

ANNUAL REPORT

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55th
ANNIVERSARY
EDITION



LIDCOMBE CHURCHES SOCCER CLUB

OFFICIALS 1994

PATRONS:

RAY JAMES,
GORDON WEEKS

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT:	NEIL RUDGLEY
VICE PRESIDENT:	ALEX MOROZOFF
SECRETARY	KEN JAMES
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:	NEIL RUDGLEY
TREASURER:	ALAN PILLING
COUNCILLOR TO ASSOCIATION:	NIGEL BATTS
EQUIPMENT MANAGER:	JAMES MAY

LIFE MEMBERS

1972	RAY JAMES
1974	DAVE EAGLESON GORDON WEEKS
1975	MABEL JAMES JACK RIDER (dec'd)
1978	NORM HUTEAU (dec'd) DOT RIDER
1979	TED JAMES (dec'd)
1982	DOT BIRD
1983	KEN JAMES
1986	NEIL RUDGLEY
1989	ROBERT EAGLESON RICHARD HOLLAND PETER JAMES JIM PINCOTT IAN TURNBULL
1993	GEOFF RIDER

TROPHY WINNERS

TEAM	MOST CONSISTENT	MOST IMPROVED
6	KEVIN O'HALLORAN) DANIEL FERGUSON)	JORDAN ZAMMIT
7	DANIEL JAMES) SAHIN KAZAN)	BILLY KARABETSOS
8	JIMMY MOUSSA) MICHAEL WHITE)	CHRISTOPHER O'BRIEN
9	BENJAMIN BEATTIE	RYAN PROUTY
11	ANDREW KARABETSOS	NEMANJA JOVANOVIC
13	SHAADI HADDAD	STEVEN MA
14	JOHN MOUSSA) STEVEN RUDGLEY)	TREVOR LAWRENCE
R/CUP 2	TUNCAY ICLI	
R/CUP 1	JAMES MAY	AWARDED THE W.J. (BILL) STEVENS TROPHY FOR BEST ALL AGE PLAYER
NORM HUTEAU MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR BEST CLUBMAN:		
		BILL ARCHER
ROBERT BROWN MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR MERITORIOUS TEAM PERFORMANCE:		
		FIRST GRADE
E.J. & H. JAMES SHIELD FOR BEST JUNIOR GOALKEEPER:		
		ANDREW KARABETSOS (U/11)
STIRRER'S SPOON:		
		ALAN PILLING
MINI SOCCER- LEADING GOALSCORER:		
		DANIEL JAMES (U/7) 26 GOALS
GEORGE MCCOLL SHIELD FOR LEADING GOALSCORER - COMP:		
		JOHN MOUSSA (U/14) 45 GOALS
200 GOALS:	STEPHEN JAMES (U/14)	Commenced - 1986
100 GOALS:	JOHN MOUSSA (U/14)	- 1990
300 GAMES:	PETER OBEREMOK (R/C 1)	- 1974
200 GAMES:	ANDREW GRATTAN (R/C 1)	- 1977
	MATHEW JAMES (U/14)	- 1986
	STEPHEN JAMES (U/14)	- 1986
	TOM PAVLEK (U/14)	- 1984
	TRENT SMITH (U/14)	- 1984
	TONY TANNOUS (R/C 1)	- 1982

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TROPHY WINNERS (continued):

100 GAMES:	ADAM BUNNELL	(U/11)	- 1988
	NICHOLAS CAPRATSIS	(U/13)	- 1987
	TUNCAY ICLI	(R/C 2)	- 1980
	JOHN MOUSSA	(U/14)	- 1990

LEADING GOALSCORERS

(COMPETITION/MINI GAMES ONLY)

TEAM	NAME	GOALS
6	DANIEL FERGUSON	17
	KEVIN O'HALLORAN	17
7	DANIEL JAMES	26
8	JIMMY MOUSSA	21
9	A-R ABU-MAHMOUD	12
11	ADAM BUNNELL	4
13	SHAADI HADDAD	11
14	JOHN MOUSSA	45
R/C 2	CHRISTIAN MARINAS	6
R/C 1	ALEX MOROZOFF	20

COACHES AND MANAGERS

TEAM	COACH	MANAGER
6	JOE ZAMMIT	ROBERT THIEL
7	JACK DUTTON	KATH DUTTON
8	KEN JAMES (CARETAKER)	TONY WHITE/GABREAL RANCAN
9	JAMES MAY	NAWACH HADDAD
11	KEN CAMBAZ	KERRIE BUNNELL
13	STEVE CAPRATSIS	BILL ARCHER
14	KEN JAMES	
R/C 1 & 2	GEOFF RIDER	ALAN PILLING

TEAM STATISTICS

(COMPETITION/MINI GAMES ONLY)

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DREW	BYE	ETC	LOST	FOR	AGAINST
U/6	18	11	0	1	6	52	30	
U/7	18	14	1	0	3	71	11	
U/8	18	10	2	3	3	49	10	
U/9	18	7	3	0	8	31	20	
U/11	18	6	6	2	4	17	10	
U/13	18	4	1	0	13	24	69	
U/14	18	14	2	0	2	97	11	
R/C2	17	4	4	0	9	50	54	
R/C1	17	13	2	0	2	52	17	

FINAL POINTS TABLES

RAAHAUGE CUP 1STS

Lidcombe	28W
Bankstown Bapt	26
Sydney Uni	22
Went Unit	20
Yaralla	18
St Lukes	11
Carl Unit	9
Greystanes	2

RAAHAUGE CUP 2NDS

Bankstown Bapt	29
St Lukes	28W
Went Unit	18
Sydney Uni	17
Yaralla	14
Carl Unit	13
Lidcombe	12
Greystanes	5

UNDER 14

St Matthews	34
Blacktown	31
Lidcombe	30
St Columbas	17
Carl Unit	14
Went Unit	14
Parra Chs	13
Glenbrook	13
Chester Hill Sp	9
Greystanes	5

UNDER 13

Blacktown RC	31
Carl Unit	29
Penrith Chs	28
Yaralla	24
St Matthews	24
St Columbas	18
Lidcombe	9
Blacktown Unit	7
O.L.Q.P.	4
Chester Hill Sp	4

UNDER 11

All Sts HH	36
Yaralla	28
Balmain (B)	27
Lidcombe	22
Parra Chs	20
Balmain (G)	18
Chester Hill	12
O.L.Q.P.	10
Greystanes	7

UNDER 9

Yaralla	36
All Sts (Blue)	29
All Sts (Gold)	24
Balmain (Blue)	24
Parra Chs	21
Balmain (Gold)	17
Lidcombe	15
All Sts (Red)	5
Balmain (Red)	5
Balmain (Black)	3

UNDER 8

Yaralla	35
Lidcombe	28
Balmain (Black)	26
All Sts (Blue)	20
Balmain (Gold)	17
All Sts (Gold)	13
Balmain (Red)	5

W GRAND FINAL WINNERS

HONOUR ROLL

	COMM	FIN	GAMES	GOALS
<u>600 GAMES</u>				
JAMES Ray	1939	1982	630+	7
<u>500 GAMES</u>				
JAMES Ken	1960	*	585	76
TURNBULL Ian	1962	1990	547	231
PINCOTT Jim	1944	*	533	110
RIDER Geoff	1969	*	524	49
EAGLESON Robert	1962	1985	520	131
<u>400 GAMES</u>				
ANLEZARK Mick	1970	1993	479	106
ANLEZARK Scott	1970	1992	455	71
HOLLAND Richard	1967	1992	438	3
JAMES Peter	1961	1987	432	79
LAVENDER Trevor	1974	*	417	3
<u>300 GAMES</u>				
PILLING Alan	1974	*	389	71
RUDGLEY Neil	1961	*	377	212
HINTON Craig	1969	1992	360	6
WEEKS Alan	1960	1984	349	128
WEEKS John	1965	1984	338	78
MAY James	1979	*	337	6
HORE Russell	1969	1991	332	132
PINCOTT Grant	1964	1983	325	26
TURNBULL Ray	1961	1982	324	135
DIB Sam	1965	1993	317	14
JAMES Kevin	1963	1985	317	6
EDENBOROUGH Steve	1971	1984	306	7
TAYLOR Ray	1964	1984	305	41
FRAME Jim	1974	1988	304	15
OBBEREMOK Peter	1974	*	300	283
<u>200 GAMES</u>				
SOMERVILLE Craig	1967	1982	297	141
ALSOP Paul	1963	1979	296	30
ROBERTS Graeme	1972	1992	286	17
STEVENS Greg	1966	1977	274	51
SOMERVILLE Darren	1967	1982	273	121
COLLIER Ken	1969	1987	271	24
CAMBAZ Ken	1973	*	269	141
JAMES Gary	1960	1984	266	32
ROONEY Terry	1968	1993	265	126
McKEOWN Brendan	1973	1988	263	130
DILLON John	1961	1980	261	72
BATY Mark	1964	1985	261	63
HOLLEBONE Graham	1977	*	260	9
GRUNDY Steve	1965	1982	258	10
WILLIAMS Garry	1966	1987	254	15

HONOUR ROLL (continued)

200 Games (cont.)

EAGLESON Donn	1962	1986	254	7
WOODS Keith	1966	1985	253	60
FRAME Lindsay	1974	1987	253	51
WILSON Les	1971	*	249	56
BOWDEN Roger	1967	1985	249	42
HILLYARD Neil	1961	1979	243	31
DIB Isaac	1967	1982	241	24
BATTS Nigel	1977	*	234	2
IRWIN Ron	1969	1985	233	22
HOLLEBONE Bob	1963	1975	232	29
HAWACH John	1977	*	232	6
COLLIER Gary	1973	1983	230	44
BRANDIE Ralph	1965	1979	230	3
PAVLEK Tommy	1984	*	228	40
O'HARA Kieran	1980	1993	226	5
HENDERSON Grant	1962	1974	223	51
HAMILTON Peter	1982	1992	223	42
CARMICHAEL Stewart	1972	1983	223	24
KERRIGAN Garry	1967	1982	222	26
MORGAN Geoff	1976	1985	221	76
BRZICA Walter	1975	1990	220	85
LUKE Robert	1970	1981	220	63
BROWN Colin	1962	1976	220	56
GODFREY Steve	1968	1980	220	1
JAMES Stephen	1986	*	219	204
AUSTIN Greg	1970	1978	218	7
JAMES Mathew	1986	*	217	126
BENT Geoff	1962	1979	217	78
EDWARDS Geoff	1972	1982	214	73
DEATH Norm	1969	1978	212	27
BURNS Steve	1966	1975	209	101
SMITH Trent	1984	*	209	9
HOLLEBONE Arthur	1965	1977	209	2
GODFREY Graham	1967	1978	208	25
HOLLEBONE Ron	1966	1982	207	63
LULAND Stephen	1969	1980	207	35
GRATTAN Andrew	1977	*	205	65
BIRD Phil	1961	1981	205	21
TANNOUS Tony	1982	*	205	9
RIDER Bruce	1962	1974	203	48
LUKE George	1971	1985	203	2
TOMS Kevin	1960	1972	202	49
KNOWLES Bill	1967	1986	200	68

