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WELCOME

WE ARE CLAPTON CFC

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

Saturday's 6-4 away win at Eastfield was our seventh in a row in all competitions as the run continues.

Conceding early, we showed great character to come back and take the lead. Eastfield did push us all the way after that as we got complacent in the second half.

But again full credit to the team for halting the tide and seeing the game out. To draw or lose that game would have been an unnecessary setback.

Now we have a run of games in quick succession including two important league games and two international friendlies (check website for details).

It ends with the Jim Rogers President's Cup Final on the 13th April, the first of our two cup finals.

It's a busy couple of weeks where we will definitely rotate the squad as much as we can.

The run of 5 games in 12 days start tonight with North West London who we have played twice already this season, losing 2-1 in the league, but winning 3-1 in a friendly.

We both need the win to maintain a title push so I envisage an entertaining end to end game - with us coming out on top again!



CCFC BIKE RIDE

Clapton CFC has partnered with Newham Cyclists to organise a family bike ride from our spiritual home to our temporary home.

We'll be cycling the five miles from the Old Spotted Dog in Forest Gate to the Stray Dog in Walthamstow on Saturday, April 27th.

We'll arrive in time to watch CCFC's last home game of the season, against fellow promotion contenders London Samurai.

This is our very first ride and all of course are welcome. We hope to plan others in the future.

In memory of Sami

The ride is in memory of Sami Sidhom, a Forest Gate resident who was tragically murdered just yards from his home coming back from a football match.

Almost one year on, no-one has been charged with his murder.

18-year-old Sami, a Queen Mary University law student and West Ham season ticket holder, was attacked just before 11pm on Monday 16th April 2018.

He had just got off the bus having seen the Hammers draw with Stoke City at the London Stadium. He was stabbed in the back multiple times. He's believed to have been mistaken for someone involved in an earlier gang fight nearby.

Sami's dad Samer appealed for witnesses to come forward in a BBC Crimewatch Roadshow programme. He described Sami as a "brilliant young man" and said "a "brave person" needed to come forward to "set the record straight".

Neighbour and friend of the family, CCFC member Annu, had known Sami since he was eight. What she remembers most about Sami was his laughter and cheeky smile. He was a beautiful young boy, who loved kicking a football around in the garden and cycling with his dad.

Because of his love of football and cycling, CCFC thought it fitting to dedicate our first bike ride to Sami's memory.

En route, we will stop outside Sami's home, for a minute's applause. Sami's family are touched that CCFC wanted to do something to remember Sami.

Newham Cyclists

Newham Cyclists will lead and marshal the ride. They will be also on hand for bike checks at the start. They have vast experience ensuring that cyclists have a safe and enjoyable ride experience.

Newham Cyclists promote cycling as a cheap and sustainable way to get to football with their regular 'Bike from Boleyn' rides to West Ham's London Stadium.





Essential details

The ride takes place on Saturday, April 27th. We'll be meeting around 12.15pm outside the Old Spotted Dog in Forest Gate, E7. We'll be setting off shortly after, cycling together to Clapton CFC's temporary home, The Stray Dog in Walthamstow, E17.

We will arrive in plenty of time to watch the CCFC vs London Samurai game, which kicks off at 3pm. There's an optional reverse journey ride at 5.30pm.

All are welcome and we'll be going at a steady pace with Newham Cyclists' marshalls keeping us safe. It's completely free but to help Newham Cyclists gauge the numbers coming, please register on the Eventbrite page: <https://bit.ly/2l23aAT>

Hackney feeder ride

There is also an unofficial feeder ride, starting out at Hackney Downs, where Clapton first played after being set up as Downs FC in 1877.

Assemble at the very north-east of Hackney Downs, a stones throw from 11 Queensdown Road where the club was set up, and opposite the old Downs Hotel, the clubs base before moving east to the Old Spotted Dog.

Gather around 11am as we'll need to move off by 11.30am to join the official route. Please note this feeder leg won't be fast and will try to be child friendly but will include roads and won't be marshalled by Newham Cyclists.

UE SANT MIQUEL



Clapton CFC are delighted to announce our first ever international friendly as we host UE Sant Miquel to mark their 40th anniversary.

The match will take place at the Stray Dog this Sunday 7th April, kicking off at 11am.

UE St. Miquel are based in the village of St. Miquel de Campmajor, which has a population under 200, and is about 25km from Girona.

Despite its small size, the village is proud to have a team playing in the fourth Catalan division, the eighth level of the Spanish football pyramid.

The club was started 40 years ago by a group of young friends in a field, with goals consisting of two oak trees with a log placed between them.

They've built up the club from those modest roots, through various pitches in the area, both sand and grass, before moving to their current ground 16 years ago.

Not many young people live in the village nowadays so they draw most of their players from the surrounding area, including the nearby town of Banyoles.

There are five other clubs in the Banyoles area so they have to make their club the most welcoming

with social events, taking the players out for dinner, and now their trip to London.

The fact that the village has a team playing against much bigger towns makes the residents very proud.

Not many people watch the matches but those that do, well... we know how cool it is to support your local team and the relationships that arise.

To celebrate their fortieth anniversary they wanted to play abroad and they chose London. Then they came across Clapton CFC and they loved our values.

31 people will be coming to London for the weekend, including manager Ferran Darné and president Joan Monells.

They wanted to come here, meet us, spend time together enjoying what unites us, amateur football. And they've even made a commemorative scarf for the occasion!

The game takes place on Sunday as we already have a game this Saturday in the league away at Hereford Palace.

And the early kick-off time of 11am as our opponents are booked on a flight later that day. So this is the only available date and time.

SHIRT SALES CLOSED

It's been exciting and exhausting, but Clapton CFC's online shop has now closed to new orders.

Our away shirt story is a phenomenon that none of us could have predicted. We were overwhelmed by the support people have shown for the club and our shared values.

In the summer, the story of our Spanish Republic-inspired away shirt somehow spread around the world.

Over 2,500 men and women from the UK and Ireland travelled to fight with the International Brigades, with more than 500 dying for the cause.

Friends and comrades, particularly in Spain and Britain, started ordering faster than our non-profit manufacturer Rage Sport could make them.

Our unexpected spot in the limelight meant lots of frantic planning, working out how on earth we can process so many orders.

So we had to shut the online shop for three months while we coped with the backlog.

We also had to rush to register for VAT – we never expected our income to be high enough to need to do so – which forced a £5 rise in price from £25 to £30.

Eventually, by January, we had caught our breath and were able to reopen the shop for a second spell. We sent over 10,000 emails to people who had registered to hear when the shop would reopen.

Finally, seven months after our kits first went on sale, the shop has closed.

A small core of tired volunteers have been working with our manufacturer Rage Sport and distributor Weengs to fulfil all the orders - and responding to thousands of messages.

It's been a full-time, unpaid job. So it's time to refocus our efforts into other aspects of running a football club.

