



# ***The Congo***

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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY Gordon Weeks**

The committee would like to wish Club Patron and Life Member Gordon Weeks a happy birthday for Thursday 21st July.

## **Team Photos**

Sunday 7th August at Phillips Park.

Make sure you have your completed order form and payment on the day.

### **This Week's Competition Matches Saturday 30th July 2011**

- Under 6 vs Newington** (Green) at Phillips Park (1), at 9.00am.  
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 8.30am
- Under 8 vs OLQP** at Daniel St Park (1), Daniel St Greystanes (UBD 209 P7) at 9.00am.  
Meet at Daniel St Park No Later than 8.30am
- Under 9 vs Wentworthville Uniting** at Phillips Park (1), at 10.00am.  
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 9.40am
- Under 10 vs Newington** at Phillips Park (1), at 11.00am.  
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 10.30am
- Under 11 vs Wentworthville Uniting** at Freame Park (1), Rees St Mays Hill (UBD 210 M6) at 12.00noon.  
Meet at Freame Park No Later than 11.30am
- Under 13 vs Kellyville** at Bernie Mullane Sports Complex (4), Marella Ave Kellyville (UBD 150 D1) at 10.30am.  
Meet at Bernie Mullane No Later than 10.00am
- Reserve & 1st Grade vs St Columbas Castle Hill** at Eric Mobbs Reserve (2), (UBD 171 A12) at 1.30 & 3.15pm.  
Meet at Eric Mobbs No Later than 12.45pm

**Congratulations to the following players on achieving the following personal milestones this season.**

## **500 Club Games**

**Mathew James**

## **400 Club Games**

**Brett May**

## **200 Club Games**

**Harry Sivasothy**

**Kieran Hines**

## **100 Club Games**

**Ibrahim Taha**

**Keegan Murray**

## ***RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED 16TH JULY 2011***

### **Under 6s lost to OLOR (Black) 1-2 at Kellyville Park:**

The Under 6s travelled to Kellyville to take on OLOR Black. It was a great game and very tough against a good team. Mohamed Mehajer scored a great goal in the first half. Jeyan

Oner, Adam Mhajer, Raiden Jang, Gabriel Hamdan, Aydan Hamdan, Yehye Hamdan, Anna McLennan and Layla Hamdan all had exciting games. Samuel Hawach

played first half of the game in goals this week and Raiden Jang played between the posts in the second half and did a great job.

### **Under 8s defeated St Bernadettes (Tigers) 1-0 at Phillips Park:**

The under 8s played St Bernadettes at Phillips Park. The team came out firing from the opening whistle. A couple of early breaks down the wing involving Brandon Thai, William McLennan and Justin Chan-Frias proved to be threats to St Bernadettes. Lidcombe kept pushing to the goals time after time and it paid off with a brilliant goal from Brandon Thai, who had his

best game of the season. This put Lidcombe into the lead and they were not going to give that up easily.

The coach had to make many substitutions at half time and was very pleased at the strong turn out to the game. Early in the second half Justin Chan-Frias was heavily tackled and had to rest on the sideline for five minutes. He bravely came back on

to pressure St Bernadettes more and more, he was very unlucky not to score. But the Lidcombe defence must not go without mention as it was inspirational keeping St Bernadettes scoreless, with great games from Mya El-Afchal, Maddy Leask and Aleya Oner. A fantastic effort from all of the team. Yes another win!

## ***RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED 16TH JULY (CONT)***

### **Under 9s lost 0- to OLQP (P) at Phillips Park:**

Despite the fact we were probably not at our top due to the school holiday break and the limited training we've had over the past few weeks, with any sort of luck we would have still won this game. Lidcombe had many more chances to score than OLQP, but their

goalkeeper managed to save the situation for them each time. OLQP's goal came just before the final whistle after a defensive mistake by us. We must learn to play safe when the ball is in our danger zone, but that is all part of the learning process.

Edwin Akol played his best game for Lidcombe showing plenty of determination in attack and was unlucky not to score a goal or two and Arzycki De Vera played well both in defence and attack.