* Still Playing

200 GOALS

OBEREMOK Peter	1982	JAMES Stephen	1994
TURNBULL Ian	1987		
RUDGLEY Neil	1988		

100 GOALS

RIDER Ron	1969	WEEKS Alan	1975
WOODHOUSE Mark	1972	BEAUPEURT Wayne	1977
TURNBULL Ray	1973	SOMERVILLE Craig	1977
BRUEN Bill	1975	ROBERTS Garry	1978
BURNS Steve	1975	SOMERVILLE Darren	1978

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HONOUR ROLL (continued)

100 Goals (cont.)

WILEY Rick	1978	McKEOWN Brendan	1986
CAMBAZ Ken	1979	ROONEY Terry	1988
HORE Russell	1979	JAMES Stephen	1991
PINCOTT Jim	1983	ANLEZARK Mick	1991
SIMA Metin	1983	JAMES Mathew	1993
EAGLESON Robert	1984	MOROZOFF Alex	1993
HETERICK Graeme	1985	MOUSSA John	1994

OTHER CLUB FACTS

FIRST CLUB PRESIDENT

Edward (Ted) James - 1939

FIRST CLUB SECRETARY

Alan Cook - 1939

MOST GOALS IN A SEASON

54 GOALS: Mark Woodhouse (U/9) - 1971 season

MOST GOALS IN A MATCH

9 GOALS: JOHN MOUSSA: 16 July 1994 vs. Greystanes (U/14)
(at Tait Reserve)

HIGHEST SCORE FOR

18 GOALS: 08 May 1971 vs. St Barnabas Fairfield (U/15)
(at Phillips Park)

HIGHEST SCORE AGAINST

16 GOALS: 26 June 1976 vs. Georges Hall Tigers (U/8)
(at Birdwood Reserve)

MOST TEAM GOALS IN A SEASON

111 GOALS: UNDER 12s (1992 season)

MOST GAMES PLAYED IN A SEASON (INDIVIDUAL - COMP.)

35 GAMES: TREVOR LAVENDER (R/C 1 & 2) - 1983 season

YOUNGEST PLAYER

CHRIS KITCHING: 3 years and 102 days - 1988 season (U/6)

OLDEST PLAYER

JIM PINCOTT: 60 years and 145 days - 1994 season (R/C 2)

GAMES UNTIL FIRST GOAL

202 GAMES: RICHARD HOLLAND (Period- 1967 to 1976)
22 May 1976 vs. Hunters Hill (P/L)
(at Phillips Park)

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Only FIVE more years to our 60th Anniversary!

CLUB RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	YEAR	TEAM
1943	U/14 PREMIERS	1981	U/13 PREMIERS
1947	U/14 PREMIERS	1981	R/CUP RES PREMIERS
1947	1ST GRADE SIX-A-SIDE	1982	U/9 PREMIERS
1948	U/16 PREMIERS	1982*	U/10 PREMIERS
1961	U/12 PREMIERS	1983*	MINI GROUP 6 PREMIERS
1962	U/10 PREMIERS	1983	U/10 PREMIERS
1962	U/12 PREMIERS	1983*	U/11 PREMIERS
1962	U/16 SIX-A-SIDE	1983	U/15 KNOCK-OUT
1964	U/16B PREMIERS	1984*	U/9 PREMIERS
1966	2ND DIVISION PREMIERS	1984	U/13 PREMIERS
1967	1ST DIVISION PREMIERS	1984	R/CUP RES PREMIERS
1967	OPEN KNOCK-OUT	1984	U/11 SIX-A-SIDE
1967	2ND GRADE SIX-A-SIDE	1984	U/12 SIX-A-SIDE
1968	PREMIER LEAGUE RESERVES	1984	U/18 KNOCK-OUT
1968	U/12 PREMIERS	1985	U/14 PREMIERS
1968	OPEN KNOCK-OUT	1985	4TH GRADE PREMIERS
1969	B GRADE SIX-A-SIDE	1985	R/CUP RES PREMIERS
1969	4TH GRADE PREMIERS	1986	U/7 PREMIERS
1971	OVER 35 KNOCK-OUT	1986	U/10 PREMIERS
1971	U/9 PREMIERS	1986	U/13 PREMIERS
1971	U/15 PREMIERS	1987	U/8 PREMIERS
1972	U/11 PREMIERS	1987	U/11 PREMIERS
1972	U/12 PREMIERS	1987	R/CUP RES PREMIERS
1973	U/11 PREMIERS	1987	U/12 SIX-A-SIDE
1974	U/10 PREMIERS	1987	U/12 KNOCK-OUT
1974	U/11 PREMIERS	1990	U/11 PREMIERS
1974	U/13 PREMIERS	1990	U/11 KNOCK-OUT
1974	U/16 PREMEIRS	1991	U/12 PREMIERS
1975	U/9 PREMIERS	1991	U/12 SIX-A-SIDE
1976	U/14 PREMIERS	1991	C GRADE SIX-A-SIDE
1977	U/14 SIX-A-SIDE	1992	U/12 PREMIERS
1977	U/16 KNOCK-OUT	1992	U/12 SIX-A-SIDE
1978	U/15 PREMIERS	1992	U/12 KNOCK-OUT
1978	U/15 KNOCK-OUT	1992	U/15 SIX-A-SIDE
1978	U/18 PREMIERS	1992	U/15 KNOCK-OUT
1978	U/18 KNOCK-OUT	1993	U/13 PREMIERS
1978	R/CUP RES PREMIERS	1993	U/13 SIX-A-SIDE
1979	U/11 PREMIERS	1993	U/13 KNOCK-OUT
1979	U/16 PREMIERS	1994	U/14 SIX-A-SIDE
1979	U/16 PREMIERS	1994	1ST GRADE (DIV 4) PREMIERS
1979	R/CUP RES PREMIERS		

* Denotes St Joachims Parish Club - all other results prior to 1986 won by Lidcombe Congregational/Uniting Church Soccer Club

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A THRILLING SIX-A-SIDE!

1994: Who will ever forget that spine-tingling Under 14s Six-a-side final (in daylight, too!) this season when the Blacktown striker, with seconds to go and needing a goal to defeat Lidcombe, hit the crossbar with the goal wide open and the referee blew fulltime!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OUR 55TH YEAR!

1994 heralded the 55th anniversary of our soccer club which commenced back in 1939 through the efforts of Ted and Hazel James.

The highlight of this year, apart from the on-field successes of the First Grade and the under 14s, was the 55th Anniversary Dinner/Dance held at the Lidcombe RSL Community Club on Saturday June 11 1994 and, as your Club President, I was very pleased to see the excellent attendance by both current and past players and supporters of the Lidcombe Churches Soccer Club.

Considering that the evening was only organised in four weeks it was another memorable occasion in our Club's history and all congratulations must go to the Management Committee for their excellent work.

I was particularly pleased to see so many of the present players and supporters in attendance and I can truly say that the Dinner/Dance was for "Congos" of all eras!

Plans are already in motion for our 60th Anniversary Dinner/Dance in 1999 and I know that we will have to find larger premises to accommodate the expected crowd!

At the Dinner/Dance it was again the privilege of our co-patron Ray James to recall the Club's history and he had the audience spellbound as he reflected on the Club's achievements and notable happenings over these past 55 years!

Ray's presentation was the best that he has produced at these functions and he is now a qualified speaker on the talk circuit!

Each soccer season is unique but you all will have some particular reason to remember 1994 in the future whether it be the Dinner/Dance, the First Grade's premiership or just something that happened on a Saturday in a game.

On behalf of your Club may I express my appreciation of the wonderful work carried out by Secretary Ken James.

Ken is a real Congo who spends countless hours behind the scenes to ensure that your Club continues to prosper and advance.

To those people who assisted in the canteen, put up nets and corner posts, washed shirts and even cut the oranges I must thank you as you are the heart of the Club.

I wish to also congratulate all players and fellow members of the Committee for their efforts this season and as long as they enjoyed the season then it was all worthwhile!

NEIL RUDGLEY
PRESIDENT

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Set out below are details of the Club's activities during 1994 - our 55th Anniversary year!

JUNIORS:

In entering seven teams with 91 players this year our playing strength was up considerably on last season (six teams and 74 players) with the most pleasing feature being the large number of new Under 6 players being registered.

Once again most of our new players came from St Joachim's Parish School who were very supportive in distributing our signing-on pamphlets at the start of these season.

While competition success did not come our way (apart from the Under 14s' Six-a-side win) there were positive aspects about each of our team's performances:-

- * the under 6s, with nine new players, performed strongly throughout the season and the improvement in their play as the season progressed was quite noticeable;
- * the Under 7s were initially entered as an Under 6 team but after a few very easy wins we applied to have them regraded to the Under 7 competition where they played with distinction. Entered in their right age group for the Six-a-side, the team made it to the final for the second year in a row;
- * the Under 8s playing on the big field for the first time and without the services of a fulltime coach performed with merit finishing second to the undefeated Yaralla against whom they had two very closely fought contests;
- * the Under 11s, despite the loss of seven good players from last year, were still competitive and finished fourth in their competition;
- * the Under 13s had to play against all the strong teams as there was only one division and they struggled all season but I am pleased to report that their attitude was much better than last year and they did not give up;
- * the Under 14s found the size and strength of St Matthews difficult to overcome this year and had to be satisfied with third place in the competition but they still helped us to celebrate the 55th Anniversary in style by winning the Six-a-side for an unprecedented fourth successive year.

SENIORS:

The highlight of the season was the First Grade's effort in finishing as Minor Premiers and then continuing on to take out

the Grand Final against arch-rivals Bankstown in a very exciting contest.

The Second Grade, a collection of young players and veterans, finished down the competition ladder but on their day (not very often!) they managed to play some good football.

The behaviour and attitude of the senior players was, in the main, quite good although we had to dispense with the services of several players who let the Club down by their irresponsible actions.

The challenge for the senior players next year is to perform well in First Division which is where they appear destined to be promoted after their success in 1994.

COACHES AND MANAGERS:

In fielding an extra junior side this year finding coaches and managers was always going to be a difficult task but when two of those coaches resigned after a few games the situation became fairly desperate.

Fortunately Bill Archer and Steve Capratsis came to the rescue with the Under 13s and the boys should be highly appreciative because without their efforts we would have had to withdraw the team.

With regard to the Under 8s it was frustrating not being able to find a replacement coach because it was obvious that with the right handling here was a team that could go close to winning the competition. However we battled on and my thanks go to Lou Moussa, Brett O'Brien and Trevor Hofer who helped with the boys.

With respect to the other teams my sincere thanks on behalf of the boys go to Joe Zammit (Under 6s), Jack Dutton (Under 7s), James May (Under 8s) and Ken Cambaz (Under 11s) for all their efforts.

These are the people that club secretaries dream about!

SIX-A-SIDE:

The Club was once again represented by all teams at this gala event held over the long weekend in June and it was good to see so many parents, friends and senior players at Timbrell Park on the Monday when the Under 14s did us proud by winning for the fourth year in a row - an unprecedented feat!