We have been humbled to hear so many personal stories about the Spanish Republic and the International Brigades. There have been some wonderful links formed through our adopted away colours.

Many thanks to Rage Sport for bringing our fan-designed, fan-chosen kit to life and fulfilling all these orders. They are an ethical company who make all their kits in Italy using responsibly sourced material and make sure all workers in the supply chain are paid properly fairly.

And a huge thank you to the thousands who have bought a shirt, become a member, followed us on social media, or sent us a message.

We hope Clapton CFC can do these colours proud. No pasaran!

I'VE ALREADY ORDERED, WILL MY SHIRT BE DELIVERED?

Of course. All orders that have been placed will be fulfilled. What's more, we hope to have every single shirt delivered by 14 April.

WILL YOU EVER REOPEN THE ONLINE SHOP FOR SHIRTS?

We have no plans to at the moment. However, if we had a group of volunteers prepared to take it on, it's possible. Email us merch@claptoncfc.co.uk if you want to volunteer.

ARE KITS AVAILABLE TO BUY IN PERSON?

Yes. You can buy home and away shirts on matchdays only at our temporary home ground, the Stray

Dog in Walthamstow, East London. If you live outside of London but have a friend or relative here, you could ask them to come to a game and buy one for you. Perhaps they will be on sale at other special occasions too - watch this space.

HOW MANY SHIRTS HAVE CLAPTON CFC SOLD?

It's approaching 12,000 now, around 500 home shirts, and 11,500 away shirts. This is completely nuts given we only expected to sell around 250 in total. Around 5,500 shirts were sold online to Spain and 4,500 within UK.

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THE PROFIT GENERATED?

We will use some of the money to help with the running of the club, which is a community benefit society entirely run by its members, all volunteers. Any significant spending must be approved by a members' vote. However, funds are also earmarked to help the International Brigade Memorial Trust, who work to keep the memory of those who travelled to Spain to fight alive. We are in discussions with the IBMT and West Ham Park on how best to help mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the Spanish Civil War. This would be a memorial to David Marshall and other British and Irish volunteers who fought with the International Brigades in Spain.

IS THERE ANY OTHER WAY OF SUPPORTING THE CLUB?

Of course - become a member! Then it's your club as much as anyone else's. All members have a full and equal say on how the club is run, with volunteer committees overseeing day-to-day business. It costs £5 for concessions and £10 waged for a year. Also - come to our games.

I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION!

Email merch@claptoncfc.co.uk.

TWO CUP FINALS

Clapton CFC are through to the final of the **Anagram Records Trophy**, aka the Capital Counties Feeder League Trophy.

We are only the second Middlesex County Football League side to reach the final in the tournament's 20 year history.

It comes after wins against Epping Town at home (3-1), Letchworth Garden City Eagles away (2-0), Chipperfield Corinthians at home (3-0) and Ware Sports away (3-1).

The other semi-final has yet to take place so we'll face either Middlesex County Football League Premier side PFC Victoria London or Essex Olympian Premier side Catholic United, who are the current holders.

So it could be an all-Middlesex County Football League final if PFC win through. Either way, Clapton CFC face another game against higher level opposition.

This year's final will take place at its regular home, the Hertfordshire FA headquarters in Letchworth, on Saturday, May 4th at 3pm.

The **Jim Rogers President's Cup** is for clubs in two divisions at the same level - the Middlesex County Football League Division One West and Central & East.

Clapton CFC, who play in Central & East, are in the final after wins away at South Kilburn Reserves and FC Deportivo Galicia Reserves a home victory against London Samurai on penalties, and a semi-final win at Wilberforce Wanderers.

The final is scheduled for April 13 at a neutral venue, Isthmian League side Uxbridge FC's Honeycroft stadium. Kick off is 7.45pm. Yes, on a Saturday night! This is traditional for the final of this competition.

Our opponents will be either New Hanford FC, who were runners-up in this competition last season, or Hilltop FC.

CCFC ESPORTS

At the last members' meeting, a unanimous decision was taken for Clapton Community Football Club to expand into the realm of video games.

We're beginning by organising gaming socials for Clapton CFC members and non-members alike. Bring yourself, your mum, kids and your pals, whether they're gamers or not!

We'll have arcade machines, consoles and even PC games on offer. There might even be a small Tetris tournament. You can BYOB, there's a cheap bar and stone-baked pizza next door too.

FAQs:

1. "Oh, but I'm not a gamer..."

It doesn't matter! Come and hang out with the members, staff and players of CCFC, have a tinnie or juice, spectate and maybe get involved with a game – retro or new – that you'll certainly have played at some point.

2. "What games we will be playing?"

We have a load of them pre-installed so the choice will be huge. Anything you wish, really! Suggestions are definitely welcome.

3. "I want to help organise this! Can I?"

Amaaaazing! Please DM CCFC and we'll get you in touch with the mini committee organising the socials.

4. "What should/can I bring?"

Bring your own hardware if you want to (controllers, mice, keyboards, joysticks). If you have something cool to show off, bring banners, leaflets for your cause, anything!

5. "Is this for kids only?"

Absolutely not! This is for all ages! You'll be surprised how many older nerds there are!

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DEFIBRILATOR

Clapton CFC members have voted to buy a mobile defibrillator out of club funds to take to away games.

At our temporary home, the Stray Dog, we have access to a defibrillator as well as accredited CPR and defibrillator-trained volunteers among us.

If a player - or supporter - at the Stray Dog or adjoining pitches faces a life-threatening cardiac emergency, they can receive immediate help.

The same is not true at away games, with the majority of venues at this level of non-league football having no defibrillator on site, nor any emergency plan in place.

As a responsible club, we want to keep our players and supporters safe, both home and away.

Members have now voted to spend up to £1,000 for an automated external defibrillator. 459 of our 1300-plus members took part, with a 97% vote in favour.

Previously members have voted on our away kit design, the name of our ground and whether to build a temporary stand at the Stray Dog.

We will now purchase the HeartSine Samaritan PAD SAM 360P AED and take it to all away games. It is usable by anyone without any need for specialist training, the machine will talk you through it step by step.



Several non-league footballers have died of cardiac arrests in recent years, including Junior Dian of Tonbridge Angels and Daniel Wilkinson of Shaw Lane, where no defibrillator was available.

The issue is particularly close to many Tons fans' hearts after a terrifying incident involving Bradley Joseph, playing for Clapton FC at Sporting Bengal United in Mile End in 2016

Right-back Joseph collapsed during the game. There was no defibrillator available. But he was one of the lucky ones - an ambulance quickly arrived, drove on to the pitch and medics saved his life.

As he recovered, he told the Evening Standard he wanted "clubs of all levels to... ensure they have a pitch-side defibrillator.

We're happy to now be able to do so.

TODAY'S COVER ART

Something a bit different by Mark from @from12yards (Instagram) who create abstract illustrations inspired by the beautiful game.

