



The Congo

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Diary Dates

September

Saturday 1st

- CFA & GDSFA Grand Finals.

October

Sunday 28th

- Presentation Day at Phillips Park

This weeks matches- Saturday 25th August

***** QUARTER FINALS *****

- Under 6** vs **Wentworthville Uniting (Blue)** at Everley Park, Everley St, Sefton at 10am.
Meet at Everley Park No Later than 9.30am.
- Under 7 (Gold)** vs **OLQP (Blue)** at Freame Park, Rees St, Mays Hill at 12pm.
Meet at Freame Park No Later than 11.30am.

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

- Under 9** vs **Western Sydney** at Freame Park, Rees St, Mays Hill at 10.30am.
Meet at Freame Park No Later than 10am.
- Under 10** vs **ISA** at Freame Park, Rees St, Mays Hill at 11.30am.
Meet at Freame Park No Later than 11am.

***** FINAL *****

- Under 12-4** vs **Newington Gunners** at Ron Mondy Oval, Marian St, Guildford at 8.30am.
Meet at Ron Mondy Oval No Later than 8am.
- Under 15-2** vs **Merrylands SFC** at Coleman Park (1), Georges Ave, Lidcombe at 10.45am.
Meet at Coleman Park No Later than 10am.
- AAM 1st Grade** vs **Macarthur Wasps** at Freame Park, Rees St, Mays Hill at 3pm.
Meet at Freame Park No Later than 2.15pm.

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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latest club information.



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RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED SATURDAY 18TH AUGUST

Under 6's drew 3-3 with OLQP (Blue) at Phillips Park

Thankfully, the final match of the regular season was at Phillips Park which meant that we had a full team once again.

Coming up against an OLQP side that we lost 4 – 1 to when we played them at Daniel Street earlier in the season, it was always going to be a tough match. However, I doubt that anyone knew just how entertainingly close the match would be. In the end, it was a 3 – 3 draw.

Lidcombe were given 2 instructions for the match – tackle the ball off the opposition and keep passing the ball. It was pleasing to see them do just that from the opening whistle, with Rithul scoring the opening goal after plenty of great passes allowed him to find the space to shoot.

A little while later, after plenty of end to end play, Olivia got the ball in the middle of the field and skilfully dribbled through their tiring players to score. With 3 minutes to half time, it seemed we had a comfortable lead, but true of most Falcon's sides, they never gave up and scored just before half time – a reward for their efforts and a lesson to the Lidcombe team that you need to clear the ball away from our goal area.

A 1 goal advantage to the Congs at half time with no team able to score back-to-back goals in the second half. A very entertaining game filled with the importance of knowing the laws of the game – no OLQP, there are NO direct free kicks in minis (U6 & U7) and NO, you can't play advantage from a throw-in.

Well played Lidcombe, we've had a great opening year so far. Special mention to Darsh, who is always wanting to play as defender and was just as impressive when he had his chance at goal keeper, even coming out to the ball and clearing it away before the Falcon's side had a chance to shoot.

Thanks to all the parents who made my job so much easier by never playing with less players than the opposition.

Under 7's (Blue) lost by Forfeit to OLQP (Red)

Under 7's (Gold) defeated Guildford McCredie Uniting (Red) 6-1 at Phillips Park

Goals- Abednego Birgen (3), Christopher La Rosa, Jeremiah Yoo, Jiwu Park

Under 8's were defeated 0-9 by OLQP (Blue) at Phillips Park

The Under 8's finished their season on a sour note having to play short at home against the top placed side. The team fought hard to the final whistle as any the Congs team would do.

Thanks for a great season boys, you all achieved what we set out to do at the start of the year- improve with every game and have fun.

I hope to see you all again next season!

-Steve (Coach)

Under 9's defeated Guildford McCredie Uniting (Red) 1-0 at Phillips Park

Goals- Sachin Bharath

Under 10's were defeated 1-2 by ISA at Phillips Park

Goals- George Magnus

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://lidcombechurchessoccer.net/annual-reports/>

Under 12's defeated Guildford McCredie Uniting 1-0 at Webbs Avenue Playing Fields

The U12 team followed the instructions of the Coach and as a result produced more and better scoring opportunities than did the opposition.

The Lidcombe defenders coordinated well to produce numerous offside plays by Guildford, this restricted the Guildford attack. The Lidcombe midfielders kept up their pace and pressure, and passed well. Strikers maintained their field positioning and so were in the right place to take opportunities as they were created.

Semi final matches typically produce close results, and so the greater number of shots at goal by Lidcombe served to give them the win on this occasion.

The one goal of the match was the result of good combination play. A kick out of goal from keeper Mou, towards the sideline at halfway, was kept in play by Vithushan, at full stretch and showing great determination. A Guildford player got to the now-stationary ball first and attempted to steer it back towards one of his team, but that pass was intercepted by JJ, who hammered a long precision ball forward to Sean, who was in perfect position. He evaded some opposition defenders and then, noting that the Guildford keeper had come forward in an attempt to block the shot, Sean's deft flick of the ball off the outside of his right foot wrong-footed the keeper for a great goal.