The performance of Jack Dutton's Under 7s, playing in their correct Under 6 age group, in making the final for the second year in a row is also worthy of special mention.

BEST CLUBMAN:

This year the Committee decided to recognise Bill Archer's efforts firstly in helping organise a team for the Under 13s and then by looking after them when their coach resigned soon after the commencement of the season and Bill will be presented with the Best Clubman Award.

Last year Bill also attached the hooks to the Phillips Park posts which has made it so much easier to put up the nets.

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES:

Peter Oberemok, one of the finest footballers produced by the Club, played his 300th game this year becoming one of just 26 players to make this achievement. I still have visions of "Obo" kicking the ball around the park from dawn to dusk as a very small boy and he is truly a product of Phillips Park!

200 goals and 200 games was the very rare feat recorded by Stephen James this year - only three other players have scored more than 200 goals - and he certainly has the potential to go a long way in the game possibly even following in the footsteps of "Obo"! Of interest it is worth noting that all four players who have reached 200 goals are predominantly left footed!

Another deadly sharpshooter, John Moussa, also achieved the unique double of 100 goals and 100 games breaking the Club's individual game goalscoring record in the process and he certainly is another with a fine future in the game.

Other notable performances were recorded by Andrew Grattan, Mathew James, Tom Pavlek, Trent Smith and Tony Tannous who all played their 200th Club game during the season.

100 Club games were reached by Adam Bunnell, Nicholas Capratsis and Tuncay Icli.

Congratulations to all the abovementioned players on their wonderful achievements.

FINANCES:

After today's picnic and presentation day (which will cost in the vicinity of \$1,200) we will have approximately \$200 in the bank which is considered satisfactory because most teams still have relatively new strips and a good supply of balls.

Of course, the main reason why our finances are still in reasonable shape is the canteen and while it would be too difficult to mention all those people who assisted during the season I must place on record my thanks to Stephen James, Mathew James, Amanda James and James May for their support.

55TH ANNIVERSARY:

The Club celebrated its 55th Anniversary at a very well attended Dinner/Dance at Lidcombe RSL Community Club on 11 June.

Old acquaintances were renewed and many a match was replayed and I am sure that everyone enjoyed themselves even if the evening ended probably too soon.

The success of the evening was due primarily to the efforts of one person - Neil Rudgley - who was ably assisted by fellow committee members James May, Nigel Batts and Alan Pilling.

The competition successes by the First Grade team and the Under 14s (the latter just two days after the Dinner/Dance) helped make this a memorable 55th Anniversary year.

ANNUAL REPORT AND PUBLICITY:

Many thanks go to the staff at the Torch , publishers of the Auburn Review, notably Wayne Cousins, who ensured that space was available each week for our column.

Neil Rudgley again wrote the column based on information submitted by the various coaches and managers and I know that this weekly report was very eagerly read throughout the district.

The Annual Report is another of Neil's efforts and he has again produced a superb publication and thanks must also go to Nadalie Rudgley who designed the striking front cover.

CONCLUSION:

Another season has come and gone and I look forward to continuing the Congo spirit into 1995 and beyond!

Many thnaks to my fellow Committee members, particularly President Neil Rudgley and James May for their invaluable support during the season.

KEN JAMES
SECRETARY

BLAST FROM THE PAST!

* That "kamikaze" tackler from the 70's ISAAC DIB graced our shores two years back on a flying visit from his home in Canada.

Veteran Congos will shudder at the mere recall of "Spud" who created havoc on the field with his wild tackles (usually around the head!!)

Anyway, Isaac was down at Phillips Park sitting on the sidelines and it didn't take too long for his aggressive barracking to upset the opposition players and the referee STOPPED THE MATCH!!

Isaac was politely asked to move away from the field and we tremble at the thought of his next visit! ****

* A check of some old Club records on show at the 55th Anniversary Dinner in June revealed that Club Secretary Ken James actually started his career with us in 1960 and not 1961 as previously thought!

It appears that a TWELVE YEAR OLD Ken, a registered St Stephens player, came across and appeared for his Dad's UNDER 10s Congs side in the final game of the season!

"Played a good game, too!" was Ken's only comment amid claims of "rort, burglar, fraud" etc!!

You will note that the Club's Honour Roll has been reluctantly amended to show his revised commencement year!***

UNDER 6 TEAM REPORT

Another fine season for the Under 6s in 1994 who started off rather slow but finished the year with a roar following a big win against arch rivals Yaralla (Blue) and a narrow 2-1 loss against Yaralla (Gold).

The side performed well every Saturday and despite the fact that only two boys had ever played the game before I was well pleased with all their efforts and the individual improvement in each player was very noticeable.

I regard the season as one of a genuine team effort and, despite initially finding it hard to report about the individual performances, I eventually managed to do so.

Many thanks to all the parents who assisted at the games and at training and in my first year of coaching I found the experience quite enjoyable.

I know all the players enjoyed themselves because that is what it is all about!

The team was:

VITOR DE NETO: Small in stature but big in effort Vitor was always there in his fullback role to send the ball down the field with his unbelievable kicks.

JOE DIQUATTRO: Joe is our utility who can play in any position but really came to the fore as a goalkeeper in the latter part of the season when he made some very fine saves.

DANIEL FERGUSON: Scorer of 17 goals this year, "Mr Consistency" was always there to take the ball through the defence and, on most occasions, found the net with his shot.

BILAL ISSA: Didn't get to see much of him this season but he tried hard when he turned up.

RUTH MILLER: The defender of the feminine gender was sometimes apprehensive of the physical nature of the boys' playing style but Ruth always gave it her best on the day and her efforts were certainly appreciated.

THOMAS NORTHEY: When you told the "little enforcer" to make the tackle in he went virtually knocking the opposition player over in his attempt to win the ball. Always turned in a good effort.

KEVIN O'HALLORAN: Kevin came along to the club picnic and showed that he had some ability so he was invited to play this season. From his first game this year the "pocket rocket" was unbelievable especially for a lad who has never played the game before. A natural footballer if ever there was one.

DAVID TANG: In his first year David was always trying his best and with dedication he will be an asset to any team.

ANDREW THIEL: The "Defender" gave 100% every game and then a little more. He has the ability to run the length of the field to defend the goals when his side is in trouble. Scored some brilliant goals this season.

SELM YATKIN: A quiet achiever who would not say a word during the game but did his talking with his feet. He showed true ability with his ball control and team effort.

JORDAN ZAMMIT: The organiser in the backs, Jordan was always directing his teammates into position. His second season in soccer saw a big improvement in his game.

MATCH DETAILS:

Competition:

09.04.94	YARALLA (R)	L 0-5	
16.04.94	WASHOUT		
23.04.94	YARALLA (B)	W 3-0	(Di Quattro, Ferguson, Thiel)
30.04.94	BALMAIN (R)	W 2-0	(Thiel 2)
07.05.94	YARALLA (G)	L 0-4	
14.05.94	YARALLA (R)	L 1-2	(Ferguson)
21.05.94	YARALLA (B)	W 3-0	(Ferguson, Northey, O'Halloran)
28.05.94	BALMAIN (B)	W 5-0	(Ferguson 2, O'Halloran, Thiel, Yarkin)
04.06.94	BALMAIN (R)	W 5-0	(Ferguson 2, Thiel 2, O'Halloran)
18.06.94	YARALLA (G)	L 0-5	
25.06.94	YARALLA (R)	L 0-2	
09.07.94	YARALLA (B)	W 4-0	(Ferguson, O'Halloran, Thiel, Yarkin)
16.07.94	BALMAIN (B)	W 3-0	(Ferguson, O'Halloran, Yarkin)
23.07.94	BALMAIN (R)	W 4-0	(O'Halloran 2, Ferguson, Thiel)
30.07.94	YARALLA (G)	L 1-2	(O'Halloran)
06.08.94	YARALLA (R)	W 3-1	(Thiel 2, O'Halloran)
13.08.94	YARALLA (B)	W 11-3	(O'Halloran 5, Ferguson 4, De Neto, Thiel)
20.08.94	BALMAIN (B)	W 7-1	(Ferguson 3, O'Halloran 3, Thiel)

Six-a-side:

Team comprising Vitor De Neto, Daniel Ferguson, Thomas Northey, Kevin O'Halloran, Andrew Thiel and Jordan Zammit.

11.06.94	YARALLA (B)	W 4-0	(Ferguson 2, O'Halloran, Thiel)
	YARALLA (G)	L 0-2	

JOSEPH ZAMMIT
COACH

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NEVILLE HINTON

The sudden passing of NEVILLE HINTON this year was a shock to all Club members who knew this quiet and friendly Congo.

Nev. became associated with the Club back in the early '60s and followed with great interest the soccer careers of his three sons, David, Greg and Craig.

Nev. will be sorely missed by the Lidcombe Congs. Soccer Club.

- RAY JAMES

UNDER 7 TEAM REPORT

After four crushing wins in the first four games as under 6s, it was decided to move this team up to Under 7s as the lads were clearly a class above the other under 6 teams.

Despite narrowly losing the first game 2-1 against Hunters Hill Under 7s the team regrouped and played a further 13 games losing only on two other occasions.

For the second year in succession, the team made the six-a-side final only to once again lose by a solitary goal.

Thank you team for giving your parents, supporters and myself a successful and entertaining season and we are all proud of your efforts.

My thanks go to all those people who supported us each week and a special thank you to my wife Kath who made sure that the boys all had clean shirts every Saturday.

The hardest part for me this year was selecting the trophy winners but I could not go past both Daniel James and Sahin Kazan as joint winners of the Most Consistent Player trophy for their tireless efforts to get the ball in the net.

The Most Improved Player was Billy Karabetsos who also had an excellent season for his side.

Well done all of the team!

The team was:

ANDREW ILIEFF: Andrew is a promising player who runs hard and showed his goalscoring ability with 18 match goals this season. In the tight matches, Andrew was the team's first-choice goalkeeper and performed equally as well in that position.

DANIEL JAMES: Daniel displays a very positive attitude towards his soccer although he sometimes prefers to do his own thing rather than heed the Coach's advice. He positions himself well in both attack and defence and was the team's leading goalscorer with 26 goals.

BILLY KARABETSOS: Don't be fooled by Billy's "innocent" looks because when the game is tough Billy is right in there battling for his team. He is a much improved player with an excellent kick (his own team-mates once suggested that I should take him off the field because his shots were hurting the opposition!).

SAHIN KAZAN: Sahin is very fast for his age and has the right attitude for a footballer. I was very pleased with his opening games' efforts in scoring six goals in the first four matches and he displayed excellent defensive qualities both out on the

field and in goals.

GIAN CARLO LANCANILAO: Found the going a bit tough with the under 7s and might have been more suited to the under 6s however what he lacked in football ability was made up for with his enthusiasm at training.

SHANE MELKI: First season for this player who settled in well. He has a good turn of speed and uses his head well when going up for the ball. He also showed some goalkeeping promise this year.

ALEXANDER SMITH: Alexander has the makings of a very good defender and although he took a few matches to get into stride his strong running and clearances were features of the team's efforts. He is a very coachable player.

