



The Congo

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Diary Dates

September

Saturday 6th

- GDSFA Grand Final Day

Sunday 28th

- CFFA National Titles commence

October

Sunday 26th

- Presentation Day at Phillips Park

Grand Finals Saturday 6th September,

Under 14 vs Ermington United at Coleman Park,
Georges Ave, Lidcombe at 10.30am.
Meet at Coleman Park No Later than 9.45am.

Under 16 vs Pendle Hill at Coleman Park,
Georges Ave, Lidcombe at 10.15am.
Meet at Coleman Park No Later than 9.30am.

CONGRATULATIONS

Competition Winners

Under 9's

&

Under 11's

Well done to both teams on your Grand Final victory
at Marconi Stadium on August 30.

Both teams held their nerve to win in
golden goal extra time!

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.

Fun games and activities will be conducted along with a BBQ lunch.

The day will climax with 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;

james.may@lidcombechurchessoccer.com or 0418 436 777

ATTENTION!

All playing jerseys are the property of Lidcombe Churches Soccer Club Inc and MUST be returned to your coach or manager.

If you are still in possession of a playing jersey please return it to your coach or manager ASAP.

Failure to do so may lead to an increase in registration fees for the 2015 season

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

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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 to 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.

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Results of Matches Played 23rd August 2014.

Under 7's drew 2-2 with Wentworthville Uniting at Freame Park

Our final game of the season, showed just how far the boys have come.

Up against the best team in the competition, (who won the Gala day and have only dropped one game all season), the mighty Congos drew 2-2 after being down 2-0.

We nearly won the game in the last 5

minutes with shots at goal just going wide.

It was a great fighting effort from the boys.

It's been a fantastic season of development. Only two players in the squad had previous experience playing football.

The boys effort week in week out is

something to be admired. They never gave up and played together as a team.

Also their game sense and skill level has grown tremendously.

Signs are looking good for next season. Hope to see you all next year!

Semi Final Results 23rd August 2014.

Under 8's lost 0-1 to Kings Old Boys at Freame Park

This semi-final was an epic match in which both sides made a massive effort in the attempt to win through to the grand final. In both previous encounters against Kings, the Under 8 Congos had been well beaten, but that meant nothing in this game. The Congos gave as good as they got, it was a thrilling spectacle with great positional play, fast attack and solid defence from both sides - a fine display all round, and what you'd expect in an important match like this.

It's fair to say that the opposition Kings players were a bit shocked and

surprised to go to half time with the score at 0-0.

In the second half both sides stepped up the pace, the Congos made chances for shots at goal and came close to scoring a number of times, an excellent effort against a Kings team which is famous for its defence. The struggle to score the elusive goal eventually saw Kings prevail, the Congos team then made every effort to even the score, but when full time arrived it remained at 1-0 to Kings.

Although the result didn't go our way this time, it was an superlative effort by the Under 8's Congos team in all

respects, everyone who witnessed this match saw how well the players and team performed, this semi final was their best game.

The Congos Coach says to all the Under 8 players - *2014 has been an outstanding season for you, you have shown true Congos spirit each and every week, your enthusiasm for playing the game (even at training!) has been a highlight of the year.*

Thank you for the entertainment and inspiration you have provided to those who have followed you throughout the season.

Under 9's defeated Hills Spirit (Green) 3-0 at Freame Park

The Under 9's continued their march towards the big game at Marconi Stadium by overcoming a determined

Hills Spirit (Green) at Freame Park.

Goals were scored by Yehye Hamdan (2) and Adam Mhajer.

In an excellent team effort best players were the goal scorers and Jeyan Oner.

Under 10's lost to Hills Spirit (Blue) at Jones Park

Under 11's defeated Guildford McCredie Uniting 2-0 at Jones Park

A goal in each half was enough to secure the Under 11's a place in next weeks grand final at Marconi Stadium.

An excellent team performance provided goals to Athavan Nithiananthan and Emmanuel Mylonas.

Best players this week were Edwin Akol, Jee Teng Ong, Titus Kwon and both the keepers (Emmanuel Mylonas and Philemon Kwon).

Under 12's lost 0-3 to Kings Old Boys at Jones Park



NSWCFA- Grand Final Day

Saturday 30th August 2014

Marconi Stadium



Marconi Stadium was the venue for the NSWCFA 2014 Grand Final Day. Lidcombe Churches Under 9's and Under 11's were successful in winning their Grand Finals which were played at the 12,000 seat stadium.

These boys and girls represented the Cong's proudly and displayed excellent sportsmanship and impeccable behavior.

Semi Final Results 30th August 2014.

Under 14's defeated Wenty Waratah 3-2 at Eric Mobbs Reserve

Under 16's defeated Merrylands SFC 3-0 at Bernie Mullane Reserve

Grand Final Results 30th August 2014.

Under 9's defeated Guildford McCredie Uniting 2-1 at Marconi Stadium

Under 11's defeated Hills Spirit 3-2 at Marconi Stadium

An enormous crowd was on hand to witness the young Congo's take on a very competitive Hills Spirit team.

Lidcombe started the game tentatively with some players appearing very nervous playing front of such a large crowd at the big stadium. A lack of cohesion and teamwork resulted for Lidcombe. Hills, on the other hand, started the game on fire and were playing more like a team with their passing and off the ball running working well for them.

Seven minutes into the match Hills scored when defender Titus Kwon and Goalkeeper Philemon Kwon found themselves outnumbered because the rest of the Lidcombe team had been caught well out of position.

The goal seemed to shock Lidcombe into action. The nerves were gone and the team looked more like the Congo's that everyone had come to watch.

Fifteen minutes into the match Lidcombe received a corner which was taken by Tom Teklic. He crossed the ball with extreme precision straight to the waiting Emmanuel Mylonas who volleyed the ball into the net to bring the two teams level

just before half time.

The second half started poorly for Lidcombe with Hills again out performing the Congs. Two minutes into the half Lidcombe again found themselves behind after an error in defence.

The Congs were once again shocked into action. Lidcombe lifted their game to whole new level. The game was being played in the Hills half with Lidcombe coming close to scoring on numerous occasions. Shots were just missing the goal or desperate last ditch efforts were made in defence by Hills in an effort to hang onto their lead.

Everyone at the ground began to get the feeling that this was just going to be Hills day. Everyone except the young Congo's who never gave up. With thirty five seconds remaining in the match a long range cross-come-shot from Chris May was miss judged by the Hills keeper and found its way into the back of the net. The match would now be going into golden goal extra time.

The first five minute period of extra time saw the Congs continue their dominance of the match. Hills could not get the ball out of their half, but again the Hills defence held strong.

The second period of extra time saw Lidcombe continue to dominate possession, searching for the winning goal. Hills seemed to be trying to hang on for a penalty shoot out. With only three minutes remaining before the match would go to penalties Lidcombe received a free kick in their own half. Chris May thumped the ball long up the field to Emmanuel Mylonas who controlled the ball, turned and passed to Athavan Nithiananthan, all in one motion. Athavan ran down the left wing beating several payers and drawing in the defenders before crossing to the waiting Kogulan Senthurchelvan on the edge of the penalty box. Kogulan controlled the ball and hit a thunderous right foot shoot just inside the keepers left post to give the Congs a memorable 3-2 extra time golden goal win!

The victorious team was- Edwin Akol, George Faingataa, Philemon Kwon, Titus Kwon, Chris May, Dhushi Morgan, Emmanuel Mylonas, Athavan Nithiananthan, Jee Teng Ong, Aydin Richards, Raagul Selvarajah, Kogulan Senthurchelvan, Tom Teklic, William Tran and Gorang Yai.