Mark explained that "the piece was influenced by the graphic elements from the CCFC shirts, crest and football itself... and the arrangement symbolises the inclusivity and integrity of the club."

DESIGN HELP!

With only two more home games to go we are good for covers but we love to hear from you with your ideas and of course welcome any design input into the programme.

In fact, we will be needing design support next season as programme chief Ed's family is about to get bigger and so his time will be focussed on the next generation of CCFC fans.

So if you think you'd like to join the crew and help, please email us at comms@claptoncfc.co.uk or via Twitter or Instagram.

A resolute defensive display against a well-drilled, higher-league opposition paid off for Clapton as they defeated Chipperfield Corinthians 3-0 in the quarter finals of the Anagram Records Trophy.

However, it was by no means straightforward with the Corinthians, who play a division higher than CCFC, completely dominating a goalless first half only for the game to spin 180 degrees at half-time.

The visitors had done their homework in the run-up, with joint manager Paul Masters later revealing his players had been researching the Tons on YouTube. And from the starting whistle, they put Bendovsky to work. The opening two minutes saw chances for Chipperfield's Matt Chapman and Chris Cutler deflected. These attempts were quickly followed up by a header from Paul Branson which the Tons keeper was able to tip over the bar.

Clapton's first push into the Chipperfield end of the park came courtesy of a Stefan Nielsen free kick. He was able to feed the ball in to Yacine Rabia in a dangerous position but his shot was blocked by Corinthians keeper Stuart Beddall. On 11 minutes, Chipperfield forward Nick Jackson was able to make a turn in the box and find room to fire a shot off. His effort went wide left of goal but the pressure continued.

A nervy but noisy home support had their hearts in their mouths when Corinthians' Jackson hit the post having found himself in plenty of space in the area.

The chances and corners continued to come for the visitors and it only seemed a matter of time before they would take the lead.

However, on 26 minutes Sherwin Stanley was able to push forward, but his speculative effort went well wide of the post.

Down at the Tons end of the park, the defence was working hard to shut down Chipperfield's efforts.

A long ball into Chapman looked like it had the potential to cause trouble, but Dean Bouho made a nippy run back into the area to run the Corinthians striker down and cut him out.

Into the second half,, the home team began to build in confidence, putting a number of strong chances together.

A Nielsen corner was palmed away by the keeper straight to Eliot Crosbie. His back to the goal, he attempted an acrobatic shot over his head, but was unable to get his foot far enough over the ball and his shot went over the bar.

On 53 minutes the Tons finally managed to break the deadlock. Stanley made a cross to Lewis Owiredu who was unmarked, deep inside the box. His shot made it past Beddall to give the Tons the lead. Over the noise of a jubilant home crowd, Corinthians' Masters could be heard shouting to his team that they should be "6-0 up by now".

Shortly after the restart Chipperfield made a push forward looking to get a quick equaliser. In the attack, Clapton defender Miller went down after a challenge near the corner flag. He would spend the rest of the afternoon on the bench with an ice pack around his ankle.

From the ensuing corner, Chipperfield's Mio Presh was able to get a shot away through the scramble in the box. However, once again Bendovsky was equal to it.



PHOTO Max Reeves

Clapton had the chance to get an insurance goal several minutes later as a low pass just outside the box from Crosbie found an unmarked Stanley. Beddall was well off his line but made the angle of the shot too difficult for Stanley to convert.

This was followed by an opportunity from another well delivered corner. Stanley made



a run across the box to get his head onto a low delivery, only to be denied by the woodwork. With the clock running down, Chipperfield's incursions into the Clapton half were becoming less frequent.

The match was almost certainly put beyond their reach as Stanley finally managed to find the back of the net. A strong header across the box from Crosbie fell right to Stanley's feet and he struck it home for a 2-0 cushion.

By this time the crowd of over 400 were in full celebration mode and urging their side on to end the contest.

They didn't have to wait long as Stanley bagged his second of the afternoon. He found himself on the end of a pinpoint free kick delivery by Nielsen and was able to head it in off the bar and guarantee the win.

The whistle blew shortly after the restart and the Tons celebrated booking a spot in the semi-finals with supporters in the early spring sunshine.

CCFC: Bendovskyy, Smyth, Rabia, Bouho, Miller, Coleman, Ocran, Nielsen, Crosbie, Stanley, Owiredo Subs: Agdelen, Panescu, Pile, Rehman, Blakesley



Is Haringey windier than the other parts of London, or have CCFC just happened to play there on the two windiest days of the year?

As with the 2-1 loss to NW London in the adjoining stadium last month, the wind was the twelfth player for whichever team had it at their tails. Although the crowd were Clapton's twelfth player, so the wind was actually the thirteenth.

The Tons took full advantage of this to build up a big first half lead and breeze into the final of the Jim Rogers President's Cup.

Before the game, Ocran has suggested the 4G pitch would be a challenge. But opening 45 saw his side enjoying the freedom to play that a pristine, flat surface allows.

On eight minutes, Sherwin Stanley expertly guided a curling Stefan Nielsen cross from the right past the goalie on the volley. An early lead for the Tons.

Just afterwards, Wilberforce's David Gibbons shot from inside the box, but Dan Anfossy sprung agilely to palm away.

Then, Jake Stevens bamboozled a duo of Wanderers midfielders with a sudden turn of pace. He found a seam of space and drove into it.

Disregarding options in front of him, he eyed a slice of glory and tried a spectacular lob. It slipped narrowly over....but was worth the try.

The next chance fell to Stanley. A motoring Ellick Coleman controlled a lofted pass at pace without breaking his stride, then slotted it through to Clapton's top scorer. But Wilberforce goalie Joe Garrood blocked the shot with his legs.

On 22 minutes, CCFC doubled their advantage. A Nielsen corner was dropped on Stanley like a pin being dropped on something on Google maps. The unmarked Clapton hitman leapt and nodded back across the goalie into the corner.

Stanley nodded in again from a freekick from deep, but he was adjudged to have been in an offside position. The lino's cruel flag meant the hattrick was merely deferred, not prevented.

Nielsen, taking inspiration from Stevens' long-range effort, tried to float in an audacious free kick from his own half. The ball hand in the air for a short eternity as Garrood frantically backpedalled to tip over.

On 36 minutes, Stanley latched onto another ball over the top. Being forced a touch wide, resisted any urge to shoot and chipped in for the arriving Coleman. The winger kept his cool to take a couple of touches, turn his man and blast in. A commanding 3-0 advantage for the East Londoners. A couple of minutes later, Anfossy was alert to a rare Wilberforce threat, making a stunning double stop. Into injury time, Wilberforce had a goal chopped off.

Their attacker propelled both ball and Anfossy over the line in a move that

was reminiscent of Bolton Wanderers' Nat Lofthouse shoulder-charging the Manchester United keeper into the net in the 1958 FA Cup final. This is not allowed in the 2019 Jim Rogers Cup semi-final.