KAREEM SOUROUT: Kareem is another player who is better suited to a defensive position. A big lad for his age, Kareem's ability to use the big kick helped out on numerous occasions. He was always willing to play in goals whenever I asked.

RICKY THOMPSON: Ricky joined the side after the season had commenced but he quickly settled into his game. He was able to frequently run the ball through the opposition defence and after his first-ever goal for the club came in the third last game he was also able to score a goal in each of the final two games!

ROBERT VOLPATO: This season has given Robert a new outlook and I am pleased to report that he even talks to me and calls me by name! Always a fast runner, Robert came into his own in the second half of the season and showed that he can use his big kick to great effect.

MATCH DETAILS:

Competition:

Played in Under 6 Competition:

09.04.94	GREYSTANES	W 8-0	(James 3, Karabetsos 3, Kazan 2)
16.04.94	O.L.Q.P.	W 7-0	(James 3, Ilieff 2, Kazan, Melki)
23.04.94	WENT'VILLE	W 12-0	(Ilieff 4, James 3, Kazan 2, Melki 2, Karabetsos)
30.04.94	PARRAMATTA	W 8-0	(James 3, Ilieff 2, Karabetsos 2, Kazan)

Played in Under 7 Competition:

07.05.94	ALL STS (B)	L 1-3	(Ilieff)
14.05.94	YARALLA	W 2-1	(Ilieff 2)
21.05.94	ALL STS (C)	W 5-0	(Ilieff 2, Karabetsos 2, James)
28.05.94	YARALLA (R)	L 0-2	
04.06.94	BALMAIN (B)	W 2-0	(James, Karabetsos)
18.06.94	ALL STS (R)	W 2-1	(Ilieff, James)
25.06.94	BALMAIN (W)	W 2-0	(James 2)
09.07.94	BALMAIN (W)	W 2-0	(Karabetsos 2)
16.07.94	YARALLA (R)	L 0-1	
23.07.94	ALL STS (B)	W Forf	
30.07.94	BALMAIN (B)	W 6-0	(James 4, Karabetsos, Kazan)
06.08.94	ALL STS (C)	W 6-0	(James 3, Ilieff, Karabetsos Thompson)
13.08.94	BALMAIN (R)	W 5-0	(James 2, Ilieff, Karabetsos, Thompson)
20.08.94	BALMAIN (W)	D 3-3	(Ilieff 2, Thompson)

Six-a-side:

Under 6 team comprising Andrew Ilieff, Daniel James, Billy Karabetsos, Sahin Kazan, Alexander Smith, Kareem Sourour and Robert Volpato.

11.06.94 ST CUMBAS W 1-0 (James)
GREYSTANES W 1-0 (Kazan)
YARALLA (B) W 5-0 (Karabetsos 3, Kazan 2)
FINAL: YARALLA (R) L 1-2 (Ilieff)

JACK DUTTON
COACH

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UNDER 8 TEAM REPORT

In their first season on the big field playing the 11-a-side game the boys performed quite creditably finishing second in the competition, losing only three games each by the odd goal.

Two of these losses (both 0-1) were against the undefeated competition winners, Yaralla, and anyone who witnessed those games would have to agree that these matches were very evenly contested and could have gone either way.

The only other loss was to Balmain (Black) at the start of the season and this was due to the team's inexperience playing on the big Callan Park field. Even in this game the boys showed character by fighting back from 0-2 down to level the score before conceding a further late goal.

To add further merit to the team's performance they did it all without the services of a full-time coach for almost the whole of the season and I have no doubt that had I been able to devote more time to them at training they would have finished much closer to Yaralla on the competition table.

While the team did not have a full-time coach they certainly did not lack enthusiastic people to support them and my thanks go to Lou Moussa, Brett O'Brien and Trevor Hofer for their assistance with the coaching duties and also to Gabreal Rancan and Tony White for their efforts in managing the side.

Thanks also go to the other parents who supported the boys and assisted with the washing of the shirts.

The team was:

RAMMY DARSA: Played consistently well throughout the season utilising his good ball skills to make frequent attacking runs down the right wing setting up many of the team's goals in the process. He also scored some great goals himself.

RABEEH IBRAHIM: He found the goals more difficult to score this year but still tried hard and always gave his best in the striker position.

ASHWIN KISSUN: In his first season Ashwin was always willing to listen and try hard and, as a result, his game improved as the season progressed.

NEILSON LUKIC: Neilson played mostly at fullback and always tried his best.

IAIN MAUNDER: Iain's confidence grew noticeably during the year and he played several outstanding games towards the end of the season making some fine attacking runs from midfield and tackling with determination.

BEN MILLER: Played determinedly and always gave his best but if he could play as well as he talks then he would be a champion.

JIMMY MOUSSA: Because he can kick with both feet we played him on the left wing but he still managed to score many fine goals including quite a few from outside the penalty box with his thundering right foot. A highly talented youngster who can play in any position, Jimmy deservedly shared the Most Consistent Player award.

CHRISTOPHER O'BRIEN: A newcomer who did not take long to adapt to the game. He played in the striker position where his speed was an asset to the team and managed to score a hat-trick in the last game including a memorable first-time turn and strike from the edge of the penalty box. Shows great potential for the future.

ANTHONY RANCAN: A very busy player always in the thick of action, Anthony was either running confidently with the ball or tackling fiercely. He also managed to score his share of goals and was the best dressed player at training often running around in his school uniform INCLUDING TIE!!

ADAM STOTEN: An enthusiastic player who did well for his first season. He was willing to listen, ran confidently with the ball and was not afraid to tackle the bigger players.

ANDREW SUNGA: Another newcomer who defended determinedly at fullback and made some good saves when it was his turn to play as goalkeeper.

ROBERT TANG: I'm not sure what position Robert was playing as he would suddenly appear all over the field but he certainly played with great enthusiasm and was not afraid to tackle bigger opponents.

ELIAS TAOUK: Our enforcer at the back who defended strongly and used his powerful left foot to "boot" us out of trouble on many occasions. He would also have caused trouble for some cheeky opposition forwards if he had been able to run fast enough to catch them! Also played reliably as goalkeeper when it was his turn between the sticks.

MICHAEL WHITE: Only small in stature but a courageous player not afraid to tackle bigger opponents. He was the backbone of the team's defence displaying excellent positional sense and an ability to read the play way beyond his years. A most deserved winner of the Most Consistent Player award together with Jimmy Moussa. Well played, Michael!

ADAM YATKIN: Played steadily in midfield where he was always near the ball and tackled with enthusiasm.

MATCH DETAILS:

Competition:

09.04.94	BALMAIN (RED)	W 7-0	(Moussa 3, Darsa 2, Ibrahim 2)
16.04.94	BALMAIN (BLACK)	L 2-3	(Moussa, Rancan)
23.04.94	BYE		
30.04.94	ALL STS (GOLD)	W 4-0	(Darsa 3, Rancan)
07.05.94	BALMAIN (GOLD)	W 4-0	(Darsa 2, Moussa 2)
14.05.94	ALL STS (BLUE)	W 3-1	(Darsa 2, Moussa)
21.05.94	YARALLA	L 0-1	
28.05.94	BALMAIN (RED)	W 8-0	(Moussa 4, O'Brien 2, Ibrahim, Maunder)
04.06.94	BALMAIN (BLACK)	D 1-1	(Rancan)
18.06.94	BYE		
25.06.94	ALL STS (GOLD)	W 4-0	(Darsa 2, Moussa 2)
09.07.94	BALMAIN (GOLD)	W 4-1	(Moussa 2, Rancan, Tang)
16.07.94	ALL STS (BLUE)	W 4-0	(Moussa 2, Darsa, Stoten)
23.07.94	YARALLA	L 0-1	
30.07.94	BALMAIN (BLACK)	D 1-1	(Moussa)
06.08.94	BYE		
13.08.94	ALL STS (GOLD)	W 4-1	(Moussa 3, O'Brien)
20.08.94	BALMAIN (GOLD)	W 3-0	(O'Brien 3)

Six-a-side:

Team comprising Rammy Darsa, Rabeeh Ibrahim, Jimmy Moussa, Christopher O'Brien, Anthony Rancan, Adam Stoten and Michael White.

11.06.94	BALMAIN (B)	W 1-0	(Moussa)
	YARALLA	L 0-1	

KEN JAMES
CARETAKER COACH

BLAST FROM THE PAST!

It was July 1974 and the Club Committee was having a rather "spirited" meeting when RON HOLLEBONE took the floor and started a rather long-winded speech about Lidcombe Congs and its affiliation with the Churches Association.

"Gut" was attempting to find a phrase to indicate that our Club came under the control of the Association and, when he was stuck for words, Treasurer Peter James said: "...under the AUSPICES of the Association...!!"

Big Ron upped the dukes towards Peter and yelled out: "Don't you accuse me of being SUSPICIOUS!!"

Liquid refreshments at these meetings are now confined to water!

UNDER 9 TEAM REPORT

It was a mixed season for the Under 9 team running hot and cold all year with excellent victories over the more skilful and harder sides but disappointing losses against lower teams that we should have easily beaten.

Unfortunately for the boys, we met eventual premiers Yaralla in our first match but even though we lost 3-0 the side showed tremendous team spirit in not giving up at any stage of the encounter.

Following that early season loss we were soon back on the rails putting together some magical team work recording two wins and three draws from our next five matches.

The mid-year Six-a-side competition saw seven of the side play on the Queen's Birthday weekend at Timbrell Park only to go down in the quarterfinals in a match that we should have won.

After playing two earlier games, the boys were showing signs of tiredness missing three goalscoring opportunities and after leading on corners and goalkicks we were defeated after conceding a late goal.

A personal thanks must go to Mr Nawach Haddad who assisted me every week by managing the team and I know the boys appreciated all the work that he did.

I would also like to thank all the parents and friends who followed, encouraged and supported the boys all season along with those who washed the shirts and continuously provided transport.

All in all 1994 was a very satisfying season with the boys all being part of the team and they each played the team game to my instructions always giving 100% effort every Saturday.

The team was:

ABDUL-RAHMAN ABU-MAHMOUD: Still one of the strongest players in the team who knows how to use his body for maximum reward Abdul-Rahman also showed tremendous speed and ball control to beat opposing fullbacks hands down!

BENJAMIN BEATTIE: Ben was one of the most consistent midfielders throughout the year showing good ball skills and excellent foresight in attack. Often it was Ben supplying the good quality cross giving one of the forwards an opportunity to shoot for goal.

GREG DAVIDSON: A solid competitor at the back Greg was always in control of the situation as he has the ability to read the pattern of the game. He proved this with the amount of times he

came up with the ball when an opponent was attempting to go through the defence.

AVDO DEMIR: The team custodian playing in his first year Avdo was always looking forward to his game each week. Improved field position will come with more experience and patience next season.

ANDREW ELIA: Spending most of the year in goals Andrew pulled off some miraculous saves keeping his side in the game on numerous occasions. He also had a run out on the field showing good skills and vision.

RANI HADDAD: Rani is a player who can and will play in any position on the field. He has tremendous ball skills and has baffled opponents all year long. Rani is the complete all-round footballer who has a very bright future in the game.

