened Lidcombe's scoring in the first half but St Pats levelled the score before half time.

Second half goals to Peter Oberemok and a second to Lane sealed the victory.

Come along and support your side on Saturday at Birrong Park!