

## The Congo

Wednesday 6th June 2018

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## **Diary Dates**

#### <u>June</u>

#### Monday 11th

• Six a side competition at Everley Park

#### This weeks matches-Saturday 9th June

Under 12-4	<b>vs Newington Gunners</b> at Wilson Park, Newington Rd, Silverwater at 10am. Meet at Wilson Park <u>No Later</u> than 9.30am.
Under 13-2	vs Wenty Waratah at Phillips Park at 9.45am. Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 9.15am.
Under 15-2	vs Wentworthville Uniting (White) at Freame Park, Rees St, Mays Hill at 9.45am. Meet at Jones Park No Later than 9.15am.
Under 18-2	vs Wentworthville Uniting at Phillips Park at 11am. Meet at Phillips Park No Later than 10.15am.

#### Monday 11th June,

June Long Weekend Six a Side Gala Day. All matches at Everley Park (Everley St, Sefton)

\*\*\*Check with your coach to see if you are playing\*\*\*

Be There	First Game	<u>Final</u>
8.15am	9.00am	11.20am
8.15am	9.00am	12.20pm
7.45am	8.20am	11.50am
7.45am	8.20am	12.20pm
8.00am	8.40am	12.40pm
8.00am	8.40am	11.30am
12.00pm	12.40pm	2.50pm
7.45am	12.40pm	1.00pm
12.00pm	12.40pm	2.50pm
8.15am	9.00am	2.30pm
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**Everley Park will be busy, Please allow plenty of time to find parking** 

## **Wet Weather**

Do not assume that your game is cancelled or just stay home because it raining.

If you are unsure contact your manager, coach or club secretary.

It is disrespectful to your team and your coach to make your team play short of players because you do not wish to get a bit wet.

## **NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS**

If your child is unable to attend any scheduled match, you MUST inform their coach or manager.

Do not just fail to show up.

It is rude and lets the team down!



## **Lidcombe CSC Member Protection**

If at any time you feel you have an issue that needs to be resolved you can see your coach or manager.

If you feel unable to speak to them or feel that the issue has not been resolved you can contact one of our Member Protection Officers-

Lorraine Kratz (0418 235 623)

Amanda Kratz (0458 788 787)

Lorraine and Amanda can be found every Saturday in the canteen and will keep all issues confidential.

Feel free to come to them with any issues relating to child protection, discrimination, harassment, bullying or any other problem you may incur.

## Please support the businesses that support your club-

Official Lidcombe CSC equipment and apparel supplier for 2018 season-



# REMINDER TO ALL PLAYERS

- All players <u>MUST</u> wear shin pads at training and in <u>ALL</u> games
- Players <u>MUST</u> bring a drink bottle to training and games.

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Lidcombe CSC- Lidcombe Congs

## **Notice**

All players <u>MUST</u>
wear club
shorts and socks
for all matches.

## **Notice**

There will be
NO CONGO KICKERS
on Saturday 9th June.
Due to the Queens Birthday
long weekend.

# Volunteers required THIS SUNDAY 8am to 4pm

**Bunnings Fundraising BBQ** 

Bunnings Warehouse, Parramatta Rd, Lidcombe





With only two games being played at Phillips Park this Saturday, the canteen will be CLOSED for this weekend only.

Lorraine apologises for any inconvenience.

All Lidcombe CSC members are extremely grateful for her hard work and dedication to the club.

## RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED SATURDAY 2ND JUNE

#### Under 6's defeated St Columbas (Black) 2-1 at Eric Mobbs Reserve

This week the Under 6's travelled to Castle Hill to take on St Columbas (Black).

The early (8.30am) kick off resulted in both teams starting short of players. This made for a very intriguing back and forth first half with a few scoring chances for both teams. Despite the open game, Lidcombe managed to go into half time with the only goal for the half. It was scored by Sneh following a lovely full field break by our defender, Rithul, who managed to exploit the

tiring Saint Columbas team late in the half.

In the second half, Lidcombe came out with more energy which resulted in a second goal . It was scored by Olivia following some nice passing by the Lidcombe team in the middle of the field.

