



# The Congo

Wednesday 11th April 2012

Vol 14 Edition 2

## Diary Dates

### April

#### Saturday 14th

- Competition matches commence for Under 11 to 14
- Gala day for Under 6 to 10

#### Tuesday 19th & 24th

- NSWCA Referee Lectures & Exams

#### Wednesday 25th (ANZAC Day)

- Competition match played for 1st Grade
- No Junior Training

### June

#### Saturday 9th (Queen's Birthday Long Weekend)

- NSWCA Junior Representative matches for Under 8 to 10
- Senior National Titles Selection Trials

## **This Week's Competition Matches Saturday 14th April**

**Under 11 vs North Rocks** at Phillips Park (1) at 10.00am.  
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 9.30am

**Under 12 vs Wenty Waratah** at Phillips Park (1) at 11.00am.  
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 10.30am

**Under 14 Have a Bye**

**1st Grade vs St Castle Hill Baptist** at Phillips Park, at 3.15pm.  
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 2.30pm

## **Knockout Gala Day Saturday 14th April**

**Everley Park, Everley Rd Chester Hill**

**Players in the following teams need to meet at Everley Park**

**NO LATER than the following times;**

**Under 6 8.45am**

**Under 7 9.30am**

**Under 8 10.15am**

**Under 10 2.15pm**

This is a gala day that will be held at Everley Park, South Granville. It is a knockout competition that runs all day, with finals being played between 12pm and 4pm. Please be prepared to stay all day and cheer your team on.

## **BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Happy Birthday to the following players who are celebrating their special day around this time of the year.

Rakulan Ganesarajah (U/14) 8/4

Jeyan Oner (U/8) 14/3

## ***RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED 31ST MARCH 2012***

### **Under 6s defeated OLQP Falcons 5-3 at Daniel St Park:**

The U6's first away game for the season was against OLQP at Daniel Street Park Greystanes. With just a couple of training sessions under their belt the U6's performed well above average and truly deserved their win.

The standout player for this game was Zakariya Esmail who scored all five goals in the team's 5-3 win. Zac combined well with Anthony Mylonas and Daniel Ibay in attack and in defence Ethan Symes and Keith Miller did well to thwart many OLQP attacks. First time goalie Adam Taiba also made some timely goal-line saves. Well done the Rockets!

### **Reminder to ALL Players and Parents**

#### **2012 Registration Fees are NOW Due**

<b>Under 6 to 7</b>	<b>\$70</b>
<b>Under 8 to 12</b>	<b>\$95</b>
<b>Under 14</b>	<b>\$125</b>
<b>1st Grade</b>	<b>\$250</b>

**If you have not yet paid your Registration Fees for the 2012 season please do so no later than Saturday 14th April 2012**

### **Under 7s defeated OLQP Falcons (Q) 6-2 at Phillips Park:**

The Under 7s took on OLQP Falcons in the first match of the season at Phillips Park. The team got off to a dominating start, a theme that

continued through out the match. Adam Mhajer scored 4 goals while Aydan Hamdan and Jeyan Oner scored a goal each. It was a great team

performance and very encouraging to see all the players having a lot of fun and passing the ball around.

### **Under 8s lost to Guildford McCredie (Red) 6-4 at Phillips Park:**

The under 8s played their first game of the season at Phillips Park against Guilford McCredie. It was a beautiful day and all the Lidcombe players must have eaten their weet-bix because they came out firing. Guilford snuck in a couple of early goals, but that didn't stop the fighting spirit of Lidcombe to fire in their first goal from Joshua Lim. Lidcombe continued fighting

but Guildford kept pressuring the defence, well done to Sean "Kiwi Crusher" McGlade, Rene Miller and Johnathan Hannaford who kept the defence very strong. There were a few brilliant runs by Connor Smith darting runs down the right wing were rewarded with a goal in the second half. The locals were pegging their opposition back and were showing great

teamwork and determination. Brandon Thai and Jerold Reyes were great in the middle with another strong goal from Brandon. Jackson Thomas proved to be quite a threat as striker well done in his first match. A great game by the whole team, it was a very exciting match with all players showing great potential and a giving a very positive outlook for the season ahead.

## ***RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED 31ST MARCH 2012***

### **Under 10s lost to OLQP Falcons (O) 1-4 at Daniel St Park:**

With only eight players available for the first game of the season and despite the fact that we lost 1-4 the coach was very proud of the effort of all the boys – Debashish Kumar, Alex Maljevac, Dhushi Mohanathas, Keenen Roshan,

Raagul Seaverajah, Kogulan Senthurchelvan, Subnash Velliangiri and Dion Kaa – who all never stopped trying in the very hot conditions. Lidcombe scored the last goal of the match after a strong run by Dion Kaa and had a few other

chances to score as well. With a full team we would have gone close to winning.

