



# The Congo

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## Diary Dates

### August

#### Saturday 31st

- NSWCFA Senior Grand Finals and Presidents Cup at Marconi Stadium
- GDSFA Junior Grand Finals

### September

#### Sunday 29th

- 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 24th August

- Under 7 vs OLQP (Blue)** at Phillips Park at 9am.  
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 8.30am.
- Under 8 vs Hills Spirit** at Phillips Park at 9am.  
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 8.30am.
- Under 9 vs Wentworthville Uniting** at Phillips Park at 10am.  
Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 9.30am.
- Under 11 vs Kings Old Boys** at Homelands Reserve, Homelands Ave, Carlingford at 12pm.  
Meet at Homelands Reserve No Later than 11.30am.

## This Week's Finals Matches Saturday 24th August

- Under 12 vs St Michaels (Black)** at Fred Caterson Reserve (2), Caterson Dr, Castle Hill at 9am.  
Meet at Fred Caterson Reserve No Later than 8.30am.
- Under 13 vs Merrylands SFC** at Fred Caterson Reserve (3), Caterson Dr, Castle Hill at 8.30am.  
Meet at Fred Caterson Reserve No Later than 9am.

## BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Keenan Roshan** (U/11) 21/8

**Subnash Velliangiri** (U/11) 23/8

**Akash Mubarik** (U/13) 24/8

**Keegan Murray** (U/15) 25/8

## ***Results of Matches Played 17th August 2013.***

### **Under 7's lost 3-4 to Wentworthville Uniting at Freame Park**

This was another good turnout for the Lidcombe team in what was an away match. Wentworthville started the first half by taking control of the game, scoring two very good goals. Nevertheless, the Lidcombe team regrouped and made the match much more competitive, with the play moving from end to end as each team tried to score, only to be countered each time by the other team, with effective defence and good goalkeeping. So the score remained at 2-0, Wentworthville's way, until half time.

The second half started with another goal to Wentworthville, suddenly Lidcombe was down 3-0, but did they give up? No way! This sparked the famous Congo spirit into life. A good team effort brought the ball towards the Wentworthville goal, Mohamad Mehajer was on the spot, and he put

away Lidcombe's first goal. The match then moved from end to end again for a while. Hissham Ahmadi broke away and took the ball on a length-of-the-field run, through determined Wentworthville defence, and with some excellent ball control fired a shot at goal which just missed. Hissham's inspiring effort lifted the team, and when Lidcombe found themselves once again moving towards the Wentworthville goal, from the back of the pack Keith Miller fired off a speculative shot which somehow made its way in slow motion through ten pairs of legs, including those of a mesmerised Wentworthville goalkeeper, for Lidcombe's second goal. From the next kickoff, Lidcombe got the ball off Wentworthville, and Mohamad Mehajer scored his second goal and Lidcombe's third goal, with a great

run and shot. Suddenly it was 3-all and the spectators were jumping with excitement at Lidcombe's fightback.

Time was running out, both teams were striving to find the winning goal, and as luck would have it, with just seconds to spare, Wentworthville broke away, and took a shot at goal, which went high in the air, dipped, then hit the crossbar and bounced in. Although the result ultimately went Wentworthville's way on this occasion, the whole Lidcombe team should be proud of the way they played, congratulations to all of you for the fantastic spirit and 100% effort you showed. And for the spectators, again it was a very thrilling and exciting match to watch.

### **Under 8's**

No report received at time of publication.

### **Under 9's defeated Wentworthville Uniting 2-0 at Phillips Park**

The under 9s played against Wentworthville Uniting last Saturday at Phillips Park. Lidcombe started off strong with some blistering runs down the wing from both Brandon Thai and Juach. Wentworthville kept Lidcombe out for the first half.

With a couple of positional changes at half time Lidcombe started to ap-

ply the pressure. Wentworthville faltered with a hand ball in the box. Adam Mhajer stepped up to the challenge putting away the first goal.