MARKO JOVANOVIC: Always enthusiastic, Marko has learnt a great deal in his first year and will improve next season. His field position improved towards the end of the year and he is certain to come good when he grasps the concept of the off-side rule.

DANNY MA: First season with the club and Danny showed good ball control. On occasions he was too eager to pass the ball rather than go himself so once he can pick the appropriate time to pass (and also use his left foot!) he will be a better player.

SALIM MHAJER: The "terrier" of the team, Salim was always in the action not letting his larger opponents faze him by always making vital tackles and coming up with the ball in the midfield. He scored his first-ever club goal in the match at Callan Park to salvage a draw against Balmain.

RYAN PROUTY: Another first-year player Ryan showed great tenacity after an initial shyness. The latter part of the season saw him make some very strong tackles and swift darts down the wing often resulting in good crosses into the goal area. Congratulations on receiving this year's Most Improved Player award.

THOMAS RAYWARD: Thomas played as sweeper and was "as safe as the Bank of England" with opponents finding it difficult to break through his dogged defence. He has all the attributes of a top class defender and was rarely beaten for pace.

ARJUNAN SELVAM: Arjunan was solid in defence marking his opponent and nearly always got his "spider legs" to the ball frustrating even the best of opposition attacks all season.

DANIEL VYAS: Daniel was as solid as a rock at the back. A player who always let the opposition attackers know he was about by knocking them off the ball. More often than not they would not be game enough to come back for more!

SALAH ZEIN: Playing the majority of the season at stopper Salah always seemed to come up with the ball when a break was made through our midfield notably because he marked his opponent. Scored on both occasions when he played in the forwards.

MATCH DETAILS:

Competition:

09.04.94	YARALLA	L 0-3	
16.04.94	BALMAIN (RED)	Washout	
23.04.94	BALMAIN (BLACK)	W 3-2	(Abu-Mahmoud 2, Haddad)
30.04.94	ALL STS (GOLD)	W 2-0	(Abu-Mahmoud, Haddad)
07.05.94	PARRAMATTA CH	W 2-2	(Haddad 2)
14.05.94	BALMAIN (B)	D 1-1	(Mhajer)
21.05.94	BALMAIN (GOLD)	W 0-0	
28.05.94	ALL STS (BLUE)	L 0-1	
04.06.94	ALL STS (RED)	W 4-0	(Abu-Mahmoud 2, Ma, Mhajer)
18.06.94	YARALLA	L 0-1	
25.06.94	BALMAIN (RED)	W 3-0	(Abu-Mahmoud, Haddad, Zein)
09.07.94	BALMAIN (BLACK)	W 3-1	(Haddad 2, Abu-Mahmoud)
16.07.94	ALL STS (GOLD)	L 1-3	(Abu-Mahmoud)
23.07.94	PARRAMATTA CH	L 1-2	(Abu-Mahmoud)
23.07.94	BALMAIN (RED)	W 9-0	(Abu-Mahmoud 2, Rayward 2, Zein, Beattie, Haddad, Ma, Mhajer)
30.07.94	BALMAIN (BLUE)	L 0-1	
06.08.94	BALMAIN (GOLD)	L 0-1	
13.08.94	ALL STS (GOLD)	L 0-1	
20.08.94	ALL STS (RED)	W 2-1	(Abu-Mahmoud, Zein)

Six-a-side

11.06.94	ST CUMBAS B	L 0-3	
	ST CUMBAS W	W 3-0	(Abu-Mahmoud, Haddad, Rayward)
	PARRAMATTA CH	L 0-1	

JAMES MAY COACH

BLAST FROM THE PAST!

* It was 1967 and one of our "favourite" referees FRANK BLACK had entered Phillips Park field to the usual slow hand clapping etc!

Frank decided to check the nets and goalposts but he shouldn't have attempted to swing off the cross bar as there was a sharp splitting sound and down came the cross bar RIGHT ON Frank's head!

The slow hand clapping increased to generous applause for an obviously embarrassed Frank Black and the game did not start until half an hour later with Frank sporting a large bruise to the noggin and a larger bruise to the ego!!***

* Trevor "Lumpy" Lavender (again!) was keen to break his duck (goalscoring duck that is!) in 1980 as he wobbled up to the penalty spot for his big chance against Wentworthville.

"Lumpy" took careful aim and galloped in to the roar of the spectators but even they were shocked as the penalty attempt was saved by the goalkeeper!

Big Trevor wasn't to be outdone by some mug 'keeper so he continued on with his follow-through and gave the penalty saver a beaut right hook for his trouble!***

UNDER 11 TEAM REPORT

I would like to thank all the boys for such an excellent season and even though we did not take out the premiership our fourth placing was certainly no disgrace.

With eight new players in the side, the results were not as good as 1993 however the combinations are progressing well and I know that we can look forward to even better things next year.

A special word of thanks must go to Kerrie Bunnell who capably managed the side including washing the shirts and bringing the oranges to each game. Kerrie's efforts were much appreciated by the boys and myself.

Our thanks also go to those parents (and grandparents!) who supported the team on the sidelines each Saturday.

The team was:

NATHANIEL ARCHER: Nathaniel started the season slowly out on the right wing but when he was moved to right half he showed his true capabilities with a fine display in the last game of the season.

MICHAEL BEATTIE: Michael showed some fine finishing by being in the right place at the right time. Another player who had a slow start to the season but finished very well.

ADAM BUNNELL: Adam gives a 110% effort every game. His greatest strengths lie in reading the situation whether in attack or defence. Played his 100th game in the season's last match but, if the rumours are true that he is moving down the coast, then Lidcombe will lose a footballer with great potential.

BARIS DEMIR: Baris is a newcomer to the club and he is capable of playing either left back or left wing. He is a very handy player in these positions and will improve with more games.

RUI DE SA: Rui is a very enthusiastic player who likes to score goals and he was successful on a couple of occasions this year. He must also learn to chase back into defence but he is improving with every game.

NEMANJA JOVANOVIC: Nemanja came to the club this season and started slowly but improved way beyond expectations. His efforts this season have seen him awarded the Most Improved Player trophy. Well done!

MUSTAFA KARATAS: Mustafa joined us late in the season and turned in some good efforts but he needs to concentrate a little more on his positional play to improve his game.

BRETT KISSUN: Brett's defence in the middle of the backs was again very influential and, as usual, he gave his all for his team turning in some strong displays.

ANDREW KARABETSOS: Andrew showed why he is one of the best young goalkeepers in the competition with some stirring efforts this season. He is also a more than capable player out on the field and was our Most Consistent Player for 1994.

SHIVANESH LAL: Shivanesh is also a newcomer to our ranks and he is very dedicated to improving his own game. He progressed quietly this year but with more games under his belt he will mature as a footballer.

SHUCKY MENDOZA: Shucky is a skilful player who showed many fines touches on the ball. When he learns to have a few more shots from outside the penalty area his game will improve further.

KHAN NGUYEN: Khan is the "clown prince" of the team who should endeavour to learn more about the game of soccer and forget about his comedy routines!

CHRISTIAN SMITH: Christian had a very strong season at right fullback and his speed and size saved his team on numerous occasions. He is improving with every game.

MICHAEL SYDENHAM: Had a good season at fullback and he will improve even more as a footballer if he learns to concentrate for the entire game.

DAVID WHITE: David is a very good footballer who plays to the fullest every game. A very good header of the ball, David's position in 1995 seems assured in centre midfield.

MATCH DETAILS:

Competition:

09.04.94	BALMAIN B	D 0-0	
16.04.94	ALL STS H HILL	L 0-5	
23.04.94	BALMAIN (G)	W 2-1	(Kissun, Mendoza)
30.04.94	PARRAMATTA CH	W 1-0	(De Sa)
07.05.94	O.L.Q.P.	D 0-0	
14.05.94	YARALLA	L 0-2	
21.05.94	GREYSTANES	W 5-0	(Beattie 2, Bunnell, De Sa, Karabetsos)
28.05.94	BYE		
04.06.94	CHESTER HILL	W 2-0	(Beattie, Karatas)
18.06.94	BALMAIN (B)	D 1-1	(Bunnell)
25.06.94	ALL STS H HILL	Deferred	
09.07.94	BALMAIN (G)	D 0-0	
16.07.94	PARRAMATTA CH	L 0-1	
23.07.94	O.L.Q.P.	W 1-0	(Mendoza)
23.07.94	ALL STS H HILL	L FORF	
30.07.94	YARALLA	D 0-0	
06.08.94	GREYSTANES	D 0-0	
13.08.94	BYE		
20.08.94	CHESTER HILL	W 5-0	(Bunnell 2, Karabetsos 2, Mendoza)

Six-a-side:
Team comprising Adam Bunnell, Rui De Sa, Brett Kissun, Andrew Karabetsos, Shucky Mendoza, Christian Smith and David White.

11.06.94	O.L.Q.P.	L 1-1	(Bunnell) - Lost on Corners
	PENRITH	L 0-0	- Lost on Goalkicks

KEN CAMBAZ
COACH

UNDER 13 TEAM REPORT

This year was indeed a shaky season for the Under 13s who lost their original coach after only a handful of matches and I was drafted into the vacancy!

The opening game was far from impressive in losing 6-2 against St Matthews but encouragement appeared in the form of two victories in the next two games but after that the wins were few and far between!

However despite isolated victories the boys were able to turn in some surprisingly good displays against Penrith going down 2-1 (after a first round 8-0 drubbing) and the next week against Yaralla losing only 5-3 after being thrashed 10-0 three weeks earlier by the same team.

Yet the boys struggled in other games they should have won such as Blacktown Uniting (2-0 loss) and a 0-0 draw with O.L.Q.P.

However all in all I was pleased with their progress and towards the end of the season I could see that their efforts were gradually being rewarded and the final game 3-0 win over Chester Hill was a satisfying way to end the season.

There is a bright future for all these boys in the round ball code if they put their minds to it and listen to what the coach says - dedication and effort are what we need and once they are achieved then better results will appear.

The team was:

LUCAS ARCHER: Lucas is an honest footballer who has a lot going for him. He is very strong in the back line but more than anything else needs to work on improving his speed. He has a good season to look back on.

MIRO BUGARIJA: A good little player but needs to get more involved in the game. Miro has the skills necessary to satisfy coaches in future seasons.

NICHOLAS CAPRATIS: Nicholas is a footballer who can play in any position on the field and certainly knows what the game is all about. His performances this season were outstanding.

SHANEIL DATT: A trustworthy defender, Shaneil's work rate was very high and he did not let me down all year. Keep up the good work, Shaneil!

SHAADI HADDAD: A promising striker who has the ability to score some great goals, Shaadi's superb running never let him down and he is certainly one for the future.

OMAR HAWLI: Omar should be proud of his efforts this year. Place a ball at his feet and let him do the rest as he had a very good season. He'll be back for more next year.

THEO KARABETSOS: Theo is a natural who has the stamina and fitness necessary to make the difference out on the field. It's reassuring to have a player of his capabilities in the team.

RICHARD KISSUN: Richard has certainly found his place in the defence alongside Shaneil and his work rate was unbelievable. I know that Richard's football future is assured.