Into the second half. It soon became clear that the strong gusts had been making Clapton look more dangerous – and Wilberforce more harmless – than was really the case.

The same kind of swirling, hard-to-read pings that had been causing mayhem in the Wilberforce backline in the opening period were now troubling the visitors.

Fifteen minutes in, a corner dropped to defender David Thorp on the edge of the six yard box. The goal gaped. The Wilberforce man spooned over. On 62 minutes, Wanderers pulled one back. Imitating the tactic that had worked so well for the Tons, they dropped a ball into the no-man's-land between keeper and backline. Their number 11 Tiago Pereira capitalised on the confusion to slot in.

The visitors were a bit shaken by this. From another corner shortly afterwards, the ball was headed against the Clapton bar. A short scramble ensued, but the home team couldn't force it over.

Having absorbed all the pressure Wanderers could muster, the Tons applied the finishing blow. Stanley sprung the offside trap to get on the end of an Eliot Crosbie pass. He then stuck a big lob over Garrood to put the tie to bed.

CCFC: Anfossy, Pile, Rabia, Bouho, Smyth, Stevens, Ocran, Stanley, Coleman, Crosbie, Nielsen
Subs: Agdelen, Lastic, Oshin, Kwakye, Panescu

It was inevitable that this game wouldn't feel like much of an event. These teams have seen a lot of each other recently. This wasn't a cup semi-final.

But Clapton emerged with the three points, in spite of the best efforts of a Wilberforce Wanderers side that was noticeably more energised, motivated and willing to use football's dark arts. Wilberforce came out absolutely determined to avoid a third defeat to CCFC of the season.

The opening period was as cagey as the caged 4G pitch the game was being played on. The most dangerous action was when the ball went over the fence onto White Hart Lane, risking a traffic accident.

There was a lot of niggly play in the middle of the park. Wilberforce were getting tight and leaving the odd stud in on their East London opponents. But the home side did well to neutralise the Clapton wingers, who had run riot in the cup clash.

At the other end, centre backs Andrew Lastic and Dean Bouho, were combining well to snaffle out any Wilberforce threat.

"Settle Clapton" bellowed assistant manager Stu Purcell. This could be heard, as the fans were in an unusually subdued mood. The team too were finding it hard to get into their rhythm. The first tiny glimmer of goalmouth excitement came on 20 minutes, when Prince Kwakye latched onto a throw in from the left inside the box. But he could only scoop it into the side netting.

On 32 minutes, Clapton stole a lead. A corner was helped along by Eliot Crosbie, for Elick Coleman to stab home.

Shortly afterwards Jake Stevens ran in behind the Wanderers backline onto a whipped throughball. He attempted

a kind of flying sideways scissor kick that popped just over, but would have been really nice.

Into the second half, Stevens continued his quest to score a spectacular goal on this ground. He chanced a similar lofted long-ranger to the one that had been tipped over last week. This time goalie Joe Garrood was rooted to the spot as it wiggled through the air above him. It just clipped the top of the bar.

The Tons were starting to get the better of the chances, forcing a string of set pieces.

Sherwin Stanley was subbed on as Stefan Nielsen got ready to take a corner. He sauntered up into the box. There was clearly only one place this corner was going to go: directly onto the newly-introduced striker's head. But Garrood showed quick reflexes to push Stanley's close range header onto the crossbar.

Taker-of-curling-free-kicks Nielsen tried to mix things up with a very non-Nielsenesque low, driven free kick. But the keeper was able to get down to block.

On 70 minutes, Crosbie made it 2-0 to wrap up the tie. Nielsen fizzed a corner in towards the near post where the Tons number 9 was able to nod in. Wilberforce had their best chance of the game in the final ten minutes. A cross fell to one of their forwards on the edge of the six yard box, but he was only able to prod it against the post.

In spite of it all, keeper Dan Anfossy was never particularly troubled.

A satisfactory conclusion to CCFC's business in Haringey for the 18-19 season.

CCFC: Anfossy, Pile, Lastic, Bouho, Kilron, Stevens, Agdelen, Kwakye, Coleman, Crosbie, Nielsen
Subs: Stanley, Rabia, Adejokun, Akaly, Ocran





In tricky conditions, Clapton Community kept their winning run going away to Walthamstow rivals FC Star London.

As seems to be the case every time the Tons have played this year, it was blowing a gale.

The ball was flying all over the place in a highly unpredictable manner. Most corners just flew directly out of play. None of the dead balls were actually dead, as they would start rolling as soon as they were placed.

If goal kicks are the best way to gauge the effect of wind on a football match, it should be noted that in the first half Clapton's were only travelling half as far as FC Star's.

While Dan Anfossy's efforts were stalling and curling back on themselves, some of the home side's were technically shots on target.

Remember the wind. It will be making a reappearance in this match report.

Clapton were looking for revenge on a Star side that had won convincingly at the Stray Dog back in January.

They could not call upon leading goalscorer Sherwin Stanley, but otherwise it was a strong starting lineup.

The early stages were end-to-end, but with neither side able to carve out a clear-cut chance.

The first bit of noteworthy action came when a Star winger crossed back in from about a foot over the touchline, but they were unable to finish the chance. A member of the home contingent, who was moonlighting as linesman, kept his flag down.



The Clapton bench exploded in anger. Assistant manager Stu Purcell shouted at the lino that the ball was about a foot over the line. He added some swear words. The lino replied in kind.

Remember the lino. He will be making a reappearance in this match report

On 20 minutes, Eliot Crosbie fired straight at the keeper after being played through.

Then FC Star had a very threatening period. The hairiest moment came when they had a succession of mad chances in front of goal, all of them frantically blocked.

25 minutes in, Star top scorer Cristinel Ilie broke through and tried a lob, but with it being impossible to gauge the correct weight on anything sent airborne, it sailed over.

On the half hour mark, Clapton took the lead against the run of play. Stefan Nielsen curled a free kick into the box. Prince Kwakwe had a snapshot that squirmed under goalie Ionut Florea. Josh Adejokun rushed in to apply the finishing touch.

Right at the end of the first half. A massive moment in Clapton CFC's debut season.

Adejokun cut the ball back across the area. Crosbie had a swipe at the ball, missed it, but was able to bundle it out to Geoff Ocran.

The Tons' gaffer slotted it under Florea from close range. A defender managed to hook it clear, but it had clearly crossed the line. Cue ecstatic pile on.

After the referee blew up for half time, there was a bit of drama. A big Star defender walked over to his teammate running the line and squared up to him.

Whether this was connected to the award of the Clapton goal moments earlier or there is a long back story of beef that has been bubbling between the two for years we will never know. None of our business really.

Thankfully the combatants were separated and the whole situation was calmed down before it got too ugly.

At the start of the second half, FC Star finally managed to land a glove on their visitors (in a footballing sense, thankfully). They were awarded a spot kick when the otherwise flawless Dean Bouho knocked over his man from behind. It looked soft.

