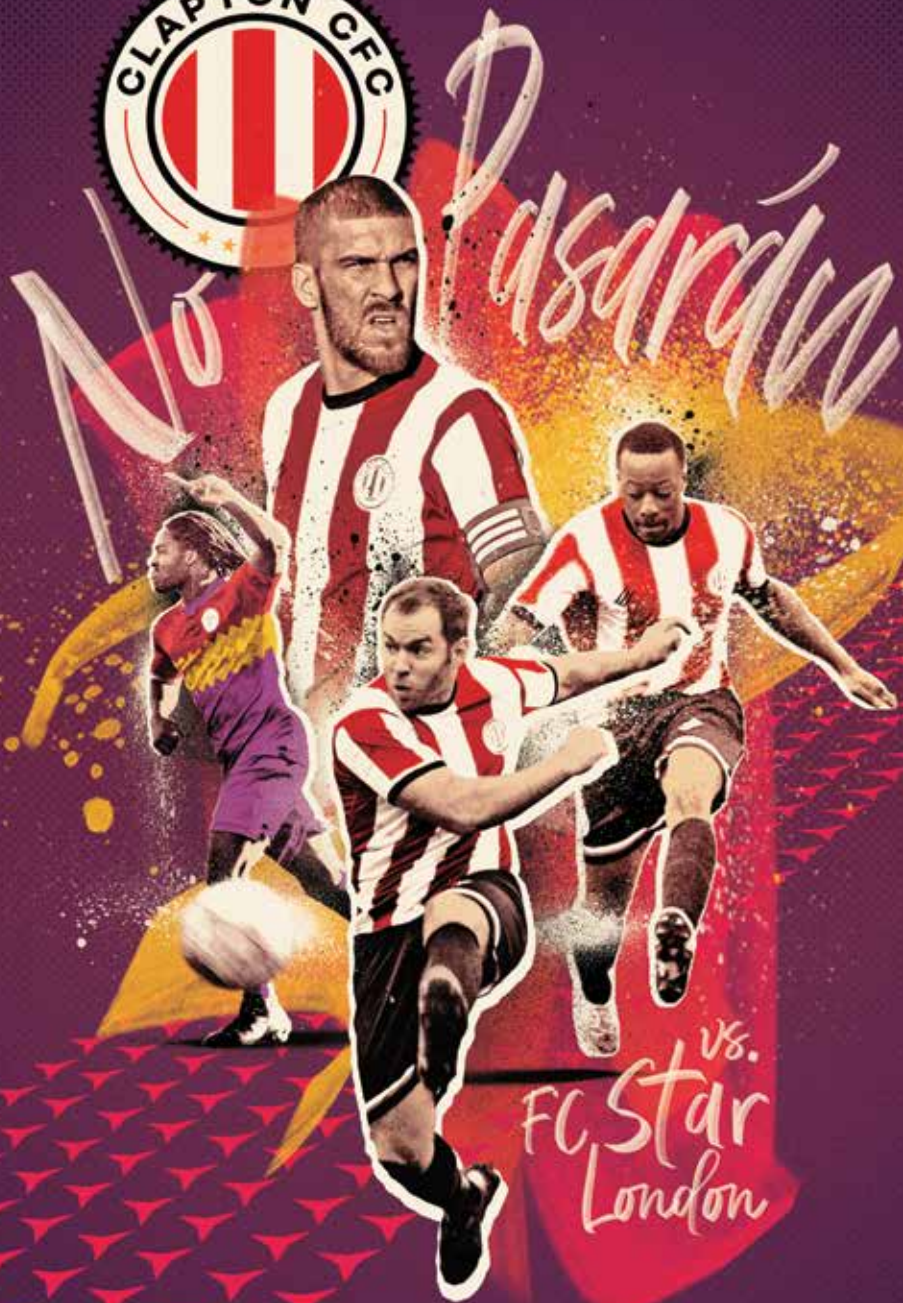


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# WELCOME

## WE ARE CLAPTON CFC

**Matchday  
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Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the new look Stray Dog with our brand new scaffold stand (more on page 6) for the first game of 2019 as we take on FC Star.

If you've ever had dreams of owning a football club, you've come to the right place. With your first year of membership, you get a £1 share in the club and you can join our committees, keep our club going, and vote on important issues.

Enjoy the game. C'mon you Tons!

# A WORD FROM THE GAFFER

First and foremost, we would like to wish all our members and supporters a Happy New Year.

We would like to thank you for all your support since the summer of 2018 and hope that 2019 will be a prosperous one for you.