The match seemed like a Lidcombe win until St Columbas managed to score against a very young Mackenzie (4 years old) who was our goal-keeper for the entire second half and she did not disappoint. Mackenzie

jumped on the ball to stop all shots against her except for one, which was a very powerful shot taken from outside the box and going into the bottom left corner of the larger U8 to U10 size goals which were used for the match. Thankfully the team hung on to the final whistle to have another well earned win. Many thanks to the parents of the players who braved the cool weather to allow their children to enjoy a great game of soccer.

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

#### Under 7's Gold lost 4-7 to OLQP (Red) at Daniel St Park

Goals- Abednego Birgen (2), Christopher La Rosa, Jiwu Park

#### Under 8's lost 0-5 to Guildford McCredie (Onyx) at Phillips Park

It was a familiar story for the Under 8's at Phillips Park. Lidcombe played extremely well in the first half, matching it with the opposition. Our players are beginning to understand positioning on the field and moving

Unfortunately we fell asleep in the second half, as we have done in most were Dhilan Thiyagarajah, Julian matches. The next lesson to learn is you have to keep playing right to the end and 'Get it out of the danger

Best players for Lidcombe this week Annaev and Chad Leslie.

#### Under 9's drew 1-1 with Wentworthville Uniting (Gold) at Freame Park

into space.

Goals- Ken Athian

#### Under 10's had a BYE

#### <u>Under 12's defeated Guildford McCredie 2-1 at Everley Park</u>

The Lidcombe side showed some signs of improvement in this match. There was an increased tendency to use longer passes to players who were in the correct position. There was consistent pressure applied to Guildford players when they were in possession of the ball. The Lidcombe players also started to better present themselves as options for passes when one of their teammates was in possession.

At the midpoint of the first half, Lidcombe was awarded a free kick when Lachlan was felled (a yellow card to the Guildford player resulted). The kick was taken by Sean, a great effort which sailed long and high into the air over everyone including the Guildford keeper, for Lidcombe's first goal.

The Lidcombe team dominated the rest of the first half. They also made a strong start to the second half, and

as an example of the improvement mentioned earlier, a throw-in by Sean at half way up the line found Zack who made a good immediate centre pass to Vithushan, the ball then made its way to JJ for a quick shot, which was saved by the Guildford keeper. Unfortunately, soon after, there was a good counter -attacking move by Guildford, and a lapse in concentration by Lidcombe saw the ball passed off the Lidcombe line (instead of being cleared) to an unmarked Guildford player, who made the most of his opportunity to score the equaliser. The Lidcombe side pressed on regardless, and then scored with a coach- and crowd-pleasing movement. A long and accurate clearance by Sivanujan from near his own goal went directly to Vithushan. He made a beautiful one-touch forward diagonal long pass from the

centre of the field to Sean, who was travelling a top speed up the right hand side. Sean had plenty of work still to do, but he executed the task masterfully, running the ball towards goal before unleashing a shot that curved, swirled and bounced under the Guildford keeper, before hitting the goalpost and rebounding in for the winner. A really good goal which was achieved using the methods advocated by the coach. Overall Lidcombe was the stronger team, and it was encouraging to see them applying the coach's advice. If they can continue to focus on and understand the tactics taught at the Tuesday training sessions, the side will continue to improve. Many thanks to the parents and supporters who attended this match, your encouragement of the team is appreciated.

#### Under 13's defeated Merrylands SFC 3-2 at King Park

Goals- Timothy Yoon (3)

#### <u>Under 15's lost 0-11 to Greystanes FC at Phillips Park</u>

#### <u>Under 18's defeated Greystanes FC 3-0 at Bathurst St Park</u>

Goals- Kenny Yin (2), Atahavan Nithiananthan

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#### All Age Men Reserve Grade lost 0-2 to Macarthur Wasps at Phillips Park

#### All Age Men First Grade drew 1-1 with Macarthur Wasps at Phillips Park

Goals- Matthew Hyde

#### RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED SUNDAY 3RD JUNE

#### All Age Ladies Div 5 defeated Doonside 3-1 at Bathurst St Park

What a difference confidence can make!

Lidcombe went into the weekend full of confidence, thinking they were a good chance of a win.

