

Diary Dates

August

Saturday 30th

 NSWCFA Presidents Cup & **Senior Grand Final Day at** Marconi Stadium

<u>September</u>

Saturday 6th

GDSFA Grand Final Day

Sunday 28th

 CFFA National Titles commence

October

Sunday 26th

 Presentation Day at Phillips **Park**

The Congo

Wednesday 20th August 2014

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Final Round Match Saturday 23rd August,

Under 7 vs Wentworthville Uniting at Freame Park,

Rees St, Mays Hill at 11am.

Meet at Freame Park No Later than 10.30am.

This Week's Semi Finals Saturday 23rd August,

Under 8 vs Kings Old Boys at Freame Park,

Rees St, Mays Hill at 8.30am.

Meet at Freame Park No Later than 8am.

Under 9 vs Hills Spirit (Green) at Freame Park,

Rees St, Mays Hill at 11.30am.

Meet at Freame Park No Later than 11am.

Under 10 vs Hills Spirit (Blue) at Jones Park (2),

> Banks St, Merrylands West at 9.30am. Meet at Jones Park (2) No Later than 9am.

Under 11 vs Guildford McCredie at Jones Park (2).

Banks St, Merrylands West at 10.30am.

Meet at Jones Park (2) No Later than 10am.

Under 12 vs Kings Old Boys at Jones Park (1),

Banks St, Merrylands West at 11am.

Meet at Jones Park (1) No Later than 10.30am.

Under 14 to be advised

Under 16 to be advised

WET WEATHER

Please Note:

All games are on unless you are notified by your coach.

> If you are unsure check our website, Facebook page or contact your coach or manager-

> > DO NOT JUST STAY AT HOME!

Volunteers Required to help out at the National Titles

Lidcombe Churches have several players, coaches and managers attending this prestigious tournament. To ensure it is a success extra volunteers are needed.

If you are able to help out for any period of time please contact any of the contacts on the advertisement below or see Steven May or James May.





2014 National Titles

28th September – 2nd October 2014

SYDNEY ACADEMY OF SPORT & RECREATION,

Wakehurst Parkway Narrabeen NSW 2101

The NSW Churches Football Association has been chosen to host the 2014 National Titles tournament and with this will host the largest number of team entries from across the country with the inclusion of additional competitions this year

Games will be held over three days, commencing at approx. 9am. For exact times, please go the our website closer to the competition commencement.

Competitions being held are:

Male: Under 14, Under 16, Under 18, Under 23 (Youth), Senior and over 35

Female: Under 16 & seniors





The Christian Football Federation of Australia, National Titles is an annual event held for all Christian & Churches Football Associations in Australia and New Zealand. All Associations come together to provide the "Best of the Best" teams to play and enjoy Football during a 3 day tournament. The competition creates friendships, sportsmanship and camaraderie together with some exciting matches across the various title groups.

For further information contact:

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Results of Matches Played 16th August 2014.

Under 7's lost (forfeit) to OLQP(Red)

Under 8's defeated

Wentworthville knew what to expect from the Under 8 Congs, which was lots of attacking play, so the opposition put all of their players into defence, by setting up the Great Wall of Wentworthville (located in Phillips Park, Lidcombe). This tactic worked, it's hard to get the soccer ball past so many players, full credit to the Under 8 Congs for creating numerous shots at goal from corners, good passes and weaving runs. And so it was that at half time the goal score was 0-0, although the "shots at goal" score was about 50-0 to Lidcombe.

A change of tactics was needed in the second half. In order to dismantle the Wentworthville phalanx ("rectangular mass military formation"), the Congs drew the Wentworthville players away from their goal and broke up their wall, just like it's done in Minecraft. This opened up the play and provided chances for players like Hissham (who had an excellent game) and Jethro to speed through and around the Wentworthville team, and fire in shots. This worked twice for Jethro. who put in a player-of-the match effort.

Wentworthville's goal came from a lucky shot they made after one of the few goal kicks they got at the Lidcombe end. But with the dominance shown by Lidcombe, the result was never in doubt, well done to all the midfielders who chased hard all day and created this dominance.

Next Saturday's game is the semi-final, well done team for making it to this match, if we bring the famous Congs spirit to that game, anything is possible.

Under 9's defeated OLQP (Red) 4-0 at Phillips Park

Under 10's defeated Hills Spirit (White) 3-0 at Phillips Park

Under 11's defeated OLQP (Red) 4-3 at Phillips Park

It was the top of the table clash that the huge crowd who had gathered at Phillips Park had come to see. First placed OLQP taking on the mighty Congos. A win for Lidcombe would see them go into equal first place with OLQP and gain valuable momentum going into next weeks semi finals.

Lidcombe started the match poorly. Their marking was non existent, players were not playing their positions and passing the ball seemed to be an idea that was extremely foreign to them. Titus Kwon at sweeper and Chris May in goals were let down by the rest of the team as they battled hard to defend the Lidcombe goal. With the way that Lidcombe were playing it was unsurprising that they

found themselves down 0-3 at half time.

OLQP began to get a bit cocky with the calls of 'WE ARE NUMBER 1' continually coming from the sideline. This gave the Congs the motivation they needed to turn it around. A half time 'talk' from the coach and a few minor positional changes saw a more focused Congs team take the field for the second half. Lidcombe came out on fire, Chris May, Athavan Nithiananthan, Tom Teklic and William Ha controlled the midfield. The defenders of George Faingataa, Aydin Richards, Titus Kwon, Dhushi Morgan and Jee Teng Ong were impenetrable. Goalkeeper Philemon Kwon was as safe as a bank. The strikers of Gorang Yai, Edwin Akol and Raagul Selvarajah

worked extremely hard.

Lidcombe were playing more like the team that everyone had come watch. As well as the whole team playing together and backing each other up, this was going to be Kogulan Senthurchelvan's day. By staying in position at striker at trusting his team mates to get the ball up front he scored a second half hat trick with his final goal being the match winner. The other goal for the Congs came from Christopher May who was the main driving force behind the teams second half turn around. He single handedly inspired the team to take on his never say die attitude and will to win.

Best players this week were Chris May, Titus Kwon, Kogulan Senthurchelvan and Edwin Akol.

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Under 12's lost 0-1 to Wentworthville Uniting at Freame Park

Under 13's lost 2-3 to Rouse Hill at Commercial Rd Reserve

Under 14's defeated Pendle Hill 3-0 at Binalong Oval

<u>Under 16's drew 2-2 with Castle Hill United at Fred Caterson Reserve</u>

Volunteers Required this Saturday

Lidcombe Churches will be hosting Semi Finals on Saturday at Phillips Park.

There will be over 30 teams playing at Phillips Park this week.

Volunteers are required to help out right throughout the day.

If you have spent all season thinking I will help out one day then this is the day we need you.

People are required in the canteen, on the BBQ, setting up fields and many other duties.

If you can spare even just 30minutes then please come along or contact -

James May 0418 436 777.

Presentation Day

ATTENTION ALL CLUB MEMBERS

The annual Presentation and Picnic day will be held at Phillips Park on Sunday October 26 commencing at 11.30am.

Activities conducted with a BBQ lunch and climaxing in the presentation at 2.30pm where EVERY junior player will receive an award.

Team Photos will also be distributed on the day.

Any queries contact James May;

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The Congs are on Facebook "Like" us to keep up to date with club information.



Lidcombe Churches (Congs) Soccer Club