

The Congo

Wednesday 17th April 2013

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Diary Dates

April

Saturday 27th

- Mini Referee lectures
Guildford McCredie
Church Hall, Byron Rd
Guildford 2-4pm

June

Saturday 8th (Queens Birthday long weekend)

- Six A Side Competition for Under 7 to 11
- Competition matches played for Under 12 to 15

This Week's Competition Matches Saturday 20th April

- Under 7 vs St Bernadettes Tigers** at Phillips Park at 9.00am.
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 8.30am.
- Under 8 vs OLQP (Blue)** at Daniel St Park,
Daniel St, Greystanes at 9am.
Meet at Daniel St Park No Later than 8.30am.
- Under 9 vs OLQP (Blue)** at Daniel St Park,
Daniel St, Greystanes at 11am
Meet at Daniel St Park No Later than 10.30am.
- Under 11 vs St Bernadettes All Saints** at Eric Mobbs Reserve (1),
Excelsior Ave, Castle Hill at 11am.
Meet at Eric Mobbs No Later than 10.30am.
- Under 12 vs Auburn FC** at Phillips Park at 9.30am.
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 9am.
- Under 13 vs Have a Bye**
- Under 15 vs Guildford McCredie** at Phillips Park at 11.45am.
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 11.15am.
- 1st Grade vs Epping COC** at Homelands Reserve,
Homelands Ave, Carlingford at 3.15pm.
Meet at Homeland Reserve No Later than 2.30pm.

Champion Congo

Congratulations to former player **Brandon Starc**, who last week became the Australian High Jump Champion. Brandon cleared an incredible 2.28m at the Australian Athletics Championships to take the Gold and qualify for the World Athletics Championships to be held in Moscow in August.

Brandon played 189 games and scored 56 goals between 1999 and 2009.

Results of matches Played 13th April 2013.

Under 7's lost 4-7 to Guildford McCredie (White) at Everley Park

Eleven enthusiastic Lidcombe Under 7 team members participated in this action-packed match which saw non-stop end to end raids and shots on goal from both teams. Mohamad Mehajer scored the opening goal for Lidcombe with a dominant run and powerful shot, which he kept up whenever he was on the field.

Both Lidcombe goalkeepers in the match, Zak Esmail and Jethro Rinakama, pulled off several incredible saves which kept Lidcombe in the game, and Zak also added to the Lidcombe score with his typical style of flat-out running with great ball control

combined with a well-timed shot for goal. Vithaghan Vijay who joined the team on the field for the first time in this match, helped contain the Guildford raids which were many. Daniel Ibay, Hisham Ahmadi and Anthony Myolnas made strong counter-raids and put in fine efforts, showing great commitment in both attack and defense. Tito Akol ran hard at the Guildford defense to get Lidcombe down to the right end of the field. Sivanujan Sivakumaran pitched in at the right time all match, and Anthony Mubarik got his positional play just right, scoring two goals with quick thinking by taking the shots when they were there to

take. Keith Miller provided some clearing kicks in defense. Special thanks to the fathers of Zak and Mohamad for providing the on-field coaching role on the day. There are encouraging signs of resilience and spirit in the Under 7 team, they never gave up, scoring three goals in a row to fight their way back in to the game, and with the players trying as hard as they could for all of the match, there were some impressive skills on display.

Stand out player this week were Hisham Ahmadi, Anthony Mubarik,, Zak Esmil and Daniel Ibay.

Under 8's drew 0- 0 with Guildford McCredie at Phillips Park

This week's match was a difficult game as we had 8 players on the field. The kids all played exceptionally well given that they faced the Champions of the GALA competition. Our team showed

determination and persistence to win the game and although we had several tries by Yehye, Mert, Jae, Izaak & Sweekar, unfortunately we were unlucky not to find the back of the net. Jeyan, Kaya & Rana also

played strongly to defend and create opportunities.

I would like to congratulate all the players with their efforts, see you all next week.

Under 9's defeated Guildford McCredie 1-0 at Phillips Park

With the coach away this week, it was left with a few fathers to steer the Under 9s playing against Guildford McCredie at Phillips Park.

Lidcombe won the toss and decided to run downhill and towards the smell Steven May's sizzling sausages (advertising). Lidcombe were hungry to get a goal into the net first and came out firing early in the match with countless attacks and shots at goal

but only to be kept away by the opposition's goal keeper. Guildford were also determined to score but were clearly frustrated by the Lidcombe defense each time they got near our goal. The goal finally came late in the first half with Timothy Yoon slotting the ball into the back of the net.

The second half of the game was a tough one with more ball possession held by Guildford as they

wanted to level the score. However the determination of the whole Lidcombe team to protect their lead and not let the opposition score came out on top and eventually won the match with the final score 1-Nil.

Congratulations to everyone for a turning up and playing their best! A good start to the new season and it is good to see everyone turning up for the match.

