



The Congo

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FIRST GRADE ELIMINATED IN SEMIFINAL

A "golden goal" scored in extra time by St Matthews last Saturday saw Lidcombe's First Grade side bow out of this year's competition.

Result of State Cup Semifinal – August 17 2010

Lidcombe First Grade lost to Greystanes 1-0 at Jones Park.

CONGRATULATIONS! 100 GAMES

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| JUNE 26 2010: | PATRICK MURRAY (U/12s) | (Commenced 2004) |
| JULY 24 2010: | MATTHEW MAY (U/12s) | (Commenced 2004) |

FINAL JUNIOR GAMES THIS SATURDAY AUGUST 21

- Junior teams meet at their ground 30 minutes before kick-off.

GROUND LOCALITY:

Eric Mobbs Reserve: Excelsior Avenue, Castle Hill (right off Northern Road)
Kellyville Memorial Park: (Top Field) Memorial Drive, Kellyville.

Under 6 (Blue): vs OLOR/St Angelas (White) at Kellyville Park at 10.25am.

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

Under 7: vs OLOR/St Angelas (Red) at Kellyville Park at 8.45am.

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

Under 10: vs OLOR/St Angelas (White) at Eric Mobbs Reserve at 11.00am.

Under 12: vs BYE.

Results of Congs Matches – August 14 2010

Under 6s (Blue) lost to Guildford McCredie 3-2 at Phillips Park:

Eager to notch their first win of the season the Under 6 (Blue) side came from 1-0 down to be leading 2-1 at the break thanks to Brandon Thai's two goals.

However Guildford managed to score an equaliser and it was only in the latter part of the game that the opposition found the net for the winner.

It was a good performance by Lidcombe and we can be considered unlucky not to get the win.

Under 6s (Gold) lost to OLOR/St Angelas (Black) 3-0 at Kellyville Park:

We played OLOR at Kellyville last Saturday and had a great game.

The kids played hard and did some great defending.

Aidan Curran made a couple of great breaks in the first half and played awesome in goals in the second half.

Aydan and Gabriel Hamdan also had some great breaks with Aydan scoring a disallowed freekick (indirect but didn't touch anyone!) but we were still happy to get one in there. :)

Adam Mhajer was a star this week defending hard to keep

the score down and making some great breaks.

Both Jordan Hawach and Samuel Hawach played well with some good defence.

All the kids played well together and had fun and that's what it's about at the moment!

Under 7s defeated Newington Gunners (Red) 12-1 at Wilson Park:

Despite being a player down the Under 7s never missed a beat in defeating Newington 12-1 at Wilson Park.

Goals came from Justin Chan-Frias who found the net on six occasions while Edwin

Akol and George Faingataa each scored a hattrick.

Under 8s defeated OLOR/St Angelas (Black) 4-0 at Kellyville Park:

Last Saturday Lidcombe took the long trip out to Kellyville to play last-placed OLOR.

We started the match dominating the play and keeping the OLOR defence under constant pressure.

Unfortunately as has been the case in recent matches Lidcombe found it difficult to penetrate the defence of the lower ranked teams due to their 'bunched' style of play.

The first half performance of the Lidcombe team was the worst to date this season, not from a lack of trying but poor team work with only four passes being played for the entire half.

As a result the first half remained scoreless.

At the half time break the Lidcombe coach explained to the team about the advantages of passing the ball and using their fast wide players to get around the opposition defence.

The team talk paid immediate results in the second half with Blake Batchelor scoring after only 70 seconds.

Five minutes later William Leask scored his first-ever goal for Lidcombe with a well placed right-foot shot after winning the ball from the opposition defence.

With Lidcombe now playing in a more familiar style, the wide

players of Athavan Nithiananthan (playing in his 50th match for Lidcombe), Blake Batchelor and Liam Curran were creating havoc allowing Salim Mhajer and Abraham Hamdan the space to score and bring the final score to 4-0.

With only one game remaining in the season if Lidcombe continue to play in the manner they did in the second half of this match they will be unbeatable!

Best players for Lidcombe this week were William Leask, Calvin Iturra and Liam Curran. Yatin Moharana continues to improve each week after recently returning from injury.

Under 10s lost to Guildford McCredie (Red) 3-2 at Phillips Park:

The first half of last Saturday's match was the team's let down as the opposition scored all their goals in this half.

