



The Congo

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Diary Dates

June

Saturday 29th

- Team photos at Phillips Park

Sunday 30th

- Registration cut off for new players.

This Week's Competition Matches Saturday 22nd June

- Under 7 vs Wentworthville Uniting** at Phillips Park 10am.
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 9.30am.
- Under 8 vs To be advised**
- Under 9 vs To be advised**
- Under 11 vs St Columbas All Saints (12)** at Phillips Park at 11am.
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 10.30am.
- Under 12 vs Auburn FC** at Webbs Avenue Playing Fields (1),
Webbs Ave, Auburn. At 10am.
Meet at Webbs Ave No Later than 9.30am.
- Under 13 HAVE A BYE**
- Under 15 vs Guildford McCredie** at Everley Park,
Everley Rd, South Granville. At 10.50am.
Meet at Everley Park No Later than 10.20am.
- 1st Grade vs Guildford McCredie (White)** at Everley Park,
Everley Rd, South Granville. At 3.15pm.
Meet at Everley Park No Later than 2.30pm.

Congratulations
100 Games
Blake Batchelor
(Commenced 2009)
15/6/13 v St Michaels Baulkham Hills
At Phillips Park.

Results of Matches Played 15th June 2013.

Under 7's forfeited to St Bernadettes at Eric Mobbs Reserve

Lidcombe didn't quite have enough players on the day so the opposition (St Bernadette's) kindly lent two of their players (Thomas and Sebastian), this allowed a friendly match between the two teams to take place. The Lidcombe players present then found themselves in the middle of a running battle (with the emphasis on running) that was reasonably even until the sheer amount of running caught up with them. Sailesh Arulanantham and Tito Akol each had a turn in goals, with Sailesh making a couple of quite spectacular saves in the first half, and Tito providing solid backup in the

second. Tito and Sailesh also tried their best when they were out on the field, well done to both players for your efforts. It was encouraging to see Sailesh make good progress in developing his understanding of the game and improving his attacking and defensive skills, as a result of playing in this match.

Sivanujan Sivakumaran also worked well, keeping the opposition honest in the midfield and defending well, allowing some attacking raids to develop with the help of the loan players Sebastian and Thomas.

Another notable performance was by Keith Miller in the sweeper role, who

made countless fearless defensive tackles on attacking opposition players and many impressive clearances. It is worth reporting that while the Lidcombe players ran until they could run no more, St Bernadette's also showed signs of tiredness in the second half (even though they had reserve players), which demonstrates that all players put in a good effort, and played the match as best they could under the circumstances. A good attitude and spirit was shown by all players, this was pleasing to see and was appreciated by those watching the match.

Under 8's defeated Wentworthville Uniting 3-0 at Phillips Park

The air was chilly but pleasant and the grounds were muddy but playable. Our fine athletes lined up to shake the little hands of the opposition to show their sportsmanship.

Once again with the blow of the whistle our under 8's were playing strong and determined. Our midfielders Jeyan, Isaack and the forwards Adam & Yehye were playing in sync, passing to one and another and attacking like a wolf pack. We had a few opportunities but were unlucky not to put our names on the score sheet. To credit the other team – their goal keeper was like a panther that leaped to every ball to stop imminent threats.

Mid way through the 1st half Adam found an opportunity to attack from the right flank. With the goals in sight he took the shot only to be stopped by the defenders arm. ***The referee pointed to the penalty spot.***

Adam gladly accepting the challenge, with a smile on his face placed the ball to the left bottom corner to finish off what he had started (1-0).

The rest of the game was equally exciting with Yehye and Isaack having a few opportunities of their own, but were unlucky not to score this time around. Yehye also played a crucial role in saving an imminent goal by bolting from the half way line to stop a striker from scoring a goal. *Anyone watching from the sidelines would have referenced the incident to an episode from "David Attenborough's African Safari" where Yehye the "cheetah" toying with his 'prey' - giving the "gazelle" – the opposition striker a 5 meter head start; knowing well the gazelle had no chance to elude his predator.*

The drought in the second half came to an end with Adam shooting from the edge of the box and finding the back of the net once again (2-0). Five

minutes later Jeyan and Adam started the 'wall pass' move from the half way line with the last pass finishing in front of Jeyan, who then took the opportunity to trick the goal keeper and score the last goal of the match (3-0).

The rest of the players performed equally well bringing in their own flares to the game. Over the weeks we've seen consistent play from Mert, Kaya & Sweekar who are proving their roles within the team. Jae and Suvan also did their best to assist their team players. A special mention goes to Rana as she earned the MVP for this game. She relentlessly chased, hassled, challenged and at times defended the goals by herself to give us a clean sheet. It was a gleaming morning with a fantastic result. I want to thank all the players and their parents for making the effort to attend the game and look forward to our next match.

BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

Happy Birthday to the following player who is celebrating his special day this week.

Mitchell Djelevski (U/13) 20/6

Under 9's drew 1-1 with Wentworthville Uniting (Gold) at Phillips Park

No report received at time of publication.

Under 11's lost 2-0 to Kings Old Boys at Phillips Park

The Under 11s took on Kings Old Boys at Phillips Park.

The first half was well contested by Lidcombe in an even tussle. Jasmine Gunn and Alex Maljevac kept the defence tight and was well supported by Yatin Moharana and Edwin Akol was rock solid in goals. Billy Leask and Dion Kaa were outstanding in the midfield combining well with Am-

ber Gunn to set up some good attacking raids.

The second half saw Lidcombe continue to match their opposition with William Tran and Aydin Richards controlling the ball well and feeding the midfield with some excellent passes. George Faingataa worked well to set up the attack and Lidcombe were unlucky not to go to the lead in the

30th minute following a great shot from Keenan Roshan. Unfortunately Lidcombe were caught out late in the match conceding goals following two quick breaks from the Kings. An excellent team performance by a team that is improving with every match!

Under 12's drew 1-1 with St Michaels Baulkham Hills (White) at Phillips Park

Playing with only 10 players

Lidcombe took on St Michaels White at Phillips Park.

Lidcombe started off the first half running into a stiff westerly breeze and didn't get much possession to begin with. The St Michaels attack kept the pressure on the Lidcombe goal and Lidcombe were very unlucky

not to concede three goals in the first half with St Michaels hitting the post on two occasions.

The second half saw Lidcombe control the ball more and put the St Michaels team under pressure. Following some good play with ball control and accurate passing Lidcombe hit the lead through Arti

Nithiananthan with 11 minutes remaining in the match. Lidcombe continued to have the better possession but a goal on the break to St Michaels with four minutes remaining levelled the scores meaning that Lidcombe would come away with a draw.

Team Photos

29th June

Team photos for all teams will take place at Phillips Park on Saturday 29th June.

Times to be advised

Under 13's defeated Newington Gunners 3-1 at Phillips Park

Another win 3 - 1 vs Newington at Phillips Park, keeps Lidcombe undefeated this season at home. A slow start displayed some nail biting play, with Lidcombe finally scoring the first goal. Samuel Zubkov put Andrew Lylo on the score board with a great assist which Andrew converted from a tight angle. Newington were given a chance with some sloppy defence and were gifted

a goal. In the second half Lidcombe showed why they remain undefeated at home, with solid attacking play and pressure. Lidcombe was awarded a free kick from 35m out. Captain James Lawandos displayed his great free kick ability scoring a goal. Consistent skill and form from Samuel increased James's goal tally with another goal assist by Samuel.

Thomas Livesey in goals showed courage and strength staying on the field after receiving a knock in the head in the first half and keeping Newington scoreless in the second. John Mubarik produced a solid performance in midfield. Once again, a nail biting but a good team effort from all who played.

Under 15's drew 2-2 with Castle Hill United at Phillips Park

Saturday saw Lidcombe take on Castle Hill United at home, which ended up being a very close fought contest. Anthony Boustani opened up Lidcombe's scoring with an early goal in the first half after some good quick passing & aggressive running from the mid field to enable Anthony to capitalize. In the second half Castle Hill caught Lidcombe napping

& were able to score two quick easy goals which left Lidcombe gob smacked, Coach Sam Annous was not happy with us now being behind, so a strategic move of putting Daniel Kratz up front soon yielded results, with Daniel scoring the equalizer. This ended up being the final score, a two all draw. Lidcombe had many scoring chances as usual being

unsuccessful but played well on the day & should have been winners. Rakulan Ganesarajah & Keegan Murray put in great performances up front & Deng Yai made some great goal saving tackles as full back, as usual Patty May did his great job of defending our goals & also showed the crowd how not to play golf!

1st Grade lost 3-0 to Epping CoC at Phillips Park.

Despite missing several players for this match, there was no excuse for the performance of Lidcombe for this match. As a team Lidcombe were poor and at times disgraceful.

Epping played well but realistically should not have troubled Lidcombe. Some players need to take a good look at themselves and the way they behave when things aren't going

their way.

Hopefully everyone learns from this result and attitudes change!

Be a Witness to history!

Saturday 29th June will see James 'PC' May create history by becoming the first player in Lidcombe Churches Soccer Club history to reach the 700 games mark.

James started his playing career for the club in 1979.

The match kicks off at 3.15pm at Phillips Park.

Be there to show your support for a true legend of our club.