MATTHEW LEABEATER: A well presented footballer, Matthew has the will to get involved in the play and he has a bright future to look forward to.

STEVEN MA: Having never played the game before, Steven has improved immensely since the commencement of the season and he can be well proud of his efforts in 1994.

MARTIN MIRANDA: Only played four games this year and I need to see him more to evaluate his prospects.

TONY MELKI: An outstanding midfielder Tony was always there to help out when needed in defence and his interest in the game will take him a long way towards being a top footballer.

ANTHONY PILLAI: A late starter this year, Anthony arrived just at the right time when we were short a goalkeeper. He played well in goals and his kicking and handling were excellent.

REECE RAPER: Reece has the potential to be a very good player and takes control of the game as a leader should but he must learn not to voice his disapproval when things don't go the way they are supposed to. Equally good in attack and defence.

PETER SYDENHAM: Peter only played a handful of games this season but he did not disappoint me as he has a powerful right foot to set up his forwards. Keep up the good work, Peter!

JOHN TANNOUS: Unfortunately we did not see enough of John this year as he dropped out after only half a dozen appearances.

MATCH DETAILS:

Competition:

09.04.94	ST MATTHEWS	L 2-6	(Haddad, Tannous)
16.04.94	BLACKTOWN UNIT	W 4-2	(Raper 2, Haddad, Karabetsos)
23.04.94	O.L.Q.P.	W 3-0	(Capratsis, Haddad, Raper)
30.04.94	BYE		
07.05.94	CARLINGFORD	L 1-4	(Karabetsos)
14.05.94	PENRITH	L 0-8	
21.05.94	ST COLUMBAS	L 0-5	
28.05.94	BLACKTOWN RC	L 0-5	
04.06.94	CHESTER HILL	W 3-1	(Hawli 2, Haddad)
18.06.94	ST MATTHEWS	L 0-7	
25.06.94	O.L.Q.P.	D 0-0	
09.07.94	BLACKTOWN UNIT	L 0-2	
16.07.94	YARALLA	L 0-10	

23.07.94	CARLINGFORD	L 1-4	(Haddad)
30.07.94	PENRITH	L 1-2	(Haddad)
30.07.94	YARALLA	L 3-5	(Haddad, Karabetsos, Raper)
06.08.94	ST COLUMBAS	L 3-4	(Haddad 2, Karabetsos)
13.08.94	BLACKTOWN RC	L 0-6	
20.08.94	CHESTER HILL	W 3-0	(Haddad 2, Raper)

Six-a-side:

BLUE team comprising Lucas Archer, Miro Bugarija, Shaneil Datt, Matthew Leabeater, Steven Ma, Tony Melki and Anthony Pillai.

11.06.94	ST MATTHEWS B	L 0-3
	ST COLUMBAS	L 0-4

GOLD team comprising Nicholas Capratsis, Shaadi Haddad, Omar Hawli, Theo Karabetsos, Richard Kissun, Martin Miranda and Reece Raper.

11.06.94	ST COLUMBAS	L 1-2	(Raper)
	ST MATTHEWS B	L 2-5	(Karabetsos 2)

STEVE CAPRATIS
COACH

BLAST FROM THE PAST!

One of our more celebrated footballers from the sixties was driving home one Saturday night after celebrating another Congo victory when he failed to take a bend and crashed into someone's front fence!!

Realising that he may have been over the limit our football star asked the bemused house owners if he could use their bathroom!

Once inside he grabbed a large cake of Palmolive soap and **BEGAN EATING IT!!**

We're not sure if this is the reason why our star passed the breathaliser but we do know that he was a **VERY SICK** boy for the next two days...and **NOT** from the celebrations!

* Oh Yes! And we must not forget the nameless person who was driving away from a Congo party at Rider's former place in Frances St and took the **WHOLE SIDE FENCE WITH HIM!!**

* And wasn't it Ronny "Gut" Hollebone who was giving the office girls some training one morning but accidentally cracked his knee on a table and was off work for a week!!***

* Or the night that Ray James and Neil Rudgley "reclaimed" that giant noticeboard (now up on the Central Coast) from the old Congs church but realised too late that it was too big to fit in the getaway van!

So here was our dynamic duo thundering down John Street at midnight with Ray, hanging on for dear life, **SITTING** on the board which was hanging out through the open rear doors!!

Evening Constable!!***

UNDER 14 TEAM REPORT

With most other teams, finishing third on the competition table with 30 points (14 wins, two draws and two losses) and scoring 97 goals in the process, would be a cause for much satisfaction but after the many competition successes of this team over the years naturally there must be some disappointment at the season's outcome.

Unfortunately we found our archrivals St Matthews just a little too strong for us this year (except for the Six-a-side) although having to play them with an understrength side in the first round (a 3-1 loss) did not help and, in the second round it was only a freakish goal which dashed our premiership hopes (a 1-0 loss). Also our efforts in the semifinal of the knockout were not helped by the disruptive antics of an opposition official (a 2-1 loss).

In each of the St Matthews clashes the boys certainly gave their all and went down fighting to the final whistle which is all a coach can ask for.

I was certainly proud of their efforts!

Our only competition success came in the Six-a-side tournament where the Gold team won for the fourth year in a row.

The victory was made even sweeter by our semifinal defeat of St Matthews where we really proved who were the better football team.

Almost as satisfying was the effort of the Blue team who made it to the other semifinal beating St Matthews B team in the process.

One of the features of this team over the years has been their very loyal band of supporters and I am sure that the friendships built up over the years off the field have contributed greatly to the team's successes.

I know that the boys appreciated this support and certainly enjoyed the outing after the Glenbrook match.

Special thanks must go to Rhonda and Ian Smith who kindly donated jackets for the team and the boys certainly looked smart when warming up before the second competition match against St Matthews.

Thanks also go to all the parents who assisted with washing the shirts and also to Kevin Hastings for managing the Blue Six-a-side team.

The team was:

KURT EDWARDS: Another good season from this no-nonsense defender who made life extremely difficult for opposition

forwards. He is quiet off the field but the boys tell me that he has plenty to say to the opposition out on the field in the thick of battle!

CHRIS HASTINGS: Played equally well whether as an attacker, defender or in goals. Highlights of his season were his memorable chase and crunching tackle of the St Matthews right winger in our second round clash and two of the goals he scored against Wentworthville - a first time backheeler and a crashing left footed drive.

MATHEW JAMES: Very dangerous in attack with his penetrative runs down the right wing and he certainly knows how to score a goal but probably his best position is in the sweeper role where he had an outstanding game in the second round against St Matthews. The determination he showed in the Six-a-side semifinal win over St Matthews also pleased me greatly.

STEPHEN JAMES: 204 goals in 219 games just about says it all. A constant source of danger to opposition defences out on the left wing he has now added the overhead scissors kick to his repertoire. Bigger opposition defences are now causing him some problems but when he catches up with them in strength and size they will not know which way he went!

TREVOR LAWRENCE: As was the case last year the "Horse"'s speed and size were valuable assets for the team but there was a noticeable improvement in his ball control and heading this season. Somewhat of a gentle giant I would prefer to see a bit more aggression from him on the paddock.

KHALED MHAJER: A newcomer this season who performed reliably at fullback and he certainly knew how to blast the ball down to the other end of the field when we were in danger. Also showed that there was more to his game than just big kicks by serving up some quality passes to his teammates from time to time.

JOHN MOUSSA: 45 competition goals indicate just how dangerous John was to opposition defences and he absolutley terrorised Greystanes against whom he scored 16 goals in our two clashes. Special features of his game are his powerful running and his ability to bring the ball under control and shield it - valuable assets for any striker. A worthy joint recipient of the Most Consistent Player trophy.

TOM PAVLEK: Demonstrated his excellent ball skills with his many runs from midfield, setting up many of the team's attacking raids with his incisive passes. Also proved a valuable backup goalkeeper and his brave challenge against the breakaway Blacktown attacker in the Six-a-side final meant the difference between winning and losing. Well played, Tommy!

NATHAN PILLING: The "playmaker" set up many of the team's attacking moves with his clever passes. Found some of the bigger opposition defenders a bit difficult to get around but he never stopped trying and played probably his best game of the season in the last round match against Blacktown where he turned in a very determined display.

STEVEN RUDGLEY: Rejoined us this year after a season with Penrith and it was certainly reassuring to see him playing in his familiar sweeper's role. A good reader of the play, Steve tackled strongly, proving extremely difficult for opposition players to get past. His crunching tackle on the "Horse" at training one night had everyone shaking their heads in disbelief! He deservedly shared the Most Consistent Player trophy with John Moussa.

BEN SLADE: Only small in stature and younger than the rest of the players, what "Chook" lacked in skills he made up for in enthusiasm. Some of his kamikaze tackles had to be seen to be believed but the only trouble was that most of these were against his own teammates at training!!

TRENT SMITH: Scored some good goals this year with his determined bursts from midfield including a crashing drive into the back of the net against Wentworthville. A valuable team member, Trent's game reflects his growing confidence on the soccer field and he was rewarded with selection in the winning Six-a-side team.

BEN WILLIAMSON: Gave some determined displays at fullback and he has now added a bit of aggression to his game with one tackle in the second round clash against Blacktown particularly coming to mind. Ben's game continues to improve and his first-ever goal against Wentworthville brought the house down!!

MATCH DETAILS:

Competition:

09.04.94	ST COLUMBAS	W 5-0	(M James 2, Moussa 2, S James)
16.04.94	PARRAMATTA CH	W 9-1	(M James 3, S James 3, Moussa, Rudgley, Smith)
23.04.94	CHESTER HILL	W 8-0	(S James 3, Moussa 2, M James, Pilling, Smith)
30.04.94	GREYSTANES	W 8-1	(Moussa 7, S James)
07.05.94	GLENBROOK	W 7-0	(M James 2, S James 2, Moussa 2, Rudgley)
14.05.94	WENTWORTHVILLE	W 7-1	(C Hastings 2, Moussa 2, M James, S James, Smith)
21.05.94	ST MATTHEWS	L 1-3	(S James)
28.05.94	CARLINGFORD	D 2-2	(S James, Moussa)
04.06.94	BLACKTOWN	W 1-0	(Moussa)
18.06.94	ST COLUMBAS	W 8-0	(Moussa 5, M James, S James, Pavlek)
25.06.94	PARRAMATTA CH	W 4-1	(Moussa 2, S James, Pilling)
09.07.94	CHESTER HILL	W 5-0	(S James 2, Moussa 2, Lawrence)
16.07.94	GREYSTANES	W 13-0	(Moussa 9, S James, Pavlek, Pilling, Smith)
23.07.94	GLENBROOK	W 6-0	(Moussa 3, S James 2, Rudgley)
30.07.94	WENTWORTHVILLE	W 8-0	(Moussa 5, C Hastings, M James, Williamson)
06.08.94	ST MATTHEWS	L 0-1	
13.08.94	CARLINGFORD	W 5-1	(M James, S James, Lawrence, Moussa, Smith)
20.08.94	BLACKTOWN	D 0-0	

Six-a-side:

BLUE team comprising Shaadi Haddad, Chris Hastings, Robbie Hastings, Trevor Lawrence, Nathan Pilling, Ben Slade and Benjamin Williamson.