Lidcombe's performance was disappointing as we were not able to keep hold of the ball long enough.

This resulted in Lidcombe defending most of this half against a strong and confident Guildford side.

During the break I told the team that their lack of commitment was the reason why we were down 3 - 0.

In an amazing turn-around Lidcombe were the "winners"

in the second half as they scored their two goals with commitment and confidence. The goal scorers were Andrew Lylo and Alpina Bou-Sleiman with the help of their team of course.

Mitchell Djelevski voluntarily played in goals and was outstanding in this position as the opposition had many more attempts at scoring without success thanks to Mitchell's determination and fearless attitude.

Andrew Li made it difficult for Guildford in this half with his defending and holding his

position as left wing fullback. Hamze Taha was a stand out in his play today at centre back.

Hamze never gave up even when the ball had passed him.

Players of the match: Hamze Taha, Mitchell Djelevski, Andrew Li and Andrew Lylo. A good effort by the team in the second half.

See you Saturday for the last game of the season!

All soccer jerseys are to be returned to me after this final game, thank you.

Under 12s drew with OLQP (12) 0-0 at Daniel Street Park:

Coming into the Under 12s' final game of the competition season (we have a Bye this Saturday!) a win was needed to all but seal another title for the team.

Maybe it was the pressure or thoughts of doing it easily against an OLQP (12) team that was languishing near the

bottom that had the team down on any sort of form and rhythm.

Credit to the opposition who were content to sit back and defend.

The locals piled on the pressure but wayward shots, poor passes, lazy moving cost them two valuable points.

On a more uplifting note the team can take pride in having another successful season.

To go through with having only conceded FOUR goals is a credit to the guys and girl.

Hopefully the other results go our way and we can take the title out again. Well done team.

Premier League Semifinal vs St Matthews Baulkham Hills -Birrong Park: First Grade lost 1-0:

From the Coach's Desk

Our first semi final appearance in the Premier League First Grade saw Lidcombe gallant in defeat losing 1-0 in extra time and the "golden goal" rule applied.

There was early disappointment when we were advised late on Friday night that Mat James was suspended with three yellow cards despite our records clearly showing this was not the case.

The decision was confirmed by the Association and a reshuffle of positions was required and this I felt may have unsettled the build-up for our squad.

A penalty kick awarded just on halftime should have given us the lead but it was not to be as the St Matthews' goalkeeper made a great save of Steve James' attempt.

With opportunities coming our way it was the finishing that let us down but with the will to win staying in place the boys played to a standstill.

Our enthusiasm to succeed was evident and it was all a coach can ask for with no one throwing in the towel.

It was a fantastic effort by Danny James for his strong commitments in defence staying on with the field despite a suspected broken hand, the

leadership of Steve James and the efforts by all others who took the field.

I would also like to thank the reserves who waited patiently but did not take the field.

After dominating in last night's State Cup semifinal only to lose 1-0 we will concentrate on rebuilding for next year.

It was an enjoyable year for my first attempt and the commitment of all players is to be commended.

Well done, guys.

- Phil McIntosh

| ASSOCIATION RESULTS - August 14 | | | | | | | |
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| UNDER 8 | | | | PREMIER LEAGUE - RESERVES | | | |
| OLOR R | 0 | Lidcombe | 4 | MAJOR SEMIFINAL | | | |
| St Bern E | 1 | G'ford R | 4 | St Pats | 0 | St Col | 2 |
| OLQP P | 0 | New'ton | 1 | MINOR SEMIFINAL | | | |
| UNDER 10 | | | | Wenty | 1 | WASPS | 2 |
| OLOR W | 1 | New'ton | 2 | PREMIER LEAGUE - FIRSTS | | | |
| Lidcombe | 2 | G'ford R | 3 | MAJOR SEMIFINAL | | | |
| G'ford W | 6 | Wenty | 0 | WASPS | 2 | St Pats | 3 |
| St Bern L | 0 | OLOR G | 4 | MINOR SEMIFINAL | | | |
| OLQP Q | 4 | OLQP P | 0 | Lidcombe | 0 | St Matts | 1 |
| UNDER 11/12 | | | | | | | |
| New'ton | 0 | St Bern 12E | 4 | | | | |
| OLQP | 1 | Wenty | 3 | | | | |
| St Bern L | 2 | St Bern T | 0 | | | | |
| OLQP (12) | 0 | Lidcombe | 0 | | | | |
| OLOR W | Bye | | | | | | |

