



The Congo

Wednesday 7th August 2013

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Diary Dates

August

Wednesday 7th

- NSWCFA South V North Zone matches at Freame Park.

Saturday 10th

- Team Photos at Phillips Park

September

Saturday 28th

- CFFA Junior National titles commence in Perth

October

Friday 4th

- CFFA Senior National titles commence on the Sunshine Coast

Sunday 27th

- Presentation Day at Phillips Park

This Week's Competition Matches Saturday 10th August

- Under 7** vs **St Bernadettes Tigers** at Phillips Park at 9am.
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 8.30am.
- Under 8** vs **OLQP (White)** at Daniel St Park,
Daniel St, Greystanes at 8am.
Meet at Daniel St Park No Later than 7.30 am.
- Under 9** vs **St Bernadettes Tigers** at Eric Mobbs Reserve,
Excelsior Ave, Castle Hill at 10am.
Meet at Eric Mobbs Reserve No Later than 9.30am.
- Under 11** vs **OLQP (Blue)** at Daniel St Park,
Daniel St, Greystanes at 11am.
Meet at Daniel St Park No Later than 10.30am.
- Under 12** vs **Winston Hills (White)** at Phillips Park at 9.30am.
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 9am.
- Under 13** vs **Winston Hills** at Phillips Park at 10.30am.
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 10am.
- Under 15** vs **Granville Waratah** at Phillips Park at 11.45am.
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 11.15am.
- 1st Grade** vs **Guildford McCredie (White)** at Phillips Park at 3.15pm
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 2.30pm.

Team Photos

**Team Photos will be taken this Saturday
10th August 2013 at Phillips Park**

U/7s - 10.00am	U/8s - 11.00am
U/9s - 12.00pm	U/11s - 9.00am
U/12s - 11.30am	U/13s - 9.30am
U/15s - 10.30am	1st Grade - 1.30pm

*Please ensure your child is available
even if not purchasing a photo*

Results of Matches Played 3rd August 2013.

Under 7's lost 3-5 to Guildford McCredie (White) at Everley Park

Starting the match with just five players, against a good opposing team with reserves to spare and at the Guildford home ground, the Lidcombe team was immediately at a disadvantage. As the first half progressed Guildford made the most of the circumstances to score four unanswered goals against a tiring Lidcombe team. Regardless of this half-time score, there were some very good efforts made by the Lidcombe players. Mohamad Mehajer, Anthony Mylonas and Sivanujan Sivakumaran, all managed to work their way with determination through the strong and well organised Guildford defence, to create some chances for shots at goal. Keith Miller at the back was

made to work hard defending against Guildford's repeated attacking play, and Daniel Ibay in goal did very well to stop many more of the shots that were made.

In the closing part of the first half the Lidcombe team matched the Guildford team with six players on the field, and in the second half, it was game on. Lidcombe started to overcome Guildford, getting and keeping better field position. This resulted in Lidcombe's first goal to Mohamad Mehajer, a reward for his persistence, skills and effort. Daniel Ibay, having swapped goalkeeping position with Sivanujan Sivakumaran, gave Lidcombe some fresh legs and this also helped the advantage to go Lidcombe's way. As proof of this, and

with some very tenacious play, Hissham Ahmadi slotted in two quick goals, well done again Hissham! Ultimately Lidcombe ran out of time, in a longer game they would probably have gone on to score more goals, noting that Lidcombe won the second half 3-1.

In summary, the Lidcombe team produced a creditable performance, with each team member doing his best, in a hard and competitive match against a very good Guildford team which had more players. It was also good to see both teams enjoying the game, and to see the fight back from Lidcombe, great spirit shown! This made it a very enjoyable match for the spectators as well.

Under 8's defeated OLQP (Blue) 2-0 at Phillips Park

It is always a pleasure to host the OLQP team, although there was a friendly atmosphere to the day, it was still business as usual. After all as we near the end of the competition we still have to protect our 1st place in the B Division. The game started strong as our athletes with one thing on their minds – winning at all costs, played with their hearts and souls. Our midfield held their ranks tight and our defence was impenetrable – *like the battle of Stalingrad, 1942-1943*. As time approached the end of 1st half, Isaack with the support of the team pressed on forward and found himself inside the 6 yard box. Unselfishly he graciously passed the ball to Jeyan on his right. Jeyan accepting the gesture in a gentleman's manner tucked the ball

behind the goal keeper 1-0.