It was a disappointing end to the year for us with the home defeat against Ealing Town considering the start we had in the game and the chances to really to kill off the game at 1-0.

We can talk about missed chances but conceding four is never acceptable, especially at home.

There are no real excuses from us as they were more clinical on the day and played the conditions slightly better.

We start the new year with three very tough fixtures which could set up our season, starting today with FC Star London.

They have made a steady start from the games they have actually competed in, having had a delayed start due to international clearance issues.

It's vital we build some form of momentum going into the Stonewall and London Samurai games.

The work began on Wednesday at training, to make sure we're more solid.



# MEMBERS MEETING

**30th January 2019 - 7-9pm  
Durning Hall Community Centre  
Earlham Grove, London E7 9AB**

In preparations for next month's general meeting, we've produced some guidance on how to submit a proposal for the general meeting, based on lessons that we've learned from last time. We're anticipating that we'll have a lot to get through at this meeting,

We've suggested a timeline below if you have any submissions, but please feel free to get in touch if you've got any queries etc beforehand.

## **14th January**

Deadline for proposals for the 30th January General Meeting. The board will work with those making proposals to make sure that they're as clear as possible, request any further information, etc.

## **23rd January**

Proposals to be sent out to members, alongside a final agenda for the meeting

To learn more about becoming a member and be involved in the club, visit <https://membermojo.co.uk/ccfc>

## New temporary stand for 2019



Clapton CFC members and supporters now have a roof to keep the rain off after the new temporary stand at the Stray Dog was installed.

The 20m x 3m structure was fitted to the right of the dugouts at our temporary home just before the Christmas period.

Up to now, spectators have been reliant on gazebos, umbrellas and hoods to keep dry after a run of unseasonably rainy weather.

The next stage will be to add boxes to provide steps so people at the back can see over the heads of those at the front.

The decision to install the temporary stand came after a full members vote with 89% of respondents voting yes.

As a temporary structure, all materials can be used and moved to another ground, should we decide as members to relocate the club.

## The stray cats of the Stray Dog

A colony of stray cats who had been living at the Stray Dog have been rescued and rehomed before Christmas.

Supporters had noticed the feline friends hanging out behind the goal at the far end at home games and during clean-up sessions.

It turned out kind-hearted neighbours and staff at Matchday Centre had been feeding them – just 1 or 2 at first, but the colony quickly grew and grew.

There were increasing concerns for the cats as the nights started to get colder, darker and wetter. So in October, we called Cats Protection. Their volunteer Claire first checked they weren't owned by any nearby residents. They were then all taken away, neutered, vaccinated, defleaed and dewormed.

Happily all eight of them have settled into new homes in time for Christmas – including two who have returned to live permanently with neighbours. So you may still see them popping back to the Stray Dog now and then.





## Loads of Fun — being a Young Ton

Hello, I hope you had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. My name is George and I'm 10.

I've been supporting Clapton for half my life and it's great to be a member of Clapton Community FC.

It is fantastic to see more and more kids turning up at games and becoming part of the Clapton CFC family.

When I started supporting Clapton (five years ago) there was a small group of children known as "The Footy Ultras". We made banners to support the team and did bucket collections for charities, including a food bank which had been broken into and had all its food stolen (we raised £450!). We did a cake sale which raised over £150 and we helped collect toys for the Newham Christmas Toy Appeal. We would love to do all of this and more and maybe even have a new name which we could vote on. We're hoping to have a Kids Corner at the Stray Dog soon where we can all hang out together!

At Clapton CFC we have already started children activities by entering the Supporters Direct Christmas Card Competition, which had children from fan-owned clubs across the UK enter - I won it!



We also try and find family friendly pubs when we go to away games. It's great at the start and end of the season when the weather is better and we can play in pub gardens - I even got to play football against our goalkeeper, Vlad.

We help operate the scoreboard, and always celebrate with the team when we win - it's really fun!

We've got lots of plans, but it would be great if we could get some more mums and dads to help out and start up a junior supporters group - if you're interested in getting involved, or just want to know what we're up to, send an email to [info@claptoncfc.co.uk](mailto:info@claptoncfc.co.uk) and we'll be in touch.

