



Diary Dates

August

Saturday 18th

- Semi Finals Commence-
All Age Men Competition
GDSFA Junior Competition
- Final Round-
CFA Junior Competition
- Final Week-
Congo Kickers

Saturday 25th

- Semi Finals-
CFA Junior Competition

October

Sunday 28th

- Presentation Day
at Phillips Park

The Congo

Wednesday 15th August 2018

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This weeks matches- Saturday 18th August

Congo Kickers	at Phillips Park at 10am. Meet at Phillips Park <u>No Later</u> than 9.45am.
Under 6	vs OLQP (Blue) at Phillips Park at 9am. Meet at Phillips Park <u>No Later</u> than 8.30am.
Under 7 (Blue)	No Game
Under 7 (Gold)	vs Guildford McCredie (Red) at Phillips Park at 10am. Meet at Phillips Park <u>No Later</u> than 9.30am.
Under 8	vs OLQP (Blue) at Phillips Park at 9am. Meet at Phillips Park <u>No Later</u> than 8.30am.
Under 9	vs Guildford McCredie (Red) at Phillips Park at 11am. Meet at Phillips Park <u>No Later</u> than 10.30am.
Under 10	vs ISA at Phillips Park at 12pm. Meet at Phillips Park <u>No Later</u> than 11.30am.

***** SEMI FINALS *****

Under 12-4	vs Guildford McCredie at Webbs Ave Playing Fields (4), Webbs Ave, Auburn at 8.30am. Meet at Webbs Ave Playing Fields <u>No Later</u> than 8am.
Under 15-2	vs Pendle Hill (White) at Guildford Park (2), Marian St, Guildford at 10.30am. Meet at Guildford Park <u>No Later</u> than 9.45am.
Under 18-2	vs Ermington United at Webbs Ave Playing Fields (2), Webbs Ave, Auburn at 12.30pm. Meet at Webbs Ave Playing Fields <u>No Later</u> than 11.45am.
AAM 1st Grade	vs Kings Old Boys (Blue) at Jones Park (2), Banks St, Mays Hill at 3pm. Meet at Jones Park <u>No Later</u> than 2.15pm.

Sunday 12th August,

***** FINAL *****

AAL - 4	vs Greystanes FC at Popondetta Park, Popondetta Rd, Emerton at 10.30am. Meet at Popondetta Park <u>No Later</u> than 9.45am.
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Notice

All players MUST wear club shorts and socks for all matches.

With Finals time upon us, do not be the player who is not allowed to play by the referee because you are not wearing the same colours as the rest of your team!

Reminder

With the season coming to a close over the next few weeks all players are reminded that
ALL PLAYING JERSEYS ARE THE PROPERTY OF LIDCOMBE CSC
and must be returned IMMEDIATELY following your final match for the season.

Coaches and managers are also reminded that they must return all training equipment, jerseys and id cards to a committee member ASAP.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Attention Coaches and Managers

Just a reminder that team reports for the Annual report booklet given out at presentation day are due within two weeks of your teams final match of the season.

Examples of previous years Annual reports can be found at-

<http://lidcombechurchsoccer.net/annual-reports/>

Save the Date

80TH ANNIVERSARY

DINNER

WHEN: Saturday 8th June 2019 (Queens Birthday Long Weekend)

WHERE: Blacktown Workers Club (55 CAMPBELL ST BLACKTOWN, 2148)

COST: TBA

We want **ALL** past and present Congo's to come together at this much anticipated evening! Why not get a table together with your team? It's a great opportunity to get together and reflect on the past season or past many seasons!

If you are interested in learning more about the history of this great club then come along. There will be plenty of memorabilia including photos, reports and newspaper items etc from the previous 80 years.



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.

Presentation Day

The annual Picnic / Presentation Day will be held at Phillips Park on
Sunday 28th October.

The day will start with a BBQ lunch and activities throughout the day and culminate
with the Presentation of Trophies and Awards.

It is the only time all season when the whole club will come together in the same
place at the same time.

Please support the businesses that support your club-

Official Lidcombe CSC equipment and apparel supplier for 2018 season-



REMINDER TO ALL PLAYERS

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

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RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED SATURDAY 11TH AUGUST

Under 6's defeated Guildford McCredie (Red) 4-0 at Everley Park

Lidcombe played Guildford (Red) for the second week in a row (very unusual). This time, the match was being played at Everley Park. After being worried that we would be playing at Everley with no subs again, it was pleasing to see the parents bring their kids down to the park on what was a very warm morning (even if it was with 10 minutes until kickoff). Unfortunately, the Guildford side were not as fortunate as us, and were short of players. Without hesitation, we decided to lend them a couple of players to allow all of the kids to enjoy another match of soccer. Thanks to Zachary and Mackenzie May for playing for Guildford (though their father wasn't too happy) and enjoying more game time as a result. In the end, Lidcombe scored 4 goals and more pleasingly, didn't allow Guildford to score. Hopefully we can keep having a full team for the remainder of the season.