The Guildford team did rally later in the match to set up some corner kicks, however Lidcombe kept them scoreless. The U12 team now faces Newington in the next match, the winner of which will play Wentworthville in the Grand Final. Lidcombe and Newington have been neck-and-neck all season so another close contest is anticipated.

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.

Under 15's defeated Pendle Hill (White) 3-2 at Guildford Park

The Lidcombe team started well, taking an early lead. This occurred when a penalty kick was awarded to Lidcombe, as a result of a foul by the Pendle Hill keeper on the Lidcombe striker during an attacking play. The kick was successfully taken by Lidcombe's keeper Dyanga. However this seemed to spur the Pendle Hill team into action, and they replied with two goals. When in the lead at 2-1 Pendle Hill then also seemed to be winning the verbal and psychological battle, as they played and acted much more positively.

The half time talk by the Lidcombe coach must have worked, as in the second half Lidcombe lifted and pulled back an equaliser, after an error by Pendle Hill, where a misdirected back pass to one of their defenders was chased by striker Tom. Running at top speed through a dustbowl, the ball bouncing insanely and almost uncontrollable, not only that but with the Pendle Hill keeper coming towards him like a raging bull, Tom somehow got a foot to the ball to send it over a diving keeper and into the top of the net. From this point on it was anyone's match, the winner would be the team which had the stronger mindset.

When the winning goal came, fittingly it was started by the Lidcombe keeper with a long drop-kick into the Pendle Hill half. The ball fell to the Lidcombe number 12, who immediately sized up the situation and with his left foot booted a hard precision pass to the Lidcombe striker Tom. With his back to the Pendle Hill goal, Tom's first touch was used to deflect the ball around a defender, followed by a swivel and a second touch. This second kick was a sight to behold, a cracking long-distance boomer of a shot from outside the box, the ball smashing into the top left of the net over a helpless Pendle Hill keeper. A great goal to watch (go to the Congs Facebook page to see for yourself). This was the point at which you could see the deflation of the Pendle Hill side, after this they played like a beaten team. And indeed they were when the final whistle sounded.

The Lidcombe U15 team lives to play another day. One observation of the author is that the U15 team has the skills and is a force to be reckoned with in the finals. If they maintain their self-belief, and confidence in their own abilities, they will be very hard to beat.

Under 18's were defeated 1-2 by Ermington United at Webbs Avenue Playing Fields

The Lidcombe U18 team faced a lively opposition, and from the outset the Ermington team had more time in possession. Ermington scored just four minutes into the match from a corner, when a deflection after a half-volley bounce, made it past the Lidcombe keeper (this may have been a rehearsed play). Even so, in the first half the Lidcombe side had more serious shots at goal:

- Lidcombe no.7 at 15 minutes, where the shot was smothered by the Ermington keeper
- Lidcombe no.8 at 23 minutes, shot hit the post
- Lidcombe no.7 at 27 minutes, shot saved by the Ermington keeper

On the other hand, Lidcombe defended well and any shots by Ermington were relatively easy for the Lidcombe keeper to stop. On this basis, behind only 0-1 at half time, the Lidcombe side appeared to be still in with a chance. However, there was another setback for Lidcombe early the second half, when a back pass by Lidcombe was intercepted by the Ermington no.4, who flicked the ball around the Lidcombe keeper and passed the ball in for Ermington's second goal. Then in a pattern similar to the first half, for most of the rest of the second half Ermington had more possession of the ball, but again Lidcombe made a greater number of shots at goal. One of these was converted, when Kenny Yin raced forward to gain possession of a through ball, and kicked it so forcefully that, even though the keeper got both hands to it, the ball bounced out and continued its journey into goal. Lidcombe created other opportunities to score, but such was their luck on the day that unfortunately none of these produced a result, and Ermington held on to win the match 2-1.

In summary, the U18 team performed well against a strong opposition team, and certainly deserved to make it at least as far as they did in the finals. The high quality of their play and skills they displayed are a great reflection of the commitment and effort they and their coach have made this year.

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!**

All Age Men First Grade defeated Kings Old Boys (Blue) 3-1 at Jones Park

Fortunately, in this semifinal the Lidcombe All Age Men team rediscovered its mojo (having misplaced it the previous week's final competition round, way down in Narellan Vale). However it was the Kings team, with a raging westerly wind aiding them in the first half, which scored the opening goal. This resulted from a corner kick, where the ball found a Kings player who was being marked, but whose big hair was not, and the latter nodded the ball into the net. Lidcombe's confidence though was not dented. Proving that for every action there is generally an opposite and equal reaction, soon after a perfectly directed chip found the Lidcombe player with a man-bun, who must have been wearing a cloak of invisibility, as the Kings defenders and goal keeper appeared not to see him until it was way too late, even though the somewhat cheeky goal was scored from scarcely a metre in front of the goal mouth. Considering the blustery conditions a 1-1 score at half time was a good result for the Congs.