I'm sure the eight boys all slept very soundly on the Saturday night.

### **Under 11s drew with Guildford McCredie 2-2 at Phillips Park:**

It was an exciting first game for the Under 11s in their 2-2 draw with Guildford McCredie at Phillips Park. Lidcombe were the more dominant team in the first half but did concede a goal against the run of play.

A few positional changes in the second half saw the locals take control and played much the better football with Emmanuel Mylonas leading the way controlling play with great team work and

communication. Goals came from Abraham Hamdan and Christopher May.

Other players to impress for the locals were Salim Mhajer, Abraham Hamdan, and Arzyki De Vera.

## ***COACHES & MANAGERS – 2012***

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>COACH / MANAGER</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>MOBILE</b>
<b>U/6</b>	AUBREY SYMES		0413 432927
<b>U/7</b>	TROY BATY (Coach) MICHAEL HAWACH (Manager)		0450 250857 0416 956756
<b>U/8</b>	TRENT SMITH (Coach) IAN SMITH (Manager)		0434 596062 0417 260949
<b>U/10</b>	KEN JAMES (Coach)	9268 6629 (W) 9825 8402 (H)	0416 073576
<b>U/11</b>	JAMES MAY (Coach)	9671 5338	0418 436777
<b>U/12</b>	THAI LAM (Coach)		0404 625205
<b>U/14</b>	SAM ANNOUS (Coach) LORRAINE KRATZ (Manager)		0411 546162 0418 235623
<b>1ST Grade</b>	KEN JAMES (Manager)	9268 6629 (W) 9825 8402 (H)	0416 073576

# YOU ARE THE REFEREE!

**Situation:** A player takes a throw however as there are no other players anywhere near him he throws the ball in and then immediately kicks the ball down towards the opposition goal.

**DECISION:** An INDIRECT FREE KICK is awarded against the thrower as he played the ball before any other player touched it.

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*What is an INDIRECT FREEKICK you say?*

*For certain offences it is awarded (Offside offence for example!) and you cannot score a goal DIRECT from the kick until another player has played or touched the ball.*

*The Referee shows he has awarded an Indirect Free Kick when he raises his hand in the air when the kick is taken and keeps it raised until another player has touched the ball!*

## ***RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED 31ST MARCH 2012***

### **Under 12s lost to Guildford McCredie (Red) 2-5 at Phillips Park:**

The trial game was a great start for the 2012 soccer season. Even though many of the under 12s may not have kicked a soccer ball since the last season, all the players worked well together and

communicated as a team. There were a number of players missing, this was a real challenge for the team and was reflected in the score 2-5. The team still did a great job. Well done!

This game was a warm up for the start of the season. I hope to see all the players at training and a full team at future games.

### **Under 14s defeated Wentworthville Uniting 3-1 at Freame Park:**

In the first game the under 14s travelled to Freame Park to take on Wentworthville. It took a while to successfully convert the team's efforts in their half into a goal. Anthony Boustani scored first and Lidcombe were on the attack for most of the first half. But relentless attacks from Wenty nearly got them the goal they needed but good

defence by Daniel Kratz, Matty May, Radar Challenger and Goalkeeper Patrick May kept them goal-less in the first half. Then in the second half Lidcombe struggled to find the net. All of the Wentworthville pressure was rewarded with a goal, putting Lidcombe on the back foot with the score being 1-1. But not long later new

recruit Rakulan Ganesarajah scored a great goal and gave Lidcombe a 2-1 lead. After a lot of close chances for both teams Lidcombe finally wrapped up the game with Keegan Murray finally putting the ball in the net two minutes before the final whistle.

### **1st Grade defeated St Columbas 4-0 at Eric Mobbs Reserve:**

Appreciating the slightly slower pace of The Raahuge Cup competition and the fact that we did not have players backing up to play 2 games which happened so many times last year, First Grade proved convincing 4-0 winners over St Columbas with both Aaron

"Harry" Sivasothy and Mat James scoring doubles.

A pleasing feature of the day's play was the excellent spirit in which the game was played with Lidcombe working well as a team and everyone sticking to the game plan.

However, we should not get too carried away with the ease of our win as the very hot conditions certainly tested out a St Columbas squad which obviously had not had too much pre-season training and had to back up a few players as well.