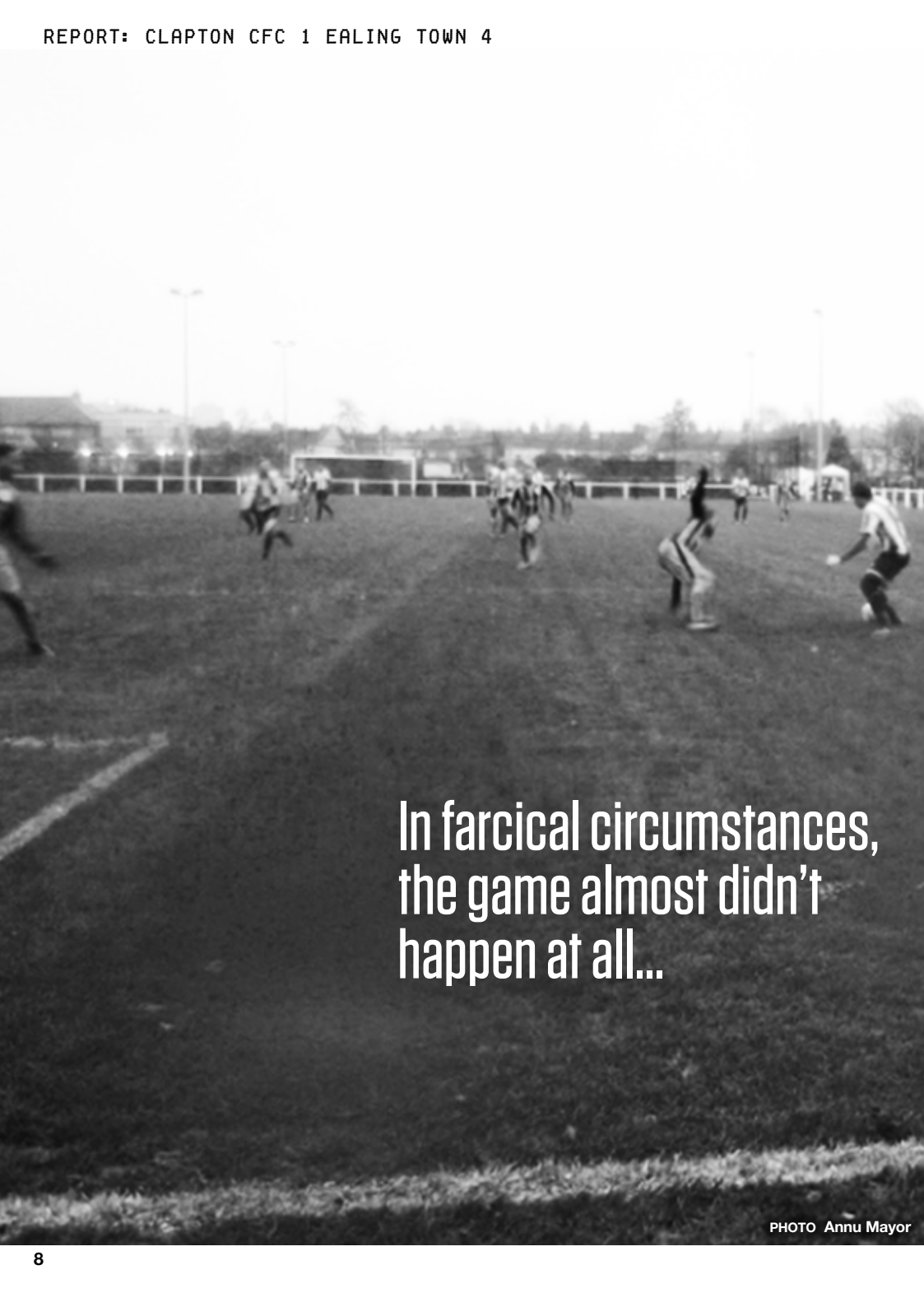
Come on you Tons!

## Today's Cover Art

Today's amazing cover is by The Sporting Press. Check out their work over at [instagram.com/the\\_sporting\\_press](https://www.instagram.com/the_sporting_press)

If you want to design a cover for one of our programmes this season, email us at [comms@claptoncfc.co.uk](mailto:comms@claptoncfc.co.uk) or via Twitter or Instagram.





In farcical circumstances,  
the game almost didn't  
happen at all...



Clapton slumped to a heavy defeat at home to Ealing Town, in brutal December weather.

The result means they go into the new year placed seventh in the league, albeit with games in hand on those above them.

In farcical circumstances, the game almost didn't happen at all.

The away side's kit somehow went astray on its way to the Stray Dog, failing to arrive by kick off. When it did finally show up, there was no time to complete a full game before darkness fell.

Clapton CFC were entitled to take the win by default, but agreed to play a shortened game of thirty minutes a half.

There was reason to be confident, coming off the back of a 2-1 away win at The Curve with what Geoff Ocran described as one of CCFC's strongest ever matchday squads.