Adam and Yehye played strong as Adam played an integral part in assisting the team success and Yehye stopped possible threats from eventuating. They were unfortunate to find the back of the net, however let's be honest without these 2 fine athletes the leader board would have looked differently.

Second half; again we came out strong as the game was played at OLQP's half with the ball possession in our favour. Throughout the game, literally our goal keepers had a field day as they sunbathed and looked for that elusive four leaved clover in the greens.

Mert playing on from last week's high tormented the opposition as he tried his best to assist the team. Rana like a shining diamond on the field

stopped the opposition in their tracks as she ripped the ball away from the attackers. Kaya with a few tricks of his own was also unlucky to find the back of the net as Adam passed the ball to him (great team play).

Sweekar with his big kicks cleared any possible threats, while Jae and Suvan played their part to keep the score at 1-0. As we approached the end of the second half Adam and Jeyan showed us their team work – Adam passed the ball and Jeyan from the edge of the box with a strong kick took a shot to seal the game 2-0.

It was a fantastic game with a strong finish, as we reach the season finale' our players are growing from strength to strength, with each week bringing on new and exciting individual skills. Thank you again and see you all next week.

Under 9's lost 1-0 to Hills Spirit (White) at Phillips Park

No report received at time of publication.

Under 11's lost 4-0 to Wentworthville Uniting at Phillips Park

The Under 11's took on third placed Wentworthville Uniting at Phillips Park. The match started well for Lidcombe with some aggressive tackling and some good passing in midfield from Amber Gunn, Caleb Rinakama, Billy Leask and Keenan Roshan.

After nine minutes Wentworthville found some lazy defending on Lidcombe's left side and were able to make a break against the run of play

and score the first goal of the match.

Five minutes later Wentworthville again attacked Lidcombe's left side with the same result.

At half time some positional changes were made and our left side strengthened.

Wentworthville scored two early goals but Lidcombe never gave up and constantly pressured the Wentworthville goal for the majority of the second half. George Faingataa,

Gorang Yai, William Tran and Tilakraj Tjaishankar were everywhere and each were unlucky not to score. The attack was only able to flourish because of the excellent defensive work of Keenan Roshan, Alex Isaacs, Jasmine and Amber Gunn along with second half keeper Alex Maljevac. Best for Lidcombe this week in an excellent team performance were Caleb Rinakama, William Tran and Amber Gunn.

Under 12's

No report received at time of publication.

Under 13's defeated Lidcombe Waratah 7-0 at Coleman Park

Congratulations to Lidcombe Churches U13's team, winning the Local Derby vs Lidcombe Waratah at Coleman Park. The spectacular 7 - 0 win guaranteed the Congs a top 4 finish and a place in the finals series. The Congs started the game strong and quick, controlling the ball and play from kick off. Andrew Lylo put The Congs on the scoreboard getting the first goal of the game a header, first of many goals he scored in the game (a personal best six goals). Great team work, passing and

communication saw Andrew net another 4 goals for his team in the first half.

5 - 0 up in the second half, Waratah attempted a comeback with a few good solid plays during the half. The early pressure created by Waratah didn't affect The Congo's team spirit. With each player determined not to concede a goal by always challenging for the ball and creating good counter attacks.

The Congs experimented with some

new positions and plays during the half with good results. Ahamad Khalili scored the first goal of the second half from an Ibrahim Taha corner. Andrew put the icing on the cake with another goal, once again from a corner delivered by Ibrahim. Captain James Lawandos born on match day exactly 13 years ago celebrated his birthday with another great win.

In all, another great TEAM EFFORT from all the boys!!

Under 15's

No report received at time of publication.

1st Grade lost 6-1 to Epping CoC at Homelands Reserve

With Lidcombe only having nine players available for this match against an Epping side needing to win to hang on to second place the result was never going to be in The Congs favour.

The first half saw Epping score four unanswered goals and Lidcombe rarely getting out of their own half.

A change of formation at half time allowed Lidcombe to perform better but two further goals to Epping put the game beyond reach.

Lidcombe kept fighting to the final whistle and were rewarded with a goal to Mat James four minutes from the end.

The nine dedicated Congo's who took the field for this match should be proud of their effort, especially in the second half.

The people who continually let the team down are fast losing the respect of their team mates. If you make a commitment to play then TURN UP AND PLAY!