Goals- Rithul Baskaran (2), Bahir Sarwari, Olivia Zubkov

Under 7's (Blue) defeated OLQP (Blue) 3-1 at Phillips Park

Goals- John- Luke Boutros, Suriyah Vadiavale, Own Goal

Under 7's (Gold) were defeated 1-7 by ISA at Phillips Park

Goals- Abednego Birgen

Under 8's were defeated 0-1 by Wentworthville Uniting at Phillips Park

Under 9's were defeated 1-2 by Western Sydney Academy at Phillips Park

Goals- Ethan Singh

Under 10's defeated Wentworthville Uniting (Gold) 1-0 at Freame Park

Goals- Kyrill Zubkov

Under 12's defeated Greystanes FC 12-0 at Bathurst St Park

Going into this game the Lidcombe U12 team had already secured a semifinal spot, the question to be resolved in this match was the team's ultimate placing on the competition points table. From this would be determined which semifinal opponent they would play. As Newington was/is on equal competition points (same win/draw/loss record) it came down to which team (Newington or Lidcombe) would end up with the better goal difference statistic (goals for vs goals against) after the final round. So Lidcombe set out to make this round 18 match against Greystanes a goal-a-thon, an aim they certainly achieved.

It was a relatively slow start by Lidcombe in the first half, in which three goals were scored, compared with nine in the second half. This produced a 12-0 win, their best result of the season and an impressive score, but it was not quite enough to secure second spot. Newington in their match vs Ermington won 8-0, so their goal difference after eighteen rounds is +53 (73F/20A) compared with Lidcombe's +50 (72F, 22A). Over eighteen rounds this is just about as close as you can get.

Lidcombe now faces Guildford McCredie in the semifinal, and the winner of this match will progress to the next semifinal the following week (to play the loser of the Newington vs Wentworthville semifinal). The Lidcombe U12 side is encouraged to keep up their open and energetic style of play as advised by their Coach, this has served them well in recent weeks.

In the finals series it is common for the team which best maintains their focus and discipline to ultimately prevail. The team certainly has the ability - best of luck to the U12's in their endeavours.

Goals- JJ Ong (4), Vithushan Srimurugakumar (3), Sailesh Arulanantham, Mou Juach, Lachlan Tang, Joel Tilaye, Own Goal.

Under 13's were defeated 0-5 by Pendle Hill at Phillips Park

Under 15's defeated Pendle Hill (White) 1-0 at Binalong Oval

Goals- Lin Thu

Under 18's had a BYE

All Age Men Reserve Grade defeated Macarthur Wasps 2-1 at Elizabeth Park

Goals- Anshul Shukla, Trent Smith

All Age Men First Grade were defeated 1-5 by Macarthur Wasps at Elizabeth Park

Goals- Matthew Hyde

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED SUNDAY 12TH AUGUST

AAL Div 4 drew 0-0 (won 3-2 on penalties) with Greystanes FC (White) at Glenwood Reserve

What a wow of a game! An epic, history-making battle. A fantastic, gripping spectacle. Two teams which really wanted to win and gave it everything. This is what you want to see in the finals. Both sides uncompromising in their efforts to prevail. So many great performances. Some examples - a courageous effort by Shai, playing in her earlier-than-planned comeback match after dislocating a knee earlier in the season. May, the human missile, running faster than a Pokemon and showing no fear in collision-battles for possession of the ball. Chi the gritty defender, methodically saving the day on a number of occasions when the situation looked desperate. The team's nuclear-powered core of Paige, Vanessa and Sam, calmly and continuously organising play. "No Flinch" Felicia the unstoppable force grinding the opposition down and pounding the ball forward when not copping a fusillade from them. Every Lidcombe player on the field did their part and did it superbly.

It took over two hours of nail-biting action to produce a result, which was literally decided by the last kick of the match. The first two halves of normal time produced relatively few good chances for shots at goal, such was the determination in the defence of both teams, but if any of those chances had produced a goal, it would have been game over. Extra time, the same. And so it came down to the penalty shootout scenario, with a minimum of five shots per team to be taken. With all players already having been out there for two hours, running themselves to a standstill, making a kick at goal from the penalty spot took on new degree of difficulty. Added to this was the drama, nerves and tension associated with the occasion, all taking part before a multitude of spectators.

The shootout commenced. In a flashback to the beginning of the season, the Lidcombe side gave the opposition a two goal head-start. It was hard to see Lidcombe making a comeback from that deficit. But, incredibly and astoundingly, come back they did. Lidcombe players held their nerve and Greystanes did not. Lidcombe put away their remaining three shots, whilst Greystanes missed theirs - one was saved by May in goals, and the other two hit the upright. With the final miss by Greystanes, Lidcombe had won 3-2 on penalties.

Whether it was from exhaustion or not believing what they had just witnessed, it took the Lidcombe AAL Div.4 coach running onto the pitch in celebration, for the Lidcombe side to realise that they had won this semifinal. Then an eruption of joy as the realisation took hold. A moment to savour.

For Greystanes, a tough way to be beaten in a semifinal, all credit to them for putting up such a fight and producing a memorable event.

Now, the Lidcombe team faces the other Greystanes team next week, with the winner of that match progressing to the grand final against The Ponds FC. As mentioned, every finals appearance by the Ladies team is history in the making for the Lidcombe club. Everyone is encouraged to come and support the team, it's also a great way to spend a Sunday morning.



Above- The AAL Div.4 Coach knows they have just won

Below- The moment the AAL Div.4 team knows it too!