The Tons were able to field strike duo Sherwin Stanley and Eliot Crosbie together for the first time in almost a month. Centre back Andrew Lastic was deployed at right back.

An incredible 259 dedicated fans endured the cold, wind and rain in the last game before The Stray Dog's temporary stand is erected.

The opening exchanges saw decent chances at both ends. The Ealing keeper saved a smart Stefan Nielsen shot with his feet in the first minute.

Then, an Eagles attacker took the ball round Tons keeper Vlad Bendovskyy and slotted home only to be adjudged to be offside.

On 11 minutes, Lewis Owiredi swung the ball in from the left. It dropped perfectly onto the head of an unmarked Stanley, who nodded into the corner from close range.

Ealing almost equalised directly from the restart, when they again rushed through on goal. Bendovskyy stood up to make a super stop.

Then came a real turning point in the match.

Crosbie chased a through pass. The Ealing defender was favourite, but was bullied off the ball. The

Clapton hotshot tried to casually slot it under the keeper but an Ealing defender managed to get back onto the line to clear.

After that great chance, Clapton's grip on the game completely slipped away.

The West London side were playing with a speed and skill with which the Tons were struggling to cope. Above all, their deadly finishing made the difference.

On 20 minutes, Jordan Rocca beautifully curled the ball over Bendovskyy from the angle of the box to equalise. Ten minutes later, Emile Libock broke through with a nice one-two and slotted in (to make the score one-two).

The half time break was shortened in an attempt to chase the last of the day's natural light.

Aside from a Stanley snapshot that flashed just past the post, there was not much to trouble the opposition goal.

Halfway through the second period, the Eagles stretched their lead when an outrushing Bendovskyy was chipped. Walid Hirsir was in the right place to tap in.

Shortly afterwards, Bendovskyy again rushed out to try to deal with a through ball. But he and the Clapton centre backs only got in a muddle, allowing Libock to loft in his second and Ealing's fourth.

By this stage, the Tons fans singing and dancing was more to ward off hyperthermia than in realistic hope of pushing their team towards a result.

The ref blew up after an hour. The way things were going, another 30 would only have brought more misery.

Ealing had secured a come-from-behind 4-1 win that must have been sweet revenge for Clapton's come-from-behind 2-1 win at the start of the season.

With hindsight, the home side may rue not just taking the three points, but this is a team that wants to play and win football matches.

**CCFC:** Bendovskyy, Bouho, Owiredi, Kilron, Lastic, Nielsen, Hashim, Oshin, Rene, Stanley, Crosbie

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# 2018 IN NUMBERS

Clapton CFC only formed in 2018 but it's been quite a first few months already. Here are some of the interesting number-based stats.

1	clean sheet gained – but the Tons have scored in every game	155	People at the first ever Clapton CFC game by the sea at Holland FC
2	Cup competitions still to play for: Jim Rogers Cup and the Anagram Records Trophy	206	Days since the club was launched, on June 14 2018
3	Polls conducted of all members – choosing an away kit, ground name and temporary stand	227	People at the first ever Clapton CFC league game, away at Ealing Town
4	Collections for the Eat or Heat food bank at home games	250	Pounds raised by members for the Stansted 15
5	Goals scored by Eliot Crosbie in one game, against Hereford Palace	330	Average attendance at home games in competitive matches
6	Times our games were played in heavy downpours during the only rainfall of the week	334	Members who voted in our poll on a temporary scaffold stand – which has now been built
7	Most assists in competitive games so far, shared by Sherwin Stanley and Stefan Nielsen	350	Money raised by members and Sporting Hackney fans for the Mind charity
8	Times the video camera fell off its tripod while filming games in blustery fields	415	415 people at our first competitive home game against Hutton FC in the cup
11	Goals scored v Hereford Palace, exceeding the capabilities of our scoreboard technology	600	Money raised by members for the annual Community Links toy appeal
12	Games played by defender Dean Bouho so far – our only ever present player	673	£ raised by members and Walthamstow fans jointly for the Newham Bookshop appeal
15	Games – at least – still to play this season in the league and cups	1132	Members who have joined the club... so far
21	Goals so far in the league and cup scored by strikers Sherwin Stanley and Eliot Crosbie	3634	Emails received – mainly about our away shirt
22	Games played in all so far, including ten friendlies	3890	People who have been to a CCFC game so far – friendly, league or cup
31	Players have started or been sub in a competitive game so far this season	3961	Followers on Instagram
39	Goals scored in the league and cup so far – vs 26 conceded	5500	Away shirts sold in 4640 orders
73	Miles round-trip to Letchworth in our longest journey for a competitive game so far	7801	Likes on Facebook
		15049	Followers on Twitter

# HISTORY

## A Trip Down (Upton) Lane by Gary Price



On the 15th of February 1958, Clapton entertained Bromley at The Old Spotted Dog in the Isthmian League. Clapton in its 80th season were competing in the league for the 42nd consecutive season.