COMPETITION LADDERS AUGUST 14

UNDER 8s:

| | TEAM | P | F | A | DIF | PTS |
|---|-------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Lidcombe | 15 | 62 | 6 | 56 | 41 |
| 2 | Guildford R | 15 | 80 | 9 | 71 | 40 |
| 3 | New'ton | 15 | 28 | 18 | 10 | 29 |
| 4 | St Bern(E) | 15 | 12 | 47 | -35 | 10 |
| 5 | OLQP (P) | 15 | 8 | 58 | -50 | 6 |
| 6 | OLOR R | 15 | 9 | 61 | -52 | 6 |

UNDER 10s:

| | TEAM | P | F | A | DIF | PTS |
|----|-------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | OLQP Q | 15 | 75 | 0 | 75 | 45 |
| 2 | Guildford W | 15 | 33 | 16 | 17 | 33 |
| 3 | New'ton | 15 | 34 | 11 | 23 | 29 |
| 4 | OLOR G | 15 | 24 | 21 | 3 | 25 |
| 5 | OLQP P | 15 | 22 | 20 | 2 | 23 |
| 6 | OLOR W | 15 | 33 | 32 | 1 | 19 |
| 7 | Guildford R | 15 | 17 | 29 | -12 | 19 |
| 8 | Lidcombe | 15 | 22 | 34 | -12 | 18 |
| 9 | St Bern L | 15 | 3 | 42 | -39 | 3 |
| 10 | Wenty | 15 | 3 | 61 | -58 | 3 |

UNDER 11s/12s:

| | TEAM | P | F | A | DIF | PTS |
|---|----------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Wenty ## | 15 | 38 | 16 | 22 | 37 |
| 2 | St Bern 12E# | 15 | 52 | 7 | 45 | 35 |
| 3 | St Bern 12L ## | 15 | 30 | 10 | 20 | 35 |
| 4 | Lidcombe# | 15 | 45 | 4 | 41 | 34 |
| 5 | OLQP## | 15 | 28 | 34 | -6 | 25 |
| 6 | New'ton # | 15 | 15 | 27 | -12 | 16 |
| 7 | St Bern T## | 15 | 10 | 38 | -28 | 12 |
| 8 | OLQP 12# | 15 | 2 | 30 | -28 | 12 |
| 9 | OLOR W# | 15 | 3 | 57 | -54 | 9 |

Received Bye

THIS WEEK'S DRAW - AUGUST 21

UNDER 6s BLUE:

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| OLOR W | Lidcombe | Kellyville | 10.25am |
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UNDER 6s GOLD:

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| OLOR G | Lidcombe | Kellyville | 9.35am |
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UNDER 7s:

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| OLOR R | Lidcombe | Kellyville | 8.45am |
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UNDER 8s:

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| OLOR R | St Bern E | Kellyville | 11.20am |
| Lidcombe | New'ton | Phillips | 11.00am |
| OLQP P | G'ford R | Daniel St | 12noon |

UNDER 10s:

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| OLOR W | Lidcombe | Eric Mobbs | 11.00am |
| New'ton | Wenty | Wilson | 9.00am |
| G'ford R | OLOR G | Everley | 9.00am |
| OLQP P | G'ford W | Daniel | 10.40am |
| OLQP Q | St BernL | Daniel | 9.50am |

UNDER 11s/12s:

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| St Bern 12E | OLQP | Eric Mobbs | 12noon |
| New'ton | OLOR W | Wilson | 10.00am |
| Wenty | St Bern L | Freame | 9.50am |
| OLQP (12) | St Bern T | Daniel | 11.30am |
| Lidcombe | Bye | | |

PREMIER LEAGUE:

FIRSTS FINAL

(Winner vs St Patricks in Grand Final- Venue TBA)

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| WASPS | St Matts | Jones | 3.00pm |
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RESERVES FINAL

(Winner vs St Columbas in Grand Final - Venue TBA)

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| St Pats | WASPS | Jones | 1.00pm |
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