### **Under 10s drew with St Bernadettes (Eagles) 2-2 at Phillips Park:**

Taking on the competition leaders at Phillips Park with only ten players was always going to be a formidable task. However the locals more than matched it with their opposition. Lidcombe were the dominate team during the first half and were very unfortunate to go into the break trailing by one goal. The second half saw the locals pick up their game following a relaxed but

supportive half time team meeting. The injection of Christopher May into the midfield saw the team pick up their game. Abraham Hamdan and Fay Al-Afchal controlled the midfield, while Jonathan Duong Tomislav Teklic and Kin Challenger were inspirational in defence. Second half goalkeeper Jericho Lim also supported the team And kept Lidcombe in the game with a number of

good saves. The great team work and spirit shown by Lidcombe was no match for their opposition with Salim Mhajer and Kennu Challenger finishing off some great team work to score the goals for Lidcombe.

This was a match that Lidcombe easily deserved to win.

Well done to all players!

### **Under 11s defeated OLQP Falcons (B) 10-1 at Phillips Park:**

Under 11's defeated OLQP (B) 10-1 at Phillips Park. The end result is a reflection of the opposition only having seven players. After the first round match earlier in the season, OLQP (B) were fierce, dominant, confident and walked away with the win. It was after this particular match that Lidcombe toughened up and started to play with more aggression and confidence.

This week's match saw the locals become a little too over confident. When the score was 5-0 many of the players decided to play out of their position as they were hungry to score a goal. Remember this is a team sport! Fadi Naboulsi scored his first goal playing for the Congs and Camryn Batchelor played her best game so far. Samuel Zubkov, James Lawandos and Andrew Lylo held their positions and played in true Congo spirit. Special thanks to

Christopher May, Salim Mhajer & Abraham Hamdan from the U10's for being part of today's match. Also I must mention that OLQP never gave up and played with their heads held high throughout the whole match. Thank you to the club for providing a free BBQ with a drink for each team member. Goal scorers were James Lawandos (5), Andrew Lylo, Fadi Naboulsi, Hamze Taha, Ibrahim Taha & Liam Curran.

## ***RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED 16TH JULY (CONT)***

### **Under 13s defeated Wenty Waratah (White) 2-1 at Ted Burge Sports Ground:**

Lidcombe travelled to Ted Burge Reserve Wentworthville to take on Wenty Waratahs White and it proved a much closer game than the previous meeting between the two teams. Lidcombe again started slowly with the defence of Daniel Kratz, Matthew May, Mohammed Elkhodr and Ibby Annous managing to hold the opposition back. It took a lucky break with the Wenty keeper spilling what should have been a very easy grab off an Anthony Hatem cross/shot into his

own net for Lidcombe to get themselves into the lead and when Radar Challenger struck from the edge of the box to give Lidcombe a 2-0 lead into halftime it seemed Lidcombe might go on with it but not to be, as once again the DR JECKYL Lidcombe side came out for the second half (or did the team return to the field, coach and parents still wondering there) turning in a sluggish, lazy 30mins which saw Wenty pressing forward more and more and getting

themselves back into the game with a late goal but Lidcombe were able to hang on for the three points with Patty May pulling off a couple of great saves late in the game for another win albeit possibly not deserved once again. With a few tough games remaining as well as semi finals hopefully the team can show a little more hunger and heart and start playing as they were earlier in the season.

### **BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Happy Birthday to the following club members;

Scott Ashbrooke 23/7 (Life Member)      Peter Oberemok 23/7 (P/L)  
Billy Leask 23/7 (U/9)      Justin Chan-Frias 24/7 (U/8)  
Geoff Rider 28/7 (Life Member)      John Hawach 2/8 (Life Member)  
James Lawandos 3/8 (U/11)

### **Premier League Reserve Grade lost to St Columbas 1-4 at Phillips Park:**

With a few strikers unavailable Lidcombe struggled to cause the opposition much trouble up front and to make matters worse we

conceded two penalty goals.

A goal to replacement Stephen James midway through the second half to make the score 1-3 and

gave us a glimmer of hope, but then a second penalty goal to the opposition sealed our fate.

### **Premier League First Grade defeated St Columbas 5-2 at Phillips Park:**

With Lidcombe trailing 0-2 at half time it did not look like Mathew James's 500th game was going to be one to remember, but with Stephen James pushing up in attack from the midfield and with the two Mats (Hyde and James) causing havoc up front with their pace the goals came thick and fast

in the second half resulting in Lidcombe running out easy 5-2 winners. Mat Hyde (despite a heavy Friday night) posted a hat trick, Mat James celebrated his milestone with a goal and an own goal by the opposition rounded off the scoring.

The rest of the team also showed plenty of

enthusiasm in the second half, particularly in defence where we always had plenty of players working hard to get back behind the ball in defence.

A memorable second half display which helped to make up for a lot of the season's disappointments.