Catalin Molan thumped it into the bottom left corner. Anfossy went the right way but couldn't get a hand to it.

On 65, Clapton managed to deliver a rare corner that didn't just get blown straight out of play. It fell to an unmarked Crosbie at the back post, but he could only volley into the side netting.

Next, Adejokun broke down the left and cut back to Crosbie who brought a magnificent fingertip save out of Star goalie Florea.

Just past the 70 minute mark and Crosbie was at the centre of the action again. Shielding the ball, with his back to goal, in the corner of the box, going nowhere, the Star defender pointlessly pushed him over. Penalty.

After the ball was finally convinced to stay on the spot without rolling away, Nielsen confidently thwacked it into

the bottom corner. Again the keeper guessed correctly but couldn't get there in time. It was a perfect mirror image of Star's penalty. 3-1 Tons.

The hosts had a chance to reduce the deficit, but the unmarked Florin Flore headed over when he probably should have scored.

The last chance of the match fell to CCFC sub Sham Darr. For some reason he found himself in an unfamiliar attacking position. He turned his man well, but shot straight at the keeper.

In the end, it was another businesslike job from the Tons. Where their opponents got angry, they kept their cool.

It is a mark of the progress of this team that they have not needed to rely on goalkeeping heroics from Anfossy so much of late. Game management has significantly improved.

CCFC: Anfossy, Smyth, Lastic, Bouho, Kilron, Ocran, Kwakye, Stevens, Adejokun, Coleman, Crosbie, Nielsen.
Subs: Agdelen, Rabia, Darr, Akaly.

The recent remarkable run continued as Clapton dispatched Ware Sports in the semi-final of the Anagram Records Trophy.

The Tons didn't let a missed penalty, niggly opponents or a card-happy ref derail them. A double from Sherwin Stanley and another from Jake Stevens got them over the line.

It was surprising to see elements of the Premier League match day experience even at this level. And after the stewards had ejected Clapton fans drinking alcohol from the official spectator area, things got started.

Clapton looked more threatening from the off, with Josh Adejokun in particular giving Ware grief down the right flank.

But the home side took the lead against the run of play. It was just a big punt up from Ware goalie Freddie Salmon that caused a chaos in the CCFC box. It broke to Mitchell Judge who drove it home.

There were a couple of frustrating decisions from the referee, who seemed to be tolerating Ware mischief, while clamping down on the slightest Clapton infraction.

But the Tons continued to play to their game plan. Stefan Nielsen floated a free kick in from deep. Eliot Crosbie glided through the air to nod it towards the bottom corner, but it was palmed round the post by Salmon.

Next, Stefan Kilon took the ball down near the penalty spot and turned smartly. His shot was powerful but just over the bar.

Then, the equaliser that had been coming came. Adejokun flipped away from the Ware left back and picked out an onrushing Stanley with a pinpoint pass. The prolific striker couldn't miss.

Just after the half hour mark, Clapton had a chance to further cash in on their superiority. On the edge of the box, Stanley took down a high ball on his chest. He unleashed a half volley goalwards, which struck a luckless Ware centre back on the hand. Penalty.

Nielsen, who had buried a spot kick in the corner against FC Star London the previous week, put it straight down the middle this time. The Salmon leapt

to his right, but did brilliantly to jut his hand back to save. His defenders did the rest by hustling the ball out of play.

Ten minutes into the second half, the Tons got their noses in front. Stanley broke into a gulf of space that had opened up in the right channel. He fired it low across the box where Stevens was waiting to knock it in at the far post to make it 2-1.

While Ware's goalie Freddie Salmon sounds from his name like he should be a 1930s footballer, it seems like he is more of a fan of Jordan Pickford. He was doing a lot of those fancy kick-outs where you cut your foot across the ball. He was doing a lot of being cocky to the crowd. But was also keeping the Hertfordshire side in the game with some fine saves. A long Clapton throw came all the way through to Adejokun at the back post, who forced it goalwards with his knee. Salmon somehow managed to pluck it out of the air.

A chance at the other end. Rabia should have easily dealt with a hopeful Ware ball, but hesitated, allowing a home striker through on Dan Anfossy. But the player-coach made a terrific challenge to atone for his mistake.

His defensive partner Dean Bouho also pulled off one particularly impressive slide tackle to thwart an advancing Ware winger.

While not under too much pressure, 2-1 was still a precarious score for the visitors.

Approaching injury time, Stanley scored a Sherwin Special™ to all but book the Tons place in the final. This time, Stevens turned provider. His throughball tempted Salmon to rush out and clear. Big mistake. Stanley nipped in to flick it over him.

The Clapton fans enjoyed the beauty of a lobbed goal: the couple of seconds where everyone can see the ball is going into the net before it actually has. Ware showed a bit of fight in the dying minutes. They grazed a free kick off the bar from out wide. But at 3-1 to the London side, the tie was already finished.

CCFC: Anfossy, Smyth, Rabia, Bouho, Kilon, Stevens, Ocran, Adejokun, Nielsen, Crosbie, Stanley. Subs: Agdelen, Lastic, Coleman, Kwakye, Darr



The image is a full-page background photograph with a strong red color cast. It depicts a large, multi-story industrial building, possibly a warehouse or a factory, with a complex steel truss structure and corrugated metal siding. The building is partially obscured by shadows and the red tint. In the foreground, there is a dark, grassy field. The overall mood is gritty and industrial.

**TAKE ME
OLD SPOT**

A red-tinted photograph of a building with graffiti and a chain-link fence. The building has a corrugated metal roof and a wall with large, stylized graffiti. A chain-link fence is in the foreground, and a grassy area is at the bottom. The text 'HOME... LOST DOG' is overlaid in white.

HOME... LOST DOG

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Clapton's last game of March was a topsy-turvy, ten-goal nail-biter.

Geoff Ocran's side came from behind, raced into a massive lead, almost threw that lead away, then restored a comfortable lead in 90 chaotic minutes in Leyton.

At times, it felt more like a basketball game (only enjoyable). In the end, Sherwin Stanley's three goals, assist and all round menace got the better of battling Eastfield FC.

The home side took a quick lead with an undeniable worldie. Number 11 Alex Gheorghe turned on the edge of the box and half-volleyed over a helpless Dan Anfossy.

Eastfield keeper Rumen Vasilev went down with a leg injury shortly afterwards.

It would have been strange if this were time-wasting at this early stage. But as we later found out, Vasilev

has interesting ideas about what is appropriate to do at certain times of a game of football.

Clapton were back on level terms on 25 minutes. The assistant referee awarded a Tons throw-in near the corner flag. Eastfield made the classic error of getting distracted by complaining about a throw-in award. In the meantime, Clapton took it quickly and Stefan Nielsen popped it into the box for Stanley to nod home an equaliser.

But this young Eastfield were a constant threat on the break. They had tasty attackers, who could both nip in behind the CCFC backline and hold the ball up well.

