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It was Grand final day for our CFA teams. Like the Ladies finals last week McCredie again brought great crowds – thanks everyone.



The crowd built slowly until the late afternoon when the Prem Reserves lifted the roof off the stands when loyal junior supporters left over from the morning were joined by the entourage of suit and tie wearing Prem reserves supporters. McCredie brought the class on and off the pitch!

This week we still have teams in Grand finals. Our all conquering 16/1s and U12s be the 15s depending on their Tuesday night semi final) Please be at the ground at least an hour before kick off.

Good luck to all our teams. Let's finish strong!

Saturday 31st August 2019 Knockout results

U6 Red vs **Wentworthville Uniting** **0 - 1**

Although the under 6 red lost in the semis they really were amazing all season only losing 2 times before our loss today to Wenty. Can't wait until next year with them 😊 thankyou to the parents for being so supportive of me too 😊



6 Reds pointing which goal they would attack (or who'd they blamed for the loss?)

On The Ball

Guildford McCredie USC (is an activity of Holroyd Uniting Church.)

U6 White vs **Lidcombe Churches** **lost**

Goal scorers - Jabari Uno 1



U7 White vs **Kings Old Boys Blue** **0 - 4**

It has been a great season and the team - Emily, Arad, Jeremias, Sudev, Michael, John, Emaan, Kayra, Xavier and Mithesh - were very proud to make it to the semis. Sadly the scoreboard didn't end up in our favour. It was a tough match that had our players working hard in attack and defence. Every player did their best but some of the old habits of tackling our own players and not passing to teammates crept back into our game at key moments allowing KOBBS the chance to score. Since we stood together today as a team every player was awarded player of the match. As the season ends we say a very big thank you to our great coach Peter and a big thank you to all of the parents for their support.



Grand final results

U8 White vs **OLQP Falcons White** **0 - 1**

Unfortunately today was not to be our day but we are proud of the whole team. Coming into today's game against a team that defeated us previously in the season 7 – 0, we knew it wasn't going to be easy. But everyone came with such a positive vibe and gave it all they had keeping the spectators on their edge, biting their nails till the last 2 minutes of the game when the opposition managed to get past our defence and scored. It's been an amazing season and the team has come such a long way. Watching the players developing skills and growing along the way is so rewarding as for most it was their first season playing soccer. I'd like to thank both our coaches Francois and Claudio who helped us throughout this year and special thanks to the parents of U8 White for their commitments, support and encouragements. I hope you have a great break and hope to see you all next year. Men of Match: Daniel Depares and Mahmoud Hussein.



On The Ball

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U9 Red vs **McCredie White** **2 - 4**

Awesome experience to be at a grand final. The team were anxious and eager. The reds started on the back foot. Izaac, Gethyn, and Rodney were all over the place trying to defend against a determined attack, Goalie Zayd saved some crackers, however, the whites found a gap. I was worried that team would lose heart, but they kept their heads up and tried even harder. Brandon and Yusuf were passing well, but they were getting tackled. Lightning Lual dashed and dribbled past defenders to score 1 minute before half time. Even-stevens. Second half team were jockeying and covering better. Stefan, Mardin and Daniyal had good touches in the right direction. Jesse nearly scored right in front of the goal. Whites got a penalty kick in and whilst the reds were trying to re- group, broke thru the defence again and again. Team kept on trying and Brandon got a tap in from Yusuf's corner, but alas the whistle was blown. Very proud of the players. Well done. Thanks Andy and parents for a successful season. Goal scorers: Lual Deng 1, Brandon Commadore 1