Under 11's lost to St Bernadettes All Saints 4-0 at Eric Mobbs Reserve

No report received at time of publication.

REGISTRATION FEES ARE NOW DUE

Any player who has not paid their registration fees in full by Saturday 27th April will be deemed as un-financial and not able to play.

Results of Matches Played 13th April 2013 Cont

Under 12 defeated Baulkham Hills 6-0 at Ted Horwood Reserve

Lidcombe's Under 12s travelled to Ted Horwood Reserve for the Battle with Baulkham Hills.

On what was a very warm morning Lidcombe took control from the opening whistle and with great ball control and field position soon took the lead with a well executed goal to Kabilan Gowrieswaren. Lidcombe continued to dominate with the combination of Emanuel Mylonas, Arti Nithiananthan and Calvin Iturra controlling play in the

midfield. Ranmanan Linghanathan secured his first goal for the club with a blistering shot from 23 meters out on the right side. Daniel Kritikos also found the net for his first club goal when he pounced on the ball from 13 meters out. Emmanuel Mylonas secured a solid four - nil lead at halftime beating three players before calmly slotting the ball past the opposition keeper.

Lidcombe continued to worry the

Baulkham Hills defense and the pressure paid off following a very well taken corner by Tomislav Teklic that found Daniel Kritikos in the centre of the penalty area to secure his second goal. Arti Nithiananthan was also rewarded for his great play scoring Lidcombe's final goal.

It was very pleasing to see a great team performance on a very warm day.

Under 13 drew 2-2 with Newington at Wilson Park

A top of the ladder clash between Newington vs Lidcombe at Wilson Park produced a great game to watch. Lidcombe opened the score with a goal to Andrew Lylo in the first 15 minutes, Andrew scored another goal just before half time. James Lawandos (Captain) had the opportunity to extend the lead further before half time with a fantastic free kick from 30 meters out, which just sailed over the cross bar

The second half started as the first half finished with Lidcombe putting the pressure on early. Newington started to play better as the second half progressed, due to the fact they

had a full team with substitutes. This situation made a big difference to the final result on a warm sunny day at Wilson Park. All of Lidcombe's starting 11 played the full 60 minutes with fatigue setting in near the end. Newington took advantage of the opportunity and produced a goal, but it wasn't an easy one with Thomas Livesey making several saves before the ball finally made it past the line. Ahmad Khalili had another great game in midfield. Lidcombe unfortunately conceded a penalty while defending a cross from an accidental hand ball, in the penalty area. Thomas however put the pressure on the kicker who kicked

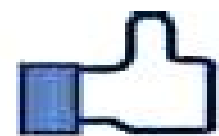
the ball high, but luck was on Newington's side, with the ball hitting the cross bar and going in. With the scores leveled 2-2, Lidcombe's defense and midfield kept Newington from scoring a winner, while Lidcombe's attack was putting pressure on Newington to claim a victory.

On a final note. Well done to the whole Lidcombe team with every player contributing to the final result, playing the full 60 minutes on a warm sunny day with no substitutes what a great team effort with a never give up attitude.

Under 15 lost 2-4 to Castle Hill United at Fred Caterson Reserve

No report received at time of publication.

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BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Tomislav Teklic (U/12) 18/4

Jethro Rinakama (U/7) 18/4

1st Grade defeated Strathfield Prestige 5-3 at Phillips Park

Playing their first home game for the season, 1st Grade took on Strathfield Prestige with only eight players. Fortunately for us our very reliable friends at Greystanes helped us out with five players.

The match started with Lidcombe totally dominating possession and playing possibly their best opening five minutes in two seasons.

Unfortunately a very slight lapse in concentration after seven minutes saw Strathfield open the scoring totally against the run of play.

Lidcombe evened the score ten minutes later when Wayne Nathaniel (Greystanes) capitalized on a mistake from the Strathfield

keeper under a high ball.

Lidcombe continued to have the better of the play and were rewarded when Mat James scored from a cross from his brother Daniel after thirty two minutes.

Five minutes before half time an error from the coach saw a few key players moved out of position and Strathfield score a fairly easy goal. The score remained at 2-2 till half time.

The second half saw Lidcombe running downhill towards the canteen. Prabu Weerasinghe scored his first ever goal for Lidcombe after fifty four minutes. Five minutes later Mat James

scored his second cracking goal of the day to bring the score to 4-2 and leaving Strathfield wondering what happened.

Midway through the second half Strathfield scored from a penalty which was almost saved by the diving right hand of keeper Daniel Gildea.

Lidcombe closed out the match when Paul Keorkes (Greystanes) scored after the Strathfield keeper fumbled another high ball, crossed this time by Frankie Tassone.

Best performers in an outstanding team effort were Mat James, Adrian Martinez, Tito Tealdo and Hang Xiao.