



The Congo

Wednesday 29th August 2012

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Diary Dates

September

Saturday 1st

- GDSFA Finals
- NSW CFA R/C Champion of Champions Play-off (1st Grade)

Saturday 8th

- GDSFA Grand Finals

Sunday 23rd

- Bunning BBQ—Lidcombe Bunnings

September / October

Sunday 30th to Thursday 4th

- 2012 CFFA National Titles (U/14 & Seniors) Brisbane

October

Sunday 28th

- Presentation Day

November

Tuesday 6th

- Annual General Meeting

Champion of Champions Play-Off Saturday 1st Sept

1st Grade vs Miranda Congregational at Seymour Shaw Park, The Boulevard Miranda at 2.30pm.
Meet at Seymour Shaw Park No Later than 1.15pm

Final Saturday 1st September

Under 14 vs Granville Kewpie at Progress Park (1), Chisholm Rd Auburn at 10.30am.
Meet at Progress Park No Later than 10.00am

Presentation Day

ATTENTION ALL CLUB MEMBERS

The annual Presentation and Picnic day will be held at Phillips Park on Sunday October 28 commencing at 11.30am.

Activities include activities, BBQ lunch and climaxing in the presentation at 2.30pm where EVERY junior player will receive an award.

Team Photos will also be distributed on the day.

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BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to the following club members who are celebrating their special day this week.

Steven May (1st Grade) 30/8 Adam Mhajer (U/7) 1/9
Nigel Batts (Life Member) 1/9

RESULTS OF SEMI FINALS PLAYED 25TH AUGUST 2012

Under 11s defeated Toongabbie 5-0 at Ray Marshall Reserve:

The Under 11s advanced straight through to the Grand Final with a very well executed 5-0 win over Toongabbie at Ray Marshall Reserve.

Always in control Lidcombe commenced the match and were passing the ball with confidence and ease. The ball control and team work on display allowed Lidcombe to dominate field position and constantly pressure the

Toongabbie goal. This pressure was soon converted on the scoresheet with goals to Salim Mhajer (2) and Arti Nithiananthan to give Lidcombe a comfortable 3-0 lead at half time.

The second half was not much different to the first except that the teams were attacking the opposite goal. Lidcombe's constant pressure saw Abraham Hamdan and Blake

Batchelor rewarded with goals. Throughout the match Lidcombe made it very difficult for Toongabbie by having possession of the ball for 95% of the match.

Lidcombe now wait to see the outcome of this week's Final between Toongabbie and Pendle Hill to see who they will face in the Grand Final on the 8th September.

Under 14s defeated Auburn FC 2-0 at Princes Park:

The Under 14s took on Auburn FC in the Minor Semi Final at Princes Park. Lidcombe took control from the opening whistle and were constantly pressuring the Auburn goal. Numerous scoring opportunities went begging as Lidcombe were consistently out performing their larger opponents. It could have easily been 6-0 going into the half time break.

It is not known what inspirational word were said at

half time by coach Sam Annous but Lidcombe came out even stronger in the second half and were rewarded when a free kick from near the corner of the field was floated across by Daniel Chung to be fired into the goal by the head of Anthony Boustani. Lidcombe didn't give up there and the gritty defence of Daniel Kratz, Ibrahim Annous and Matthew May held off a determined Auburn who hit straight back. Birthday boy Keegan Murray

along with Adam Youn and Rakulan Ganesarajah held the midfield together and set up Lidcombe's attack along with Will Courtwood for Anthony Boustani to extend Lidcombe's lead and seal the victory.

Lidcombe will now face Granville Kewpie in the Final this Saturday at Progress Park in an effort to play Guildford McCredie in the Grand Final.

RESULT OF GRAND FINAL PLAYED 25TH AUGUST 2012

1st Grade defeated Coptic United 5-3 at Jones Park:

Despite dominating the first quarter of the match and creating many goal scoring chances Lidcombe just could not put the ball in the back of the net. However Lidcombe eventually got on the score board after about 30 minutes when a Matt James shot (or was it an attempted cross?) from way out on the right surprised the Coptic keeper who up until then had kept his team in the game with some desperate last ditch saves. Against the run of play Coptic levelled the score from a dubiously awarded penalty, but Matt Hyde had Lidcombe's

supporters breathing a bit easier when he was left with an easy tap in after winning the ball in a three way contest with the Coptic keeper and one other defender which saw Lidcombe go to the break 2 -1 up.

Two more goals to Matt Hyde early in the second half saw Lidcombe comfortably ahead 4 -1, but they then conceded two fairly soft goals to leave the score 4-3 with twenty minutes to go and with Coptic gaining confidence and starting to push the ball around a lot more Lidcombe's defence was really stretched. However some

tenacious defence saved the day and a fourth goal to Matt Hyde not long before the final whistle put the icing on the cake.

In the end, Lidcombe probably made it a bit harder for themselves than they should have, but nobody can deny that they were the better side on the day (and throughout the season) and deserved Grand Final winners.

In a game where everyone really "put in" it's hard to single out individual efforts, but Matt Hyde's four goal haul in a Grand Final certainly deserves acknowledgement.