13.06.94 ST MATTHEWS B W 2-1 (R Hastings, Pilling)
BLACKTOWN B W 5-0 (Haddad 2, R Hastings 2, Lawrence)
BLACKTOWN A L 0-4

GOLD team comprising Kurt Edwards, Mathew James, Stephen James, John Moussa, Tom Pavlek, Steven Rudgley and Trent Smith.

13.06.94 BLACKTOWN B W 1-0 (Moussa)
GREYSTANES W 5-0 (S James 2, Pavlek 2, Moussa)
ST MATTHEWS A W 1-1 (Moussa) - Won on Goalkicks
FINAL: BLACKTOWN A W 0-0 - Won on Goalkicks

Knock-out:

14.05.94 BLACKTOWN W 1-0 (Moussa)
28.05.94 ST MATTHEWS L 1-2 (Lawrence)

President's Cup

27.08.94 BLACKTOWN L 0-1

KEN JAMES
COACH

RAAHAUGE CUP 2NDS

1994 was a season of mixed fortunes for the Second Grade as they only recorded four wins all year and two of these were in the first two games of the competition.

What was encouraging was the performances of those players who were promoted to First Grade throughout the season such as Ernie Erdogan, Christian Marinas, Garry Pilling, Tuncay Icli and Alan Pilling while Geoff "Jacko" Rider was a welcome sight as he dropped down from Firsts to strengthen a somewhat suspect defence.

St Lukes Concord again showed us no mercy as they crushed us 5-0 and 8-2 and they were deserved winners of the competition.

Yet the side showed they could mix it with the classier teams by drawing with the-then premiership frontrunners Bankstown 0-0 with only ten men and semifinalist Sydney University 2-2 but on other occasions such as the 7-1 loss against Carlingford and a draw with last-placed Greystanes the efforts were very ordinary indeed.

Throughout the season we lost Graeme Hollebone for a

misdeameanour while Neil Rudgley once again went down for the count with a badly injured shoulder and must be really thinking whether it's all worth the pain at his age!

Jimmy Pincott made history on 23 April against Greystanes when he chalked up his 50th year since commencing with us back in 1944 and he even turned it on for his fellow folk-art exponent and former Congo Bobby Blyton when he put a Yaralla opponent into the trees on the western side of Phillips Park!

Strong performers this year for the seconds included Tuncay Icli (back with us for the first time since 1985) and Garry Pilling who is knocking on the door for a permanent first grade spot.

Ross "Blocker" Mendicino continued his "verballing" of everyone and everything in sight and his long-running battle with "Dudley Do-right" of Bankstown was one of the most enjoyable happenings in the season!

Sam Darsa displayed a fiery temperament on generally too many occasions and butted in one day to "help" out Ross Mendicino who still maintains to this day that he DIDN'T want any help...especially from Sam!!

Playing in various positions, Nigel Batts was there every Saturday blasting the big ones down the left hand side but with his golfer's slice the ball generally ended up with Johnny Hawach out on the right!

And yes! John Hawach didn't show us his infamous "punt high and follow through" for the second season in a row!!

Trevor Lavender spoilt his "unblemished" (or "ENHANCED") his unenviable record when he was put out for a couple of weeks on VIDEO evidence having played a starring role in a film shot at Phillips Park this year (now showing at the Carlingford Court Twin Theatre)!

Steven May isn't too far behind Ross Mendicino in the talking stakes (or maybe that was Ross's echo vibrating off the boundary fence as Steve appears to talk without moving his lips!). But hey, what a look Steve gets on his face when he goes up to head the high ball!! He was the big improver of the side who gained confidence with each game and will have an even better year in 1995.

Manoj Santiago reappeared from the darkness and nearly got through the season without an injury while veteran Ken James never really gave his father's club record a shake this season although his "hand of God" act against Carlingford put him in the scoring books again!

Christian Marinas, not long ago the smallest player in All Age, has really shot up and, in between university studies, was very dangerous up front scoring some great goals.

Alan Pilling generally did his hamstring every time he fronted for the Seconds but it was a case of "strap 'em tight" when he appeared in the Grand Final for the First Grade and showed that he still had it ... whatever "it" may be!!

Thanks must go to the First Grade players who turned up early to support our team and also to make themselves available in case the veterans - "Rock", "A.P.", "K.J." "Lumpy" or "Pinny" - broke down (as was often the case!).

I must also thank those players who took the shirts each week and it must be remembered that it is OUR responsibility to wash them. The Club supplies them but we must take care of them. Besides it's only one load of washing!

All in all it was a most enjoyable season and I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Second Grade players to congratulate the First Grade on their premiership.

GEOFF RIDER
COACH

RAAHAUGE CUP 1STS

After many years of unsuccessful attempts, that veritable holy grail - a grand final win - has finally been achieved!

Whilst previous first grade sides may have had exemplary credentials, this team showed what can be achieved through determination and a sprinkling of quality players.

In a competition that boasted two other teams of similar standard, this season was never going to be easy.

Strong wins in the early part of the year built a solid foundation that was necessary as the season progressed.

The usual injury problems did not appear this year with most players regularly attending training but when the inevitable did happen there were excellent Second Grade players on standby and in one game EIGHT players backed up.

Tony "Elle" Tannous proved to be a very good goalkeeper with many brilliant saves throughout the season especially the one-handed effort in the Grand Final.

The defence of James "P C Plod" May, Matthew Holland, Andrew Grattan and Scott Ashbrooke gave no quarter with most teams finding this defensive quartet impenetrable.

A midfield of Ken Cambaz, Peter Oberemok and Steve Milicevic continually took on a huge workload harrowing the opposition in both defence and attack and these three comprised the engine-room of the side.

But the idea is to win games and to do this goals have to be scored and the attacking trio of Les Wilson, Alex Morozoff and Lindsay Crosbie more than adequately filled this role which

requires all the hard work of the players behind them to be rewarded with goals.

Ernie Erdogan was elevated to First Grade in the latter part of the season after turning in some fine Second Grade displays and he thoroughly deserved recognition for an outstanding season.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the season with a lot of fun and games at training and after the matches and some light-hearted "ribbing" of opposition characters (Bankstown's "Dudley Do-right" being one of the more memorable!).

One of the most important features of the Grand Final win was that ten of the thirteen players who took the field were Lidcombe juniors and this is a fact of which all junior coaches and supporters can be justifiably proud.

Next season First Division will be hard but with the right commitment to training throughout the year Lidcombe Churches could again feature as one of the sides being considered for Premier League status in the future.

Finally, I would like to thank all the players, their wives and girlfriends for their tremendous support throughout the season for without this support the season would not have been the success that it was.

See you all next season!

ALAN PILLING
MANAGER

MATCH DETAILS:

Competition:

09.04.94	CARLINGFORD	1sts: W 2-1 (Kinda 2)
		2nds: W 4-3 (Tannous 2, Ashbrooke, Icli)
16.04.94	BANKSTOWN BAPS	1sts: Washout
		2nds: Washout
23.04.94	GREYSTANES	1sts: W 9-1 (Kinda 4, Milicevic 2, Cambaz, Grattan, Oberemok)
		2nds: W 3-0 (Icli, G Pilling, Rudgley)
25.04.94	YARALLA	1sts: W 5-3 (Kinda 3, Cambaz, Grattan)
		2nds: D 0-0
30.04.94	SYDNEY UNI	1sts: W 2-1 (Crosbie, Morozoff)
		2nds: L 2-6 (Morozoff, Hollebone)
07.05.94	ST LUKES	1sts: L 0-1
		2nds: L 0-5
14.05.94	WENTWORTHVILLE	1sts: W 3-0 (Cambaz, Morozoff, G Pilling)
		2nds: L 0-1
21.05.94	CARLINGFORD	1sts: W 4-0 (Oberemok 2, Grattan, Morozoff)
		2nds: L 1-7 (James)
28.05.94	BANKSTOWN BAPS	1sts: L 0-1
		2nds: D 1-1 (Rider)
04.06.94	GREYSTANES	1sts: W 5-1 (Morozoff 4, Oberemok)
		2nds: D 3-3 (Icli 2, Darsa)
18.06.94	YARALLA	1sts: W 3-1 (Milicevic, Morozoff, Wilson)
		2nds: L 0-3
25.06.94	SYDNEY UNI	1sts: D 1-1 (Milicevic)
		2nds: L 2-5 (Darsa, Rider)

02.07.94	ST LUKES	1sts: W 7-2	(Morozoff 5, Cambaz, Marinas)
		2nds: L 2-8	(Marinas, G Pilling)
09.07.94	WENTWORTHVILLE	1sts: D 2-2	(Morozoff 2)
		2nds: L 3-4	(Marinas 2, Tannous)
16.07.94	BANKSTOWN BAPS	1sts: W 2-1	(Milicevic, Morozoff)
		2nds: L 0-4	
23.07.94	GREYSTANES	1sts: W 3-0	(Morozoff 2, Milicevic)
		2nds: W 3-2	(Icli, Marinas, A Pilling)
30.07.94	YARALLA	1sts: W 2-0	(Morozoff, Wilson)
		2nds: W 4-2	(Marinas 2, Icli, Rider)
06.08.94	SYDNEY UNI	1sts: W 2-1	(Morozoff, Oberemok)
		2nds: D 2-2	(Icli, G Pilling)
13.08.94	SEMI FINAL:		
	BANKSTOWN BAPS	1sts: L 0-1	
20.08.94	FINAL:		
	SYDNEY UNI	1sts: W 3-0	(Holland, Morozoff, Oberemok)
27.08.94	GRAND FINAL:		
	BANKSTOWN BAPS	1sts: W 2-1	(Milicevic 2)

Six-a-side:

GOLD team comprising Scott Ashbrooke, James May, Steve Milicevic, Alex Morozoff, Peter Oberemok, Geoff Rider and Tony Tannous.

13.06.94	BLACKTOWN R C (A)	L 1-3	(Oberemok)
	BLACKTOWN R C (D)	W 1-0	(Morozoff)
	BLACKTOWN R C (A)	W 1-1	(Morozoff) - Won on Corners
	BANKSTOWN BAPS	L 0-3	

BLUE team comprising Sam Darsa, Ernie Erdogan, John Hawach, Tuncay Icli, Trevor Lavender and Steven May.

13.06.94	HURSTVILLE SALV	L 0-3
	ST LUKES	L 0-5

Knock-out:

21.05.94	GREYSTANES	1sts: W 5-0	(Grattan 2, Crosbie, Morozoff, Milicevic)
01.06.94	HABERFIELD	1sts: W FORF	
23.06.94	ROZELLE HOSP	1sts: L 0-3	

BLAST FROM THE PAST!

* When the Reverend Bob Jackson came to the Congs church in 1972 he was disappointed with the low numbers of the younger brigade attending so he decided to spring a surprise one Sunday!



