



# The Congo

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## Diary Dates

### July

#### Wednesday 17th

- NSWCF A South V North Zone matches at Eric Mobbs Reserve

#### Wednesday 24th

- NSWCF A South V North Zone matches at Phillips Park
- NO TRAINING at Phillips Park

#### Wednesday 31st

- NSWCF A South V North Zone matches at Freame Park.

### August

#### Saturday 10th

- Team Photos at Phillips Park

### September

#### Saturday 28th

- CFFA Junior National titles commence in Perth

### October

#### Sunday 27th

- Presentation Day at Phillips Park

## **This Week's Competition Matches Saturday 27th July**

- Under 7 vs Hills Spirit (Black)** at Phillips Park at 9am.  
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 8.30am.
- Under 8 vs Wentworthville Uniting** at Freame Park,  
Rees St, Mays Hill at 9am.  
Meet at Freame Park No Later than 8.30 am.
- Under 9 vs Hills Spirit (Black)** at Kellyville Memorial Park,  
Memorial Ave, Kellyville at 11am.  
Meet at Kellyville Memorial Park No Later than 10.30am.
- Under 11 vs Guildford McCredie** at Everley Park (1),  
Everley St, South Granville at 11am.  
Meet at Everley Park No Later than 10.30am.
- Under 12 vs Toongabie** at Phillips Park at 9.30am.  
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 9.00am.
- Under 13 vs Guildford County** at Phillips Park at 10.30am.  
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 10am.
- Under 15 vs Baulkham Hills** at Phillips Park at 11.45am.  
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 10.15am.
- 1st Grade vs Strathfield Prestige** at Phillips Park at 3.15pm.  
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 2.30pm.

Congratulations to all the Lidcombe players who have been selected in the following Representative teams.

### **NSWCFA South Zone**

Under 8- Adam Mhajer, Jeyan Oner, & Timothy Yoon

Under 9- Sean McGlade

Under 11- Jasmin Gunn, Dion Kaa, & Caleb Rinakama

### **CFFA NSW City**

Under 14s- Daniel Kratz, Andrew Lylo, Thomas Livesey & Adam Yoon

Under 16s- Patrick May

# ***Results of Matches Played 20th July 2013.***

## **Under 7's had a BYE**

### **Under 8's lost to Kellyville Red 1-2 at Phillips Park**

It's never easy playing against the league leaders. The game was not shy of controversies either and despite all this our young athletes played an exceptional game.

Rana played with her heart and soul, her passion for the game earned her the MVP title for this week – well done Rana.

Adam once again shined with his brilliant skills and scored the 1<sup>st</sup> goal of the first half as he tucked the ball into the corner of the net. He continued to torment the Hills Spirit's '4 men' defense with his quick feet. *Suddenly he found himself on the edge of the 6 yard and he chipped the ball* but was unfortunate to score what would have been a classy goal.

Yehye also deservingly played well; he was literally running circles around the players and the field. He stopped the opposition strikers from scoring imminent goals. *For that the whole team and I congratulate you on your determination.* He had a few opportunities as well but was unfortunate to put his name on the scorecard.

Towards the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> half, the dreaded equalizer came from a penalty – a penalty that shouldn't have been awarded. *We give this to the inexperience of the young referee.*

Our midfielders Jeyan, Isaack, Raiden & Kaya also worked hard to create opportunities and stop the opposition from penetrating our half

of the field. The team work between the players was ok at times but we need to focus on more in trainings to strengthen the 'teamwork play' to maintain the consistency.

Our defenders Jae, Suvan & Mert did their best to maintain the 1 all draw, but were unfortunate to concede a second goal.

A special mention goes to Sweekar for playing strong defensively and showing us his strong long range kicks. Keep up the good work and look forward to your development and next games.

Thank you again for all your hard work kids and keep up the good work.

## **Under 9's**

No report received at time of publication.

## **Under 11's had a BYE**

### **Under 12's drew 2-2 with Pendle Hill at Binalong Oval**

The Under 12s took on Pendle Hill at Binalong Oval and were once again under strength due to illness and holidays.

Despite starting the match with only nine players Lidcombe were in control from the start controlling play in the midfield where it was needed most. Nine minutes into the match Lidcombe's numbers were increased to ten with the arrival of Kennu Challenger. This lifted Lidcombe a notch as they started to go on the attack and were rewarded in the 15th minute when Chris May put in a great cross from the right side for Arti Nithiananthan to run onto and open the scoring. Lidcombe

continued to have the better of the play and kept pestering the Pendle Hill defence who held strong. The Lidcombe pressure did force a mistake from a Pendle Hill defender who handled the ball that led to a penalty with five minutes remaining before half time. Chris May calmly converted the penalty and gave Lidcombe a two goal lead at half time.