While Bromley formed in 1892 were in their 2nd spell in the league. They had spent 3 seasons in the Isthmian League from 1908 to 1911, winning the title in 1909 and 1910 before having their membership withdrawn in 1911. The Lilywhites re-entered the Isthmian from the Athenian League in 1952, and after finishing runners up in its 1st season back, went one better the following season.

The programme issued for the game followed a simple format, a sheet folded in half comprising of 4 pages. The front and back cover included details of Clapton's major honours, club officers, and adverts for local businesses in Forest Gate and Plaistow. The inner pages listed the teams, table and club notes. At the time Bromley and Clapton occupied 10th and 11th place respectively in the 16 team league.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bromley	16	4	7	5	35	32	15
Clapton	17	6	3	8	23	41	15

Each side contained an England Amateur international. Clapton's Stan Homan gained his only cap keeping goal away to Switzerland B in 1957. Bromley's prolific striker Dennis Studley, gained his single cap scoring twice in a 5-0 defeat of Northern Ireland at Selhurst Park in 1954. Three weeks prior to the league encounter Bromley defeated Clapton 2-1 at The Dog in the 2nd round of the FA Amateur Cup. Two weeks later Clapton Reserves defeated their Bromley counterparts 6-4 at The Dog. The game was remembered for Ton trailing 4-1 at the break, scoring 4 goals in 4 minutes, to help register a notable victory.

Clapton gained revenge for the Amateur Cup defeat by defeating Bromley 3-2 on the 15th of February. This was also the day that the 5th round of the cup was due to be played.

A mile away, at The Boleyn, West Ham lost 3-2 to Fulham, but by the season's end had gained promotion to the 1st division. Sadly it was a 5th round that was overshadowed by the Munich Air Disaster that occurred on the 6th of February.

A chartered flight returning from Belgrade carrying 44 passengers and crew, including the Manchester United team, crashed on take off at Munich Riem Airport after a refuelling stop. Among the 23 fatalities were seven Manchester

United players returning from playing Red Star Belgrade in a European Cup quarter final. An 8th player Duncan Edwards, lost his fight for life on the 21st of February.

United were due to play Sheffield Wednesday at Old Trafford in the 5th round but the tie was postponed to the 19th to allow the club time to grieve and put together a patched up team. After defeating Wednesday 3-0, United lost controversially to Aston Villa in the FA Cup Final, beaten by Milan in the European Cup semi final and slipped from 2nd to 8th in the 1st division.

After beating Bromley, Clapton gained only one more win to finish 12th, five points clear of bottom club Romford.

Bromley improved to finish fourth, 11pts behind champions Tooting and Mitcham United. Tooting lost only 4 games, including a 1-0 loss at The Dog.

At Sandy Lane Tooting gained revenge by thrashing Clapton 7-2. Clapton suffered an even bigger defeat, losing at Woking 7-1.

Final Placings	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bromley	30	13	9	8	66	51	35
Clapton	30	8	9	13	42	65	25

For Clapton though, the season was to prove memorable for its FA Cup run. Ton battled past, St Albans City, Shefford Town, Ware, Enfield and Bury Town to reach the 1st round proper for the 1st time since 1928.

Clapton drawn at home to Football League 3rd division south QPR switched the tie to Ilford's Lynn Road ground , better equipped than The Dog to accomodate the expected crowd. On the day, 15,000 witnessed a 1-1 draw. A similar attendance saw Rangers beat Ton 3-1 in the replay at Loftus Road. Alas this was Clapton's last taste of glory in the FA Cup.

By the late 50's and early 60's Clapton's gradual decline continued culminating in last place league finishes in 1960 and 1961. In contrast, Bromley continued to improve , winning the title in 1961, defeating Clapton 6-0 at Hayes Lane and 2-1 at The Dog.



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## January 1949: Clapton FC minutes of 70 years ago

by Chris Tymkow

They played on Christmas Day back then. Clapton had lost 2-3 at Woodford Town on 25th December, before beating Hendon 2-1 at home in the London Senior Cup on New Year's Day.

Two days later the Club Committee held its first meeting of 1949 at the Spotted Dog Ground.

Seasonal greetings had been received from Barking FC, Grays Athletic, Walthamstow Avenue, Oxford City, Walton & Hersham, and Hayes FC among others.