In the second half, Lidcombe used the Jones Park wind tunnel to good effect, to put the result beyond doubt. Lidcombe's second goal was a beauty, a wind-assisted chip forward by Lidcombe's no.30 from within his own half sailed in the supersonic breeze to find the Lidcombe no.47. Blistering speed and a sublime finish from his left foot did the rest, the Kings keeper was left looking like a statue called "hailing a taxi". The third goal was from a free kick, taken with ultra-fine precision, mathematically perfect in its execution and symbolic of a team getting its groove back. More of this, in the next match, will be the order of the day.

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST

AAL Div 4 were defeated 2-3 by Greystanes FC at Popondetta Park

In the opening part of this preliminary final, it was clear that the Lidcombe side was enjoying their first appearance in a stadium environment. They were confident and enjoying the occasion. Just five minutes into the match, quick ball movement forward by Lidcombe found Jay near goal. Jay was rapidly boxed in by Greystanes defenders, so a precise back pass was made to Sam, this created a clear opportunity for a shot at goal. A beautiful kick by Sam went high and curled away from the keeper into the net, much to the delight of the assembled Lidcombe supporters. A perfect start.

Greystanes responded by capitalising on their polished passing game, piling on the pressure for the next ten minutes. The action was taking place mostly near Lidcombe's goal, but Lidcombe defended stoutly. Inevitably, at the seventeen minute mark, a good pass forward by Greystanes found their tall no.10 in front of the Lidcombe goal, just on-side and only loosely marked (this is why you hear coaches constantly yelling, "backs, move up™"). Being so close to goal, a simple kick was all it took for the Greystanes no.10 to score the equaliser.

Not to be outdone, Lidcombe then took the game into the Greystanes half of the field for a some time. The game then balanced out with both sets of midfielders sending the ball back and forth to each other. During this period, Greystanes managed two decent shots at goal, one of which hit the upright. Just when Greystanes was starting to gain the upper hand, a perfect through ball was sent forward by Paige to a speeding Jay. Jay outsprinted a Greystanes defender and placed the ball to the side of the advancing Greystanes keeper. At the half hour mark, once again Lidcombe was in the lead and the Congs team and supporters rejoiced loud and long. With half time approaching, Lidcombe ramped up the pressure and piled on the shots at goal.

At the break, Lidcombe appeared to be in control of the match. The start of the second half echoed the start of first half. Jay out wide provided a centre pass to Sam, for a shot at goal, unsuccessful this time but an encouraging sign.

Once again, Lidcombe managed to keep the action in the Greystanes half for the first several minutes of the half. Nevertheless, slowly but surely Greystanes made their way back into the match through their use of ball control and accurate passing, and nine minutes into the second half their no.8 scored the equaliser. Having received the ball from a high pass, she showed good ball control and made an excellent quick shot with her left foot. From this point on the outcome of the match was an even bet, both sides wanted to find the goal that would take them through to the grand final. It was a tense time on the field as both teams realised they were in with an excellent chance, and they applied themselves to defending and setting up attacking moves. This was indeed a contest worthy of a final. Given that this was Lidcombe's first year together as a team, to be at 2-2 at this point in this match was a truly excellent achievement. As luck would have it, a high centre pass from out left by the Greystanes no.10, into the penalty box in front of Lidcombe's goal, bounced in such a way to catch the elbow of a Lidcombe player, who was in a contest for the ball with a Greystanes striker. This was spotted by the referee and the penalty kick was awarded. The penalty was put away by the Greystanes no.10. Having gained the lead, and with the end of the match in sight, Greystanes drew upon their collective experience to limit Lidcombe's chance of snatching an equaliser. Greystanes achieved this by adopting a more defensive formation and competing fiercely for control of the centre midfield. These tactics worked, Lidcombe tried bravely to find a third goal but Greystanes held out.

So it was that the 2018 season came to a close for the Lidcombe AAL Div.4 team, on high note, as this final was one of their best games of the year. They have done themselves proud and have been outstanding representatives for women's soccer and Lidcombe CSC. Best of all, it is evident that the team has really enjoyed themselves over the twenty matches they played this year. Well done to the Ladies, their Coach and supporters, acknowledgment is also given to Donna for her efforts in getting the team together in the first place.



Finals goal action from the weekend-

Top Row- (Left) Sean Seo- U/12

(Right) Tom Ryan- U/15

Second Row- (Left) Kenny Yin- U/18

(Right) An Andreas Correa free kick leaves the keeper clutching at thin air- AAM 1st Grade

Third Row- Samantha Cramer goal- AAL Div 4

Bottom Row- Jariatu Sankoh goal- AAL Div 4