Lidcombe continued to control the match in the second half until a lapse in concentration with six minutes remaining in the match saw the Pendle Hill team make a quick break to bring the score back to 2-1. Poor marking in the midfield due to the

fatigue of playing short of players led to Pendle Hill being able to level the scores with just three minutes remaining.

Another brave effort by the team, however the constant weeks of playing with only nine or ten players is showing and this must change if the team is going to perform to their maximum potential.

### BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

**Daniel Kritikos (U/12) 27/7**

# **Congratulations**

# **700 GAMES**

# **JAMES MAY**

**Commenced 1979**  
**20/7/13 v Guildford McCredie**  
**Phillips Park**

#### **Under 13's drew 2-2 with Castle Hill United at Fred Caterson Reserve**

Castle Hill United currently bottom of the ladder demonstrated good football skills near the end of the season, giving us a match fit for finals. Lidcombe started quick with a dribble from Andrew Lylo going through five players to cross the ball into the box. Samuel Zubkov slotted in the goal, 1st minute of the game.

Castle Hill didn't give up getting one back. Another dribble by Andrew placed him in the open, he took a shot at goal which grazed a defender and went in.

Going into the second half with a 2-1 lead, Lidcombe conceded a goal from a corner. With scores leveled both teams had several opportunities to

take out the win, constantly pressuring each other, at one stage Lidcombe only had ten players on the field. The game was more energy demanding as the ground was muddy causing players to tire out and lose footing constantly. In all, a great learning game for Lidcombe.

## **Under 15's defeated Pendle Hill 1-0 at Binalong Oval**

Lidcombe's under 15's went to Pendle Hill on Saturday to do battle with the locals. It was quite a windy morning & the field was very slippery & muddy, which was going to allow for an interesting game. Patrick May won the toss & headed his team into the wind for the first half. The boys found it tough going & were unable to come up with many scoring opportunities, unlike Pendle Hill who had several attempts just fall short. Patrick May's luck was in today with an attacker getting around him with the ball in front of the goals & then fell flat on his face in the mud enabling Pat to scramble back & stop

the ball before it dribbled over the line. Half time saw the score line still nil all, but the second half looked much more promising with the wind at our backs a new attack plan formed at the break. The boys came out & were straight on the attack with good ball control in the mid field from Adam Yoon & Merage Ebrahimi, feeding the ball to Daniel Kratz, Anthony Boustani & Brenton Lowe, who with many attempts that were unsuccessful until Anthony Boustani, with around 20 minutes left on the clock was able to put the winning goal in the net. After scoring coach Sam Annous decided to defend

our valuable one goal lead & moved Daniel Kratz & Adam Yoon back to give our strong defenders Jayden Hughes, Will Courtwood & Deng Yai a helping hand to make sure that Pendle Hill stayed scoreless. Congratulations on a tough win under difficult conditions, now let's keep it going.

## **1st Grade defeated Guildford McCredie (Red) 4-2 at Phillips Park**

As has been the case in our last few games Lidcombe started the match poorly and allowed Guildford too much space and time on the ball. This led to Guildford taking a two goal lead with some very lazy defending by Lidcombe. Lidcombe got their act together just before half time with Mat Hyde scoring with seconds remaining in the half. Running towards the canteen in the second half, Lidcombe began on fire with several shots at goal but were unable to find the back of the net. The large crowd on hand to witness James May's 700th match were becoming nervous, thinking that this may not be Lidcombe's day. This match still had several twists yet to come!

Twenty two minutes into the second half the crowd found their voice with a booming call of "**COME ON CONGS!**", coming from the crowd. This seemed to lift Mat James who beat two defenders out side the penalty box and hit a thunderous right footed shoot which left the Guildford keeper with nothing to do but stand and admire the shot as the ball sailed into his own net. Guildford then turned a little crazy with one of their strikers receiving a second caution and being sent off. Lidcombe could smell blood and went for the kill.

Trent Smith began to find space down the right and it was with one of these runs that the 500 game veteran hit a perfect cross to Captain

James May who finished expertly to bring the large crowd to its feet. It was a fairy tale in the making as this was only James' 18th goal of his 700 match career.

With one minute remaining in the match Mat Hyde sealed the win with his second goal of the match to bring the final score to a 4-2 Lidcombe victory.

Best players this week were David Hay, James May and Trent Smith.