The Secretary had sent the Club's congratulations to Stanley Rous at the FA [who was mentioned in the Archive article v Hutton FC ], now Sir Stanley Rous, on his knighthood.

There was to be a Club Social in a few weeks' time at the Carnegie Library, Manor Park. (This fine building on Romford Road, Grade II listed, has recently re-opened as an Art space after being closed for some years).

A Public Dance at the Town Hall in Stratford was also planned for early March.

The Committee, which met every week during the season, was back the following Monday.

The First Team had beaten Harwich & Parkeston 3-0 in the 1st round of the Essex Cup on the Saturday, but it was felt that Clapton were getting poor coverage in the press, so it was agreed to seek out extra sites for posters "which would give more widespread publicity to our games".

An Easter Tour of Guernsey was also discussed. The official party was to consist of 14 players, 1 coach, 1 team attendant and the Secretary. Anyone else wishing to go would have to pay £12.10 each.

A 3-0 win away to Corinthian-Casuals in the Isthmian League formed the backdrop to the following week's meeting, when a second team coach was added to the Easter Tour list.

The Clapton FC Supporters' Association had a representative present, Mr Leete, who announced a donation from the Association of £14, which was appreciated.

The meeting of Monday 24 January discussed, among other things, the Club's allocation of tickets from the FA for the coming England v Scotland match at Wembley. Mr Solomon, a Committee member, got the two priced at 2 Guineas each, while the rest were to be distributed by ballot.

The final Committee meeting of January 1949, following a 3-1 league win at Walthamstow Avenue, noted that the Social in Manor Park had been a success and discussed arrangements for running an extension telephone line to the Spotted Dog Ground via a house in Disraeli Road.

The Club's bank balance, with weekly variations, was around the £50 mark.

The following were present at the January 3rd Committee meeting:

RP Madge (Chair), WP Weedon, T Harris, AV Andrews, RE Solomon, CT Green, EC Bateman, WH Scarfe, FCE Chamberlin, JC Sanders, AW White, JCM Sarl, R Archer, WVT Gibbins, CF Williams, TW Cable, AA Oliver, O Wise, SC Hornsey, FCB Lord.

Apologies: Cracknell, Percy, Leete.

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## Goalkeepers

**Daniel Anfossy**  
Gravy Ultras aka CCFC  
Northern Supporters.

**Vladyslav Bendovskyy**  
Keep 'em out  
keeper.  
Martin

## Defenders

**Andrew Lastic**  
Good luck, skipper.  
From CCFC Northern  
Supporters aka  
Gravy Ultras

**Dean Bouho**  
Your clearances  
threaten low-  
flying aircraft.  
Keep up the  
hard work

**Liam Smyth**  
... and we both  
looked at each  
other and said  
"Bobby Moore!"  
J

**Romelle Pile**  
Keep it up!  
East London Workers  
and Peasant's Red  
Army.

**Tom Carding**  
Monday Night  
Football's very  
own has made it  
to the big leagues!  
TB

**Ellick Coleman** Available  
**Ethan Dixon** Available  
**Yacine Rabia** Available  
**Ashley Headley** Available  
**Jordan Odofin** Available

## Midfield

**Geoff Ocran**  
C'mon Geoffrey  
Ocran, score a  
goal for George  
and Charlie.

**Joshua Adejokun**  
Fly down  
that wing.  
Paul Rutherford

**Stefan Kilon**  
I've joined the  
DKMS register.  
Have you?  
SJ

**Phil Blakesley**  
Best of luck for  
the season.  
The Homer Tons  
A&E Disco Division

**Louis Rene**  
Louis Rene - the  
only good  
thing about the  
right wing  
Paul HL

**Sham Darr**  
Thatcher  
Died Alone  
@thisGRAEME

**Nabeel Hashim**  
Keep on  
keepin' on!  
The Irn Bru Cru

**Ben Kadler** Available  
**Louis Rene** Available  
**Jake Stevens** Available  
**Callum Keir** Available  
**Maxwell Nwofor** Available  
**Paul Oshin** Available  
**Prince Kwakye** Available  
**Tré Cartier** Available