The pressure was too much with Lidcombe forcing their way to the Wentworthville goals time and time again. Jerolds Reyes was at the right place right time as he shot a goal in

to seal the deal for Lidcombe.

Many thanks to the Under 8's who backed up and took part in another win for the under 9s 2-0 well done to the whole team!

### **Under 11's**

No report received at time of publication.

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# Congratulations

**1st Grade** - Qualifying for the Grand Final  
to be held at Marconi Stadium  
on 31st August 2013.

# Good Luck

**Under 12's & Under 13's**

In your grand final qualifying  
matches on Saturday

## **Under 12's defeated Toongabbie 2-1 at Curtis Oval**

The Under 12's played in the 3v4 semi final at Curtis Oval, Dundas.

The first half was a very close contest with both teams seeming to have a very solid defence that may not be broken. Even though the play went from end to end the Lidcombe play was the more entertaining to watch with excellent passing and off the ball running, while the Toongabbie attack can be best described as 'Big Boys with big kicks'.

At half time with the score locked at 0-0 Lidcombe were encouraged to keep playing football and passing to team mates.

The second half started poorly for Lidcombe when Toongabbie scored after only three minutes.

Lidcombe stuck to their plan and with experienced coach James May at the helm some positional changes were made which saw Lidcombe go even further on the attack.

With seven minutes remaining in the match Kennu Challenger scored for Lidcombe and put the teams back on level terms. The match remained at 1-1 and went into Golden Goal extra time.

The first half of extra time was a close contest with neither team gaining the upper hand and so the match went into a second half of extra time.

The large crowd which had gathered were on the edge of their seats, it seemed that this one would be

decided by the dreaded penalty shoot out!

With just two minutes remaining in extra time a goal mouth scramble at the Lidcombe end saw goalkeeper Blake Batchelor make a one handed diving save and stop the ball millimeters from the goal line. Lidcombe then went on the counter attack through Calvin Iturra and Daniel Kritikos who fed the ball to Emmanuel Mylonas to score the match winning Golden Goal with just over a minute left in extra time.

Best for Lidcombe in an enthralling encounter were Calvin Iturra, Chris May, Arti Nithiananthan and Tomislav Teklic.

## **Under 13's lost 2-3 to Guildford County at Webbs Ave Playing Fields**

No report received at time of publication.

### **1st Grade defeated Epping CoC 1-1 (4-3 on penalties) at Eric Mobbs Reserve**

In the 1v2 Grand final qualifying semi final Lidcombe took on Epping.

Right from the outset Epping were on the attack and putting the Lidcombe defence under pressure. The Epping defence were extremely well organized and very difficult to get through. It seemed that it was going to be tough for both teams to score. The match went to half time locked at 0-0.

The second half saw Epping score and take advantage of Lidcombe defender Noge Bengamine Beshire being off the field injured.

With just three minutes remaining in the match Lidcombe's experienced left fullback Tristram 'Trixy' Larwood found the energy to push forward

and won a header just outside the Epping penalty area which fell to Mat Hyde who put the ball past the keeper with the outside of his right foot whilst under pressure from the Epping sweeper.

The match went into golden goal extra time but, as was the case with the first ninety minutes, the defence of both teams was too strong. A penalty shoot out would be needed to decide who would go through to play in two weeks at Marconi Stadium.

The penalty shoot out started with Epping successfully converting. Lidcombe's first penalty was taken by Mat Hyde who was on target. (1-1) Epping's second penalty hit the post

and failed to go in, while Lidcombe's second penalty was easily converted by Daniel 'Frank' James (Epping 1- Congs 2).

Epping's third and fourth penalties were converted while Lidcombe's third (Mat James) and fourth (Adrian Martinez) penalties were also converted. (Epping 3- Congs 4).

Epping then needed to convert their next penalty to have any hope of staying in the contest. The pressure was too much on the Epping player with a shot that missed by a long way.

Lidcombe were lucky in this one and need to improve for the big match in two weeks.