U9 White vs **McCredie Red** **4 – 2**

We came into the grand final with great deal of confidence on the back of some solid performance in previous weeks. Nevertheless we were careful not to underestimate Mcredie Red as they too had some great games including the defeat of the minor premiers. A lot was riding on this game and it showed through some of the nerves in the first few minutes of the game. It was an arm wrestle to say the least, neither team wanting to give up any possession or territory. Both teams getting multiple opportunities to strike but falling short. Our opportunity came when the ball made its way to our strikers with Daniel just getting it past the goal keeper to lead 1-0. From their, Mcredie red lifted their intensity which meant some real busy defenders in the middle and at the back. A misread of our back defenders lead to one of them being isolated, outnumbered and out manoeuvred resulting in a goal from the opposition in the dying minutes. The defenders knew they had to do better if they were to win. The second half started just as intense as the first with both teams digging hard at every opportunity. With a bit of luck Yusif found himself running onto a loose ball with nobody ahead of him other than the goal keeper. Some clever footwork from him and another goal was scored giving us a 2-1 lead. Their confidence was now beginning to take another level when another opportunity presented itself, a free kick. They were told an indirect kick so Yusif was there and ready to take it. He tapped to Alex who stopped it, looked at the goal and with sheer brilliance kick it over the heads of the defense line, hit the horizontal post and went in. We were up 3-1 and the boys were not showing any signs of slowing down. Shortly after the ball was cleared by George from the back to Daniel at the half way line. From there he ran with it, lost it and then recovered it again. By then he only had the keeper to beat and with some clever footwork he booted it and found the net to give us a 4-1 lead. The remaining time of the game saw the team mostly defending their goal from a number of corners. One of the corners lead to a goal from to the opposition to take it to 4-2 but by then we were in the dying moments of the game and shortly afterwards the referee blew the final whistle. We were the 2019 U9 winners - Danton, Ayaan, George, Mickael, Karthik, Jacob, Zen, Mustafa, Kaan, Abaan, Alex, Yusif and Daniel. Job well done boys!

Goal scorers - Daniel Alouche 2; Yusif Saleem 1; Alex Azar 1

Grand final champions 2019!



U9-11 Girls

vs

Wenty Saints

0 - 3



Coach and manager; the girls excited in the stadium tunnel pre game; half time and coach Mika explains the importance of 'taking the shot'.



U11 Red vs **Wentworthville Uniting Blue** **1 - 0**

🏆🏆 2019 CHAMPIONS 🏆🏆

🏆🏆 U11 Guildford red what an amazing season 🏆

6 ASIDE ☒

REP ZONE ☒

2019 GRAND FINAL ☒

Goal scorer – Adhar Yaac 1



Semi final

U15 vs **Wenty Waratah** washed out – will be played Tuesday night

Premier Reserves vs St Barnabas Broadway 1 – 0

This season we had one goal and one goal only; it was to win back to back at Marconi Stadium. The boys met up beforehand for lunch at Wetherill Park to relax and enjoy each other's company before the big game. We made our way to Marconi and I turned to each and every one of them and saw the determination, the excitement, the want and the belief that we were going to win today. We completed a proper warm up out the back which we had done each week prior (no all age McCredie used to warm up at all!) and were almost 100% ready for the next 90 minutes. The thing that got all the boys hyped up for the occasion was the speech given to them by Coach Adem Stevens and the amazing chanting that followed. Scoring in the first 5 minutes with Dbouk chipping it from 25 yards out after the keeper had dropped the ball at his feet was unbelievable and we couldn't have asked for a better start to the match. We played the best game we had played all year defending from the front and taking charge of the game through the midfield. Top, top games from Richo, Renny, Daz, Petey and Dicky. But the man of the match who was unanimously decided by the coaching committee, the players and the crowd was Ahmed Dbouk. They always say play every game like it was your last and unfortunately for him it was. We are losing him as he is permanently moving back to Lebanon. A star McCredie junior who became a core member of the squad he will be missed on and off the pitch and we wish him all the best for the future. As for the rest of you, we will see you next year and let's get that TREBLE!!

Goal scorer - Ahmed Dbouk 1

(and add first grade? – Ed.)



Tuesday 3rd September 2019

SEMI FINAL

U15

vs

Wenty Waratah

1 - 2

I said to the team afterwards that I couldn't have been prouder of them, even if we had won. After giving up two goals very early we settled in to the match, competed for everything, battled hard, supported each other, scored a goal, hit the post, created plenty of opportunities and didn't get out of their half in the second half. It was easily our best game of the year and, apart from the result, a great way to finish our season. We were the dominant team and were very unlucky not to beat them – and they beat us 10-1 in round 1. Mohamed was outstanding, Aaran never stopped running, Alex had his best game of the year, Mujtaba was awesome and Chris led from the back! Bring on 2020! Goal scorer – Alex Basha 1



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Saturday 7th September 2019

GRAND FINALS

U12 Grand Final	vs	Dundas United 9.00am Kick off	at Webbs Ave 3 (Meet at Webbs at 8.00am)	(Webbs Ave., Auburn)
U16/1 Grand Final	vs	Wentworthville Uniting 3.30pm Kick off	at Melita Stadium (Meet at Melita at 2.30pm)	(Everley Rd., South Granville)