## Attack

**Bogdan Panescu**  
Forza Clapton!  
Danny Daly

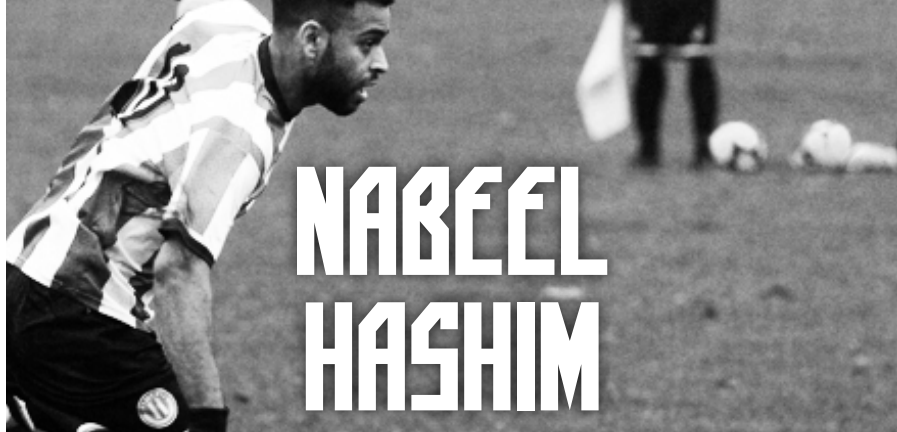
**Eliot Crosbie**  
Oh Eliot Crosbie -  
Keep banging in  
the goals  
Stan, Austin and Cole

**Stefan Nielsen**  
Tons' very own  
Michael Laudrup.  
Gary Price

**Sherwin Stanley**  
Good Luck for the  
rest of the season.  
Colin

**Jon Akaly** Available  
**Charlie Fagan** Available  
**Saïd Jaffa** Available  
**Tashan Benjamin** Available  
**Lewis Owiredo** Available





# NABEEL HASHIM

PLAYER

PROFILE

**Full Name** Nabeel Hassan Hashim **Place of Birth** London **Birthdate** 08/12/1996  
**Height** 5 feet 5.5 inches (167cm) **Weight** 10 stone 7lbs (66.5kg) **Place where you live** Enfield **Day job** Wholesaler **Previous clubs** Winchmore Hill, AFC Hornchurch, Tottenham Hotspur Development, Haringey Borough **U23's**  
**Favourite player** Cristiano Ronaldo **Favourite team, apart from Clapton CFC** Arsenal FC **Most memorable match played in** On-tour final in Hastings, playing for Winchmore Hill FC, winning 1-0 and scoring the winning goal with a free kick.  
**Favourite ground played at** Charlton Athletic Training Ground **Biggest high in football** Trialling for Spurs U21's **Lowest point in football** Losing Matches **Likes and hobbies** Travelling, family time, cinemas, spending time with my Mrs **Dislikes** International football **Favourite charity** Islamic Relief **Favourite country visited** Morocco **Favourite food** Nando's **Favourite music/performers** R&B/Hip Hop  
**Favourite TV shows** Prison Break **Favourite film** Fast and Furious **What you love about football** The passion and excitement of it **What you hate about football** Playing in the cold winter nights **Biggest influence on you** My parents, for supporting me through thick and thin **Footballing ambition** To break into the professional ranks in the UK or abroad **Who would you most like to meet?**

Conor McGregor



Today we welcome Romanian heritage side FC Star London to the Stray Dog for Clapton Community's first ever Walthamstow league derby.

The visitors play at the Peter May Sports Centre, just a goal kick in a stiff breeze away from our temporary home.

Founded in 2014, FC Star have only recently changed their name from AFC United.

In their previous guise, they finished third in this league last season, having won it the year before, their first in the Middlesex County Football League.

Unfortunately they were denied promotion due to issues over gaining FA Charter Standard status.

However, the 2018/9 campaign got off to a massively frustrating start due to delays in processing clearance for overseas players.

These same administrative holdups put back Vlad Bendovskyy and Bogdan Panescu's competitive debuts for the Tons, among others.

FC Star were unable to field a side at all, leaving them with no choice but to forfeit their first three games.

Since then, their results have lived up to their strong track record. In fact, in Star's three games when they have been allowed to take to the pitch, they are still unbeaten.

In November they downed Hereford Palace 5-1 and then Eastfield 1-0.

Their only game in December was a 3-3 home draw with Ealing Town, who comprehensively defeated Clapton before Christmas.

In spite of their unfortunate delayed start, FC Star player-secretary Bogdan Maties told us they are still aiming to repeat last season's top three finish.

The Tons will be popping over the North Circular for the return fixture on the 16th of March, by which time the league table should be much clearer.

RESULTS

2018/19 Season

Cherry Red Records Middlesex County Football League Div. 1 unless stated

Sep 15 Ealing Town FC 1 **CCFC 2 (Smyth, Oshin)**

BBC Essex Premier Cup Round 1

Sep 22 **CCFC 4 (Oshin, Crosbie, Stanley 2)** Hutton FC 5

Jim Rogers President's Division One Cup

Sept 29 South Kilburn Reserves 2 **CCFC 4 (Crosbie, Bouho, Nielsen 2)**

Oct 6 **CCFC 4 (Stanley 3, Bouho)** FC Roast 4

Friendly

Oct 12 Walthamstow FC 1 **CCFC 0**

Anagram Records Trophy Round 1

Oct 20 **CCFC 3 (Adejokun 2, Smyth)** Epping Town FC 1

Nov 3 **CCFC 11 (Crosbie 5, Stanley 2, Rene 2, Stevens 2)**  
Hereford Palace 1

Anagram Records Trophy Round 2

Nov 10 Letchworth Garden City Eagles 0 **CCFC 2 (Stanley 2)**

Jim Rogers President's Division One Cup

Nov 17 FC Deportivo Galicia Reserves 1 **CCFC 4 (Crosbie 2, Adejokun, Stanley)**

Nov 24 London Samurai 5 **CCFC 1 (Nielsen)**

Dec 1 **CCFC 1 (Owiredu)** Eastfield 1

Dec 8 The Curve 1 **CCFC 2 (Oshin, Crosbie)**

Dec 15 **CCFC 1 ( Stanley)** Ealing Town FC 4

FIXTURES\*

Jan 5 **CCFC** v FC Star London 2pm

Jan 12 Stonewall FC v **CCFC** 2pm

Jim Rogers President's Division One Cup

Jan 19 **CCFC** v London Samurai 2pm

Jan 26 Eastfield v **CCFC** 2pm

Feb 2 **CCFC** v Wilberforce Wan's 2pm

Feb 16 **CCFC** v Stonewall FC 2pm

Anagram Records Trophy Round 3

Feb 23 **CCFC** v Chip. Corinthians 2pm

Mar 2 **CCFC** v NW London FC 2:30pm

Mar 9 Wilberf. Wan's v **CCFC** 2:30pm

Mar 16 FC Star Lond. v **CCFC** 2:30 pm

Mar 23 FC Roast v **CCFC** 2:30 pm

Mar 25 Barkingside FC v **CCFC** 7:45pm

Apr 6 NW London FC v **CCFC** 3pm

Apr 13 **CCFC** v The Curve FC 3:00 pm

Apr 27 **CCFC** v London Samurai 3pm

May 4 Hereford Palace FC v **CCFC** 3pm

\*All fixtures subject to change (please check our website for the most up-to-date list).

TOP SCORER/  
ASSISTS/  
APPEARANCES

Sherwin Stanley	11/7/9
Eliot Crosbie	10/2/9
Joshua Adejokun	3/2/5
Paul Oshin	3/0/7
Stefan Nielsen	3/7/9
Dean Bouho	2/2/11
Jake Stevens	2/1/2

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Stonewall	9	7	1	1	21	5	16	22
2 London Samurai	8	7	0	1	35	6	29	21
3 NW London	9	6	1	2	31	17	14	19
4 Wilberforce W	10	5	1	4	34	23	11	16
5 The Curve	10	4	1	5	21	12	11	13
6 Ealing Town	11	3	3	5	21	21	1	12
7 CLAPTON CFC	6	3	2	1	21	13	8	11
8 FC Roast	6	3	1	2	15	18	-3	10
9 Eastfield	7	2	3	3	19	17	2	9
10 FC Star London	7	2	1	4	9	4	5	7
11 Hereford Palace	10	1	0	9	4	83	-79	3
12 SC London	8	0	0	8	2	14	-12	0

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## GOALKEEPER

Daniel Anfossy  
Vlad Bendovskyy

## DEFENCE

Andrew Lastic  
Ashley Headley  
Dean Bouho  
Ellick Coleman  
Ethan Dixon  
Jordan Odofin  
Liam Smyth  
Romelle Pile  
Tom Carding  
Yacine Rabia

## MIDFIELD

Ben Kadler  
Callum Keir  
Geoff Ocran  
Jake Stevens  
Joshua Adejokun  
Louis Rene  
Maxwell Nwofor  
Nabeel Hashim  
Paul Oshin  
Phil Blakesley  
Prince Kwakye  
Sham Darr  
Stefan Kilron

## ATTACK

Bogdan Panescu  
Charlie Fagan  
Eliot Crosbie  
Jon Akaly  
Saiid Jaffa  
Sherwin Stanley  
Stefan Nielsen  
Tashan Benjamin  
Tre Cartier  
Lewis Owiredu

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