Competition Tables as at 6/8/2013

Raahauge Cup 1st Grade									
POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Lidcombe Churches	15	11	1	2	58	26	32	37
2	Epping CoC	15	8	1	6	33	26	7	25
3	St Matthews	15	7	1	7	22	36	-14	22
4	Zimwarriors	15	7	3	5	41	30	11	21
5	Guildford McCredie (Red)	15	7	0	8	41	39	2	21
6	Strathfield Prestige	15	6	3	5	29	33	-4	21
7	Guildford McCredie (White)	15	5	1	9	27	38	-11	16
8	Castle Hill Baptist	15	3	0	12	21	44	-23	9

Raahauge Cup Reserve Grade									
POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Guildford McCredie (Red)	13	10	3	0	35	14	21	33
2	Castle Hill Baptist	13	6	5	2	24	14	10	23
3	St Matthews	13	5	3	5	13	16	-3	18
4	Greystanes	11	5	2	4	19	21	-2	17
5	Macarthur	13	5	1	7	20	21	-1	16
6	Epping CoC	12	3	1	8	17	26	-9	10
7	Guildford McCredie(White)	13	1	3	9	14	30	-16	6

Under 15's									
POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Ermington United	17	15	0	2	81	18	63	45
2	Guildford County	15	14	1	0	58	14	44	43
3	Pendle Hill	15	8	2	5	35	26	9	26
4	Castle Hill United	17	8	1	8	45	30	15	25
5	Winston Hills	15	8	0	7	39	25	14	24
6	Granville Kewpie	16	7	2	7	39	32	7	23
7	Guildford McCredie	17	6	4	7	52	45	7	22
8	Lidcombe Churches	15	5	4	6	34	32	2	19
9	Baulkham Hills	16	2	0	14	16	74	-58	6
10	Granville Waratah	17	0	0	17	7	110	-103	0

Under 13's									
POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Guildford County	16	11	4	1	36	15	21	37
2	Lidcombe Churches	14	11	2	1	52	17	35	35
3	Newington Gunners	17	10	3	4	40	21	19	33
4	Merrylands SFC	15	10	1	4	49	29	20	31
5	Wenty Waratah	16	10	1	5	34	22	12	31
6	Kellyville	17	5	3	9	23	39	-16	18
7	Winston Hills	16	5	1	10	25	57	-32	16
8	Lidcombe Waratah	16	4	2	10	16	42	-26	14
9	Castle Hill United	16	3	5	8	19	52	-33	14

Under 12's									
POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	St Michael's (Black)	17	14	1	2	71	13	58	43
2	Ermington United	16	12	1	3	63	20	43	37
3	Toongabbie	17	11	2	4	43	22	21	35
4	St Michael's (White)	17	10	3	4	34	28	6	33
5	Lidcombe Churches	15	10	2	3	46	16	30	32
6	Winston Hills (Black)	16	10	2	4	29	21	8	32
7	Pendle Hill	17	4	1	12	19	49	-30	13
8	Auburn FC	16	3	0	13	16	46	-30	9
9	Winston Hills (White)	17	3	0	14	7	60	-53	9
10	Castle Hill United	16	1	0	15	15	53	-38	3

Under 11's									
POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	St Columbas All Saints 12	11	10	1	0	35	3	32	31
2	Guildford McCredie	12	10	0	2	56	8	48	30
3	Wentworthville Uniting	12	7	1	4	27	25	2	22
4	Kings Old Boys	10	7	0	3	17	13	4	21
5	Hills Spirit	12	5	3	4	22	19	3	18
6	OLQP (Red)	11	3	3	5	16	22	-6	12
7	OLQP (Blue)	12	1	4	7	8	28	-20	7
8	Lidcombe Churches	11	0	2	9	6	33	-27	2
9	St Bernadettes All Saints 11	11	0	2	9	3	39	-36	2

Under 9's Div B									
POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Hills Spirit (White)	12	5	1	6	12	19	-7	16
2	Wentworthville Uniting (Gold)	11	3	5	3	13	17	-4	14
3	Lidcombe Churches	12	4	2	6	8	21	-13	14
4	Hills Spirit (Black)	13	1	4	8	3	42	-39	7
5	St Bernadettes (Tigers)	12	1	3	8	6	29	-23	6

Under 8's Div B									
POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Lidcombe Churches	12	6	3	3	23	8	15	21
2	OLQP (Blue)	12	4	1	7	20	21	-1	13
3	Hills Spirit (Green)	11	2	2	7	14	42	-28	8
4	Wentworthville Uniting	13	2	2	9	7	35	-28	8
5	OLQP (White)	13	1	2	10	8	30	-22	5