REV. BOB

With all the ankle biters seemingly bored with proceedings, Bob interrupted his sermon and, reminiscent of the old "lolly grab", threw a stack of MINTIES into the audience but unfortunately Congo kids are quick to see a bargain and there was a mad rush from the pews with bodies tripping, crawling under seats and generally causing mayhem!

The Reverend had got the attention he wanted and the numbers increased each Sunday thereafter with the hope of another shower of Minties which was, indeed, repeated on a few other occasions!

* What a Grand Final the Raahauge Cup Seconds had in 1985 being down 3-0 against Caringbah with 15 minutes to play but getting up 4-3 after Ian "Bub" Turnbull and Geoff Morgan tore the opposition apart to record an amazing victory for Lidcombe!***











CANDID CONGOS

1. UNDER 6s: (Rear) Joe Zammit (Coach); Daniel Ferguson, Jordan Zammit, Ruth Miller, Kevin O'Halloran, Thomas Northey, Joe Di Quattro, David Tang, Vitor De Neto, Selm Yatkin, Andrew Thiel.
2. UNDER 7s: (Rear) Jack Dutton (Coach); Kareem Sourour, Robert Volpato, Alexander Smith, Daniel James, Andrew Ilieff, Shane Melki, Sahin Kazan, Ricky Thompson, Billy Karabetsos.
3. UNDER 8s: (Rear) Gabreal Rancan, Lou Moussa, Brett O'Brien; (Second Row) Elias Taouk, Adam Stoten, Rabeeh Ibrahim, Robert Tang, Michael White, Christopher O'Brien, Rammy Darsa; (Sitting) Jimmy Moussa, Adam Yatkin, Anthony Rancan, Iain Maunder.
4. UNDER 9s: (Back Row) Nawach Haddad (Manager), Arjunan Selvam, Daniel Vyas, Rani Haddad, Andrew Elia, Abdul-Rahman Abu-Mahmoud, Danny Ma, Ryan Prouty; (Sitting) Thomas Rayward, Greg Davidson, Benjamin Beattie, Salah Zein, Salim Mhajer, Marko Jovanovic.
5. UNDER 11s: (Back Row) Kerrie Bunnell (Manager), Shucky Mendoza, Adam Bunnell, Christian Smith, Brett Kissun, Michael Sydenham, Ken Cambaz (Coach); (Front) Nathaniel Archer, Rui De Sa, David White, Andrew Karabetsos, Khan Nguyen, Nemanja Jovanovic, Baris Demir.
6. UNDER 13s: (Rear) Steve Capratsis (Coach); Shaneil Datt, Reece Raper, Richard Kissun, Miro Bugarijia, Steven Ma, Anthony Pillai, Tony Melki, Theo Karabetsos, Shaadi Haddad, Nicholas Capratsis, Matthew Leabeater.
7. UNDER 14s: John Moussa, Khaled Mhajer, Tom Pavlek, Stephen James, Ken James (Coach), Nathan Pilling, Chris Hastings, Mathew James, Kurt Edwards, Ben Williamson, Steven Rudgley, Trent Smith, Trevor Lawrence.
8. RAAHAUGE CUP SECONDS: (Rear) Tuncay Icli, Garry Pilling, Nigel Batts, John Hawach; (Second Row) Geoff Rider, Steven May, Ken James, Trevor Lavender, Alan Pilling, Ross Mendicino, Jim Pincott.
9. RAAHAUGE CUP FIRSTS: (Rear) Alan Pilling, Steve Milicevic, James May, Scott Ashbrooke, Tony Tannous, Peter Oberemok, Lindsay Crosbie, Erhan Erdogan; (Front) Les Wilson, Alex Morozoff, Matthew Holland, Ken Cambaz, Andrew Grattan, Geoff Rider.
10. ABDUL-RAHMAN ABU-MAHMOUD (U/9) shows his skills as he steps inside a Hunters Hill defender who is only left with an air swing!
11. KEVIN O'HALLORAN (left), DAVID TANG and JORDAN ZAMMIT set the line in their Under 6 clash with Balmain (Black) at Phillips Park.
12. On 23 April 1994 it was 50 years since long-serving veteran JIMMY PINCOTT commenced playing for our Club back in 1944 and to the applause of his Second Grade team mates he runs on to do battle with Greystanes.
13. Sporty U/14s mum RHONDA SMITH shows some Greg Norman class as she tees off at Penrith Panthers Aqua Golf after the boys had demolished Glenbrook and spent an enjoyable picnic out west on 7 May.
14. Two of our bright young stars are 13s' RICHARD KISSUN (left) pictured with younger brother BRETT (U/11).

PLAYERS' STATISTICS

1994 SEASON (1 - 199 GAMES)

NAME	COMM	GAMES	GOALS	NAME	COMM	GAMES	GOALS
MOROZOFF Alex	1974	199	126	THIEL Andrew	1993	36	13
EDWARDS Kurt	1986	166	16	KISSUN Brett	1993	36	3
DARSA Sam	1983	160	15	SOUROUR Kareem	1993	36	0
ASHBROOKE Scott	1986	140	15	BEATTIE Benjamin	1993	35	2
HASTINGS Chris	1988	136	9	WHITE Michael	1993	35	1
MENDICINO Ross	1986	130	9	SMITH Alexander	1993	35	0
HADDAD Shaadi	1987	128	52	VOLPATO Robert	1993	32	0
MARINAS Christian	1986	126	59	MAUNDER Iain	1993	30	10
KINDA Ante	1981	124	32	DAVIDSON Greg	1993	30	1
MOUSSA John	1990	122	125	MILLER Benjamin	1993	28	0
ERDOGAN Erhan	1983	120	1	YATKIN Adam	1993	24	0
ICLI Tuncay	1980	111	16	ZAMMIT Jordan	1993	24	0
TANNOUS John	1987	111	8	MHAJER Khaled	1994	22	0
CAPRATIS Nich	1987	100	29	MA Danny	1994	21	2
BUNNELL Adam	1988	100	18	MILICEVIC Steve	1994	20	9
RAPER Reece	1988	99	12	FERGUSON Daniel	1994	19	19
HASTINGS Robert	1988	95	38	LUKIC Neilson	1993	19	2
HADDAD Rani	1989	93	74	NORTHEY Thomas	1994	18	1
RUDGLEY Steven	1990	93	9	THOMPSON Ricky	1994	17	3
MAY Steven	1986	92	1	DE NETO Vitor	1994	17	1
DATT Shaneil	1989	85	0	MENDOZA Shucky	1994	16	3
PILLAI Anthony	1988	82	0	MELKI Shane	1994	16	3
WILLIAMSON Ben	1990	77	1	DIQUATTRO Joe	1994	16	1
PILLING Nathan	1992	74	13	MELKI Tony	1994	16	0
BUGARIJA Miro	1989	74	0	TANG David	1994	16	0
ELIA Andrew	1990	72	2	PROUTY Ryan	1994	16	0
DARSA Rammy	1991	71	63	O'BRIEN Chris	1994	15	6
KISSUN Richard	1991	71	1	STOTEN Adam	1994	15	1
ABU-MAHMOUD A-R	1991	70	71	JOVANOVIC Marko	1994	15	0
ZEIN Salah	1991	69	24	O'HALLORAN Kevin	1994	14	18
DE SA Rui	1990	65	6	BEATTIE Michael	1994	14	3
HOLLAND Matthew	1992	63	4	TANG Robert	1994	14	1
SLADE Ben	1987	63	0	SYDENHAM Michael	1994	14	0
MOUSSA Jimmy	1991	61	65	YATKIN Selm	1994	13	3
SMITH Christian	1990	60	0	SANTIAGO Manoj	1993	13	0
KARABETSOS Theo	1992	59	13	JOVANOVIC Nemanja	1994	12	0
HAWLI Omar	1988	59	4	WHITE David	1994	12	0
VYAS Daniel	1991	58	3	DEMIR Avdo	1994	12	0
KARABETSOS Andrew	1991	55	4	DEMIR Baris	1994	12	0
PILLING Garry	1992	55	9	MILLER Ruth	1994	12	0
JAMES Daniel	1992	52	49	MA Steven	1994	12	0
RAYWARD Thomas	1992	52	10	TAOUK Elias	1994	12	0
RANCAN Anthony	1992	50	15	SUNGA Andrew	1994	11	0
ARCHER Lucas	1992	49	0	KISSUN Ashwin	1994	10	0
IBRAHIM Rabeeh	1992	46	40	LEABEATER Matthew	1988	18	0
LAWRENCE Trevor	1993	46	8	LACANILAO Gian	1994	10	0
ARCHER Nathaniel	1992	45	2	LAL Shivanesh	1994	9	0
SELVAM Arjunan	1992	42	3	SYDENHAM Peter	1994	8	0
MHAJER Salim	1993	41	3	NGUYEN Khan	1994	4	0
KARABETSOS Billy	1993	39	24	ISSA Bilal	1994	4	0
KAZAN Sahin	1993	39	14	MIRANDA Martin	1994	4	0
CROSBIE Lindsay	1990	39	7	KARATAS Mustafa	1994	3	1
ILIEFF Andrew	1993	38	20				

A PATRON'S VIEW with Ray "Curly" James

The 1994 season was highlighted by the Club's 55th Anniversary Dinner held at the RSL Community Club in June.

A great night of nostalgia was shared by both the young and the old with the 1939 and 1940s era very well represented.

The photographic display arranged by Neil "Rock" Rudgley took pride of place and your Club is very fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented member.

During the season Mabel and myself visited Phillips Park ("Wembley") on a number of occasions and were treated to some great soccer and the pies are as good as always!

Our usual annual pilgrimage to Timbrell Park for the Six-a-side was once again an enjoyable experience with the Under 14s taking out a heart-stopping final against Blacktown.

Congratulations go to the First Grade for their Grand Final triumph and the class of football shown was excellent throughout the season.

Your Club is only as strong as its members so to ensure the continuance of operations your involvement at all levels is essential.

"Once a Congo - ALWAYS a Congo!"

- RAY JAMES



It was a celebratory night at the Club's 55th Anniversary Dinner/Dance in June and RAY JAMES (centre) is all smiles while talking football talk (what else?) to PETER OBEREMOK (left) and his brother JOHN.

1989: A herd of goats got loose during a game at Phillips Park but Trevor "Lumpy" Lavender was able to round them up and take them back to the pen across the road from the park!

1994: An opposition team was taking a video of a Second Grade game this year and appeared to capture the Carlingford player headbutting "Lumpy"'s fist!

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Disney's THE GOAT KING



* SEE "LUMPY" DENY THAT HE TOUCHED THAT POOR FORWARD!!
* SEE "LUMPY" DENY HE HAD A GO AT LAURIE DALY'S SISTER!!
* SEE "LUMPY" DENY HE HAD A GO AT PRINCESS DI OR CAMILLA!!
* SEE "LUMPY" GO FOR TWO MATCHES!
* SEE "LUMPY" SWEAR OFF THE BEER!!
* WOW! DON'T MISS THIS THRILLING MOVIE AS YOUR FAVOURITE
FOOTBALLER THREATENS TO RETIRE! (AND GOATS CAN FLY!!)

STARRING THAT ALL-TIME CONGO FAVOURITE

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