Possibly as a result of his earlier injury, Vasilev kicked out poorly to present Nielsen with a lobbing opportunity. He clipped it just wide of the right hand post.

On 25 minutes, the Tons took the lead. Left back Liam Smyth floated one in from the left. Eliot Crosbie pulled off a stunning flicked lay off for Jake Stevens



to slot into the corner. Incredible awareness and technique. Assist of the season, hands down.

Just before halftime, Clapton bought themselves a cushion (something you usually do at Westfield rather than Eastfield).

Stanley received an innocuous ball inside the penalty area, quickly turned and pinged it goalwards. A big deflection meant Vasilev had no chance.

At half time, one Clapton fan strayed into the Eastfield dressing room thinking it was the toilet and overheard: 'You're a central defender... why are you letting a striker bully you?!' That summed up the home side's problems quite well.

Just four minutes into the second period and the Eastfield defence were letting themselves be bullied by Stanley again.

Josh Adejokun drove in from the right and played it in to the in form striker. Stanley strongly held off his man before threading back through to Adejokun, who fired home off the base of the far post. 4-1.

Clapton soon had a fifth.

The Eastfield backline tried to play Stanley offside as the ball came over the top. The assistant referee didn't flag. The keeper tried to make a tackle. He couldn't. Stanley held on to the ball until just the right moment to chip it past the scrambling defenders into the net.

But Eastfield were not for giving up. They grabbed a goal back almost straight away.

Number eight Gilberto Nguema was played through on goal. Anfossy came

out to narrow the angle but Nguema coolly feinted past him and converted.

Then, something you never see. Eastfield goalie Vasilev came up for a corner. At 5-2 down. With almost half an hour left to play. Why???

He wasn't able to do anything, but nor were Clapton able to capitalise on the goal he had left unguarded.

On 71 minutes, Eastfield got another one back. Nguema's shot from a narrow angle hit Yacine Rabia, who was standing at the near post. The Tons defender couldn't deflect it around the post.

Moments later, disappointment turned to disbelief as impressive Eastfield striker Javid Irish broke through on goal again and made it 5-4.

At this point, there was only one side looking likely to add to their tally and it was the men in the dark blue generic Adidas tops. Clapton had to steady the ship fast.

Late on, Eastfield had a glorious chance to equalise. A ball squared from the right found an attacker alone in the penalty box. The low effort was palmed round the post by Anfossy.

Into the final ten, Clapton had a free kick in the middle of the Eastfield half. Crosbie floated it into the penalty box, where an unmarked Stanley was lurking.

Perhaps they had forgotten how good he is at football. Perhaps they didn't want to get bullied again. Either way, the CCFC number nine casually nodded into the corner to make it 6-4.

There was still time for wonderfully eccentric goalie Vasilev to venture forward for another corner, but by this point it really was game over.

After an exhaustingly entertaining afternoon in the E10 sunshine, Clapton took the three points back up the road to E17.

CCFC: Anfossy, Smyth, Lastic, Bouho, Rabia, Stevens, Agdelen, Nielsen, Adejokun, Crosbie, Stanley. Subs: Hashim, Kwakye, Darr, Panescu, Owiredu.



CLAPTON: AN ACT OF JOY

Accountability Committee in Focus

Kevin, a member of Clapton CFC's Accountability Committee, explains why the way the club brings people together is better route to happiness than any self-help guide.

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As one of the many, around a sixth of the population in England, who has experienced depression and anxiety at some point in their lives, I can say from experience and with absolutely certainty that there is something transformative, exhilarating – joyful, even – about cultivating and reaffirming the bonds we have to one another through collective action.

It often seems like we are living in an age of misery. Mental health problems, loneliness and isolation are all at record levels. At the same time, a multi-million pound industry is positively flourishing by advocating the benefits of “well-being” and “mindfulness” — an industry, incidentally, that was promoted heavily by the Cameron government from 2010, just as it made everyone more miserable through devastating austerity policies.

Our society's narrow idea of individualism tends to reduce us to little more than consumers and actively encourages us to focus inward on ourselves. We can come to believe that if we are lonely and unhappy, then our sense of dissatisfaction is not only our own fault, but also something we need to fix privately, by looking to the market.

This means individually working even harder in order to consume more, drink more, dress more expensively, post better selfies, set new individual goals for achieving that ever elusive “positive thinking”. It is evident, however, that buying our way to greater happiness simply isn't working.

So what is the alternative? This brings me back to the life-affirming moments of pleasure and joy from taking part in

communal activities. It is something you can feel acting together with workmates on a picket line, or marching against injustice with tens of thousands of like-minded people. It is always based on values that have little or no meaning to the market — kindness, activism, solidarity, even love.

Football, with its riotous goal celebrations and its thumping victories, has always had the capacity to provide fleeting moments of happiness that are shared alongside fellow supporters. A great many football fans are not, however, an entirely happy bunch.

The “Against Modern Football” slogan derives from the way huge clubs routinely treat supporters as powerless customers, who are at the whim of the demands of broadcasters and high finance and subject to ludicrous policing and aggressive stewarding.

Football's sense of connection, of feeling part of something bigger than oneself, is nevertheless something I have felt repeatedly following Clapton for the last five years, first with the ultras and now with CCFC. There have been numerous occasions that have been genuinely joyful and inspiring, in a way I don't remember often at a higher level.

The sense we are also creating a community has, however, come about not only from simply watching and supporting the team every Saturday.

It also comes from how we have chosen to build a club that deliberately fosters greater cooperation

RULE CHANGES 2019-20

Football around the world will see some significant changes to the laws of the game next season.

The International Football Association Board have announced a number of amendments, including on subs, penalties, free-kicks and handball.

These will apply to all levels of football from June 30, including Clapton CFC games next season of course.

Additionally, the Football Association has confirmed a trial sin bins for all leagues from Step 5 and below next season, which will apply to Clapton CFC too.

Here's a guide to those rule changes...

GOAL KICKS

At the moment, when a goal-kick is taken, no other player from either side can touch the ball until it leaves the penalty area.

From next season, the ball is deemed to be in play as soon as the kick is taken, so players from either side can touch the ball inside the box.

However, attackers still need to be outside the box when the goal-kick is taken.

DROP BALLS

The competitive drop ball, where a player from both sides swings for it, is no more.

If play is stopped inside the penalty area the ball will simply be dropped for the goalkeeper.

If it is stopped outside the penalty area the ball will be dropped for a player from the team that last touched the ball.

Either way, opposition players will have to be at least four metres away from the ball.

FREE-KICKS

Attacking players will be banned from being in the wall at free-kicks.

Specifically, when there is a wall of three or more defenders, attackers will not be allowed within one metre of it.

The punishment for straying nearer is an indirect free kick to the defending side.

The idea behind the change is to avoid time-wasting and disturbances between players - it is against the 'spirit of the game'.