The players arrived at the ground to the news that three players had just withdrawn due to unforeseen circumstances. We went from expecting to have a reserve for the match to playing two players short! The ladies confidence was shattered, they needed something to go their way. The coach tried his best to improve spirits, coming up with a counter attacking game plan and explaining the weaknesses of the opposition... spirits were lifted a little, but not much, confidence was gone.

With a minute remaining before kick off time the ladies spirits were again lifted when Julia Barbin arrived, she was not wanting her team to play two players short... spirits were again lifted, a little bit of confidence was creeping in.

The ten Congo's started the game sticking to the plan, defending deep, waiting to hit the opposition on the counter attack. We didn't have to wait too long, Julia Barbin broke through the Doonside defence and ran the entire length of the opposition half, outpacing the defence to put the Congs ahead 1-0 after only six minutes.

Less than three minutes later the best piece of attacking play that this team has produced in two season came when Lynn Heywood won the ball at right full back and beat an opposition player before spotting a wide run by Joanne Nieradka who played a beautiful pass down the right wing to Julia Barbin who ran and crossed the ball to Na'ilah Lyons who finished the moved to perfection...confidence was now high!

Something big was coming....
Twenty three minutes into the game

a 'dream came true'. Joanne Nieradka scored the goal she has been craving. In a first ever seen by the writer she scored the goal and then in disbelief asked the referee for confirmation, "is that a goal?" The Congs were on fire 3-0 ahead. Now full of confidence, they believed nothing was going to stop them.

At the half time break the Lidcombe team decided to hold onto the advantage they had worked so hard to build and defend the lead.
The second half saw the Congs Ladies give everything they had and then

give everything they had and then some. Still playing one player short, against a team with one player on the bench and with exhaustion bearing down on them. Lidcombe only conceded one goal and finished the game victorious, 3-1 winners...

Confidence is an amazing thing!



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#### All Age Ladies Div 4 defeated Plumpton 2-0 at Hanna Reserve

The two halves of this match stand in contrast with each other and an examination of the differences go some way towards explaining the eventual result.

way towards goal and made attempts to score. The Plump keeper and defence repelled these and so it was 0-0 at ha ln the second half a number

In the first half, with a strong southerly breeze to assist, Plumpton made numerous shots at goal, mostly long and speculative, but dangerous nonetheless because of the force of the wind in their favour. Additional contributing factors were:

1) the Lidcombe defence was consistent and effective, and so did not allow Plumpton to create scoring chances close to goal; and

chances close to goal; and
2) The Lidcombe midfield was
positioned somewhat more forward
and/or wide than it needed to be,
which created space in the centre,
conducive to Plumpton gaining
possession there and lining up their
shots at goal. It should be noted that
Lidcombe also managed to make a
number of good attacking plays, with
Felicia, Jay, Sam, Jenny and Seung
amongst those who worked their

attempts to score. The Plumpton keeper and defence repelled all of these and so it was 0-0 at half time. In the second half a number of circumstances changed and combined, to the benefit of Lidcombe. The wind direction was now in Lidcombe's favour, and this significantly reduced the incidence of long shots by Plumpton.

Lidcombe's midfield players were better positioned, in fact so much more so that they now controlled the centre.

Lidcombe's first goal came from a good move (of which there were numerous) down the right side of the field, with Felicia and Sam combining well to centre the ball to Jay, who took her chance and scored.

As the second half progressed, Lidcombe's dominance increased and more scoring opportunities were created. At the same time Lidcombe managed to suppress the efforts of Plumpton's midfield and strikers. This

increased the frustration level of some Plumpton players, made manifest by a number of free kicks being awarded to Lidcombe. One of these kicks sailed into the penalty box where hand ball occurred by a Plumpton player.

Sam's penalty kick at goal was successful and Lidcombe had their second goal. From this point on Lidcombe owned the match, and the Plumpton team was effectively at a standstill. Lidcombe produced several more shots at goal from general play before the match reached full time.

In summary, Lidcombe was the more consistently determined side, their defence was strong and effective, and once the midfielders optimised their positioning, control of the game and goals resulted.



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