Teams are also able to take a quick free-kick even if the offence is to be penalised by a yellow or red card.

The referee can show the card at the next stoppage in play.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Players being subbed off will no longer be able to waste time by walking slowly across the full width of the pitch, applauding the crowd and shaking hands with every team-mate, before reaching the sub by the dugouts.

Instead they must leave the field at the nearest available point on any touchline. From there, they must then make their way straight to the subs' bench as normal while the game carries on.

PENALTIES

The goalkeeper is now allowed to take one step forward at penalties, as long as one foot is still touching the goal-line, or in line with it if they are jumping. They are not allowed to be touching the goalposts/crossbar/nets.

At the moment, keepers are supposed to have both feet touching the line, but the rule is widely flouted. It will be interesting to see if this change will make it easier for refs to spot.

CARDS FOR COACHES

In order to clamp down on difficult behaviour from coaches, refs will be able to show them yellow or red cards, in the same way they do with players.

If, in the event of a touchline melee and the offending individual cannot be identified for punishment, the most senior coach will receive the card by default.

KICK-OFF

Teams who win the toss can choose to either take the kick-off or which goal to attack. Previously the only choice was which goal to attack.

HANDBALLS

The handball rule is one which provokes plenty of confusion and controversy so IFAB has attempted to clarify the situation.

Deliberate handballs are unchanged - still an offence.

Accidental handballs have been divided into ones that should be penalised, and ones which shouldn't.

These situations **will** be a free kick:

- Ball goes into the goal after touching an attacking player's hand/arm.
- A player gains control/possession of the ball after it touches their hand/arm and then scores, or creates a goalscoring opportunity.
- Ball touches a player's hand/arm which has made their body unnaturally bigger.
- Ball touches a player's hand/arm when it is above their shoulder (unless the player has deliberately played the ball which then touches their hand/arm).

These situations **will not** be a free kick:

- Ball touches a player's hand/arm directly from their own head/body/foot

or the head/body/foot of another player who is close/near.

- Ball touches a player's hand/arm which is close to their body and has not made their body unnaturally bigger.
- If a player is falling and the ball touches their hand/arm when it is between their body and the ground to support the body (but not extended to make the body bigger).
- If the goalkeeper attempts to 'clear' (release into play) a throw-in or deliberate kick from a teammate but the 'clearance' fails, the goalkeeper can then handle the ball.

Understand all that? Us neither.

SIN BINS (for Step 5 football and below)

Sin bins will be used for any player who has been shown a yellow card for dissent.

The ref will indicate a temporary dismissal by showing a yellow card and then pointing with both arms to the temporary dismissal area - which at our level would be the subs' bench.

The player will be forced to sit out the next 10 minutes of the game before being allowed back on. Coaches can't be sent to the sin bin, it's only for players on the field.

The situation gets a little complicated when a player commits multiple offences in the same game - in which case this table below is the procedure...

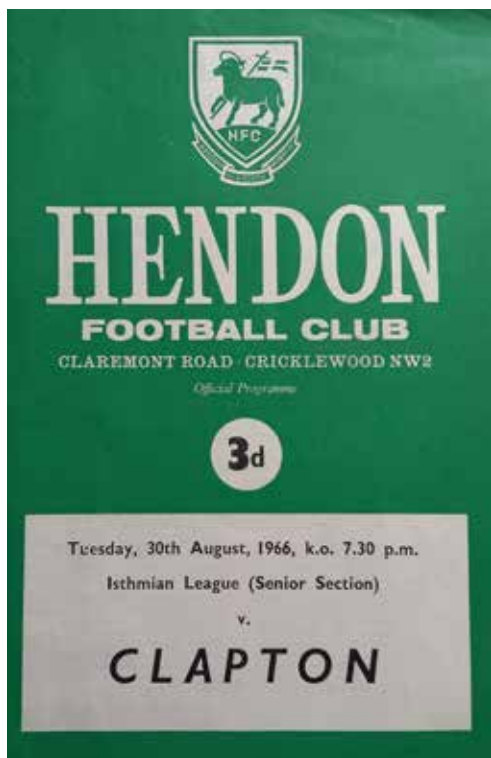
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Non Dissent Caution	Dissent	Non Dissent Caution	Caution Recorded, Sin Bin, Send Off for 5'
Non Dissent Caution	Dissent	Dissent	Caution Recorded, Sin Bin, Sin Bin - unable to rejoin, and CANNOT be substituted after 2nd Sin Bin

The idea has already been trialled in some Step 7 leagues for the last two seasons, but not the Middlesex County Football League, where Clapton CFC play,

The trials have been regarded as a success and therefore will be extended from next season to all leagues across the country from Step 5 and below.

HISTORY

"PLAYING FOR FUN?"
Hendon v Clapton
Isthmian League 30/8/1966
by Gary Price



On the last Tuesday of August 1966 Clapton took the journey to North West London to play Hendon under the lights at the spacious Claremont Road ground. In fact during the summer Clapton became the last Isthmian League club to have floodlights installed.

A few months earlier in April, Hendon became the first team to lose a 1966 Wembley final when neighbours Wealdstone defeated them 3-1 in the FA Amateur Cup. Sheffield Wednesday in the FA Cup and West Germany in the World Cup were to follow Hendon up the 39 Wembley steps to collect runners up medals.

In 1963 the Isthmian League underwent its biggest expansion in nearly 50 years, when Athenian League clubs, Hendon, Hitchin Town, Enfield, and Sutton United, accepted invitations to expand the Isthmian to 20 teams. Hendon, Sutton, and Enfield enjoyed immediate success finishing their inaugural season 2nd, 4th and 5th respectively. Hitchin settled for a respectable 14th place. The usual strugglers, Corinthian Casuals, Dulwich Hamlet, and Clapton filled the bottom 3 places. Ton experienced their poorest season to date finishing 15 points adrift at the bottom gaining just 9 points from 30 games.

Formed in 1908 as Christchurch Hampstead, Hendon settled on their present name in 1946, Hampstead Town, and Golders Green, being their previous names. The 'Greens' or 'Dons', moved through the Finchley and District, and London Leagues, before joining the Athenian in 1919. The Athenian League was won in 1953, 1956 and 1961, as well as the Amateur Cup in 1960. This proved to be a prelude to an even greater period of success for Hendon in the 1960's.

Following the runners up position in their first Isthmian League season, Hendon went one better the following year. The title was decided with a play off after Hendon finished level on points with former Athenian League rivals, Enfield. A league and Amateur Cup double was completed when Whitby Town were defeated 3-1 at Wembley.

The 1965/66 season saw Hendon finish runners up to Leytonstone by 2pts, the East Londoners 3-0 home win against their title rivals proving decisive. While Hendon finished 2nd, 1st and 2nd in their first 3 seasons in the expanded 20 team league, Clapton could only manage 20th, 19th and 19th. The results between the 2 clubs reflected the gap in ability, with Hendon winning all 6 fixtures, including an 8-3 win at The Dog in 1965/66. Hendon had established a formidable home record in this period;

P57 W43 D7 L7 F208 A67

In contrast Ton's away record was;

P57 W7 D3 L47 F52 A171

The Hendon line up reflected their status as a leading amateur team. Of the listed line up six were existing or future England amateur internationals. John Swannell, with 61 caps, became England's most capped keeper and second only to Rod Haider as the most capped, who won 64, 54 as a Hendon player. Five of the listed 11 also represented Great Britain in Olympic qualifiers. In comparison, Stan Homan became Clapton's last ever England player, a single cap gained in 1957.

The programme notes praised Clapton as a "wonderful club, with that never care about the result attitude, to them only the game counts". It appears that Clapton did not disappoint, as Hendon won 5-0 to follow up an opening day 3-0 home win over Barking. Clapton predictably lost their opening fixture 1-4 at Wycombe. Hendon duly completed their 4th successive double against Ton winning 2-1 at The Dog. Hendon though could not maintain their bright start to the season, a 5th place finish the poorest since they joined the Isthmian. After such a poor start Clapton rallied to finish 15th, relatively speaking their best placing since 1960, despite 0-10 and 1-11 defeats at Enfield and Sutton respectively.

Encouragingly, big wins at The Dog, 6-2 versus Bromley and 6-0 over St Albans pointed to a brighter future. It was the 1st time since 1960 that Ton had scored 6 in a league game. Clapton also reached the 3rd round of the Amateur Cup for the 1st time since 1950, losing to Leatherhead in a 5 goal thriller at The Dog.

The next three seasons saw Clapton steer clear of the bottom three positions even winning a couple of games against the powerful Hendon. So maybe that "never care about the result attitude", was beginning to acquire a hollow ring, maybe.



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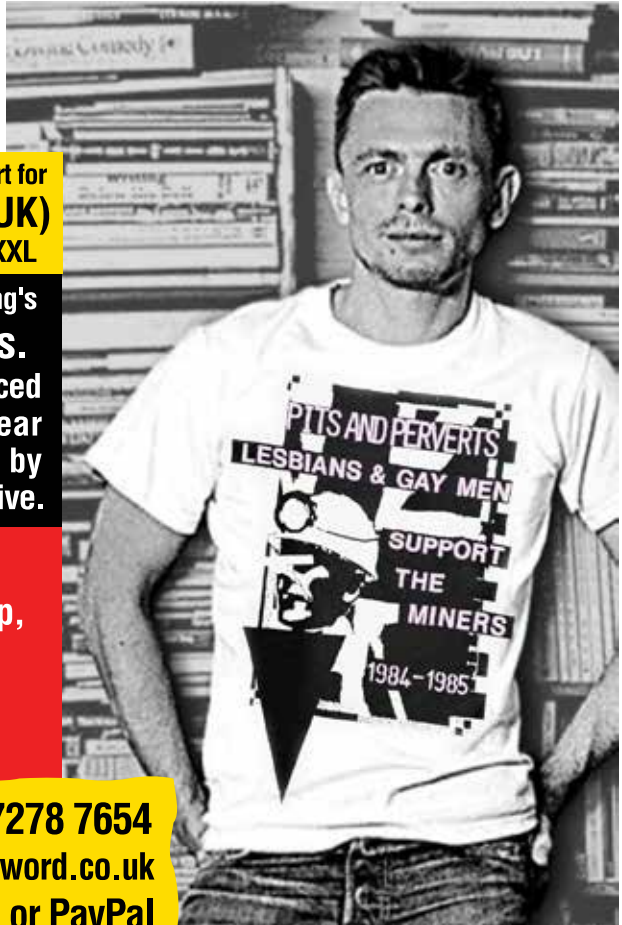
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Gravy Ultras aka CCFC
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Martin

Defenders

Andrew Lastic
Good luck, skipper.
From CCFC Northern
Supporters aka
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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
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Alex Akanbi Available

Midfield

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

Joshua Adejokun
Fly down
that wing.
Paul Rutherford

Stefan Kilron
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

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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

Lewis Owiredu
Song for Lewis:
No Lele - Wizkid
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Nicolas (Cologne)

Jon Akaly Available
Charlie Fagan Available
Saiid Jaffa Available
Tashan Benjamin Available

TRANSPARENCY

Latest Financials

In February 2019, Clapton CFC spent £49,670.47, with the largest costs (£46,904.67) once again going towards the production and distribution of our replica shirts: almost 4000 were produced this month.

With three home games in February, we also spent more on programmes (£675) and the various costs of hosting matches.

Total income in February 2019 was £32,547.81. This is overwhelmingly made up of advance sales of shirts (£27,824.83), but we also raised £4,541.48 on match days, from donations and programme sales.

Expenditures (February 2019)

Production of further replica shirts	£31,837.50
Postage for distributing replica shirts	£15,067.17
Printing programmes	£675.00
Match day security	£475.20
Match officials	£312.00
Physio	£235.00
Food for players	£210.00
Room hire for members meetings	£175.00
Winter gear for men's first team	£123.05
Purchase of match balls	£110.98
Printing of members certificates	£100.00
"Football v Blood Cancer" banner	£96.00
Laundry	£90.00
Smoke canisters for Football v Homophobia Day	£51.41
Materials for new ground stand	£41.93
Spare keys for Matchday storage	£30.00
Printing of papers for members' meeting	£19.00
Matchday committee travel	£12.40
Sanitary products	£6.34
Purchase of petty cash book	£2.49
Total	£49,670.47

Income

Merchandise	£27,824.83
Match Day Donation	£3,271.48
Programme Sales	£1,270.00
Other donations	£85.20
Tickets for "Nae Pasaran" film event	£71.30
Player sponsorship	£25.00
Total	£32,547.81

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OPPONENTS

NW LONDON



Tonight's opponents are NW London, currently sitting second in the MCFL - and in with a shout of taking the title.

The Tons notched a 3-1 pre-season win at the New River Stadium in Haringey all the way back in August. Two goals from Eliot Crosbie and one from Jon Akaly were enough to secure what was only CCFC's second ever victory.

While NW usually play at the Park Club in Acton, the reverse league fixture in February was also switched to the more capacious New River. The Tons went down do a frustrating 2-1 defeat on that occasion, with a strong wind having a big impact on proceedings.

NW took the lead in the first half, with the gale blowing at their backs. In the second half Clapton bombarded the opposition goal and levelled through a Stefan Nielsen penalty. But a late sucker-punch from Dante Cobianchi was enough to bag all three points for the home side.

The Gorillas followed that up with two more impressive victories. They thrashed FC Star 7-2, then put four past Wilberforce Wanderers without reply.

But they have stumbled in their last two fixtures - drawing 2-2 with FC Roast before a 3-0 defeat to Samurai.

The latter result was actually quite impressive seeing as they had to come from behind and finished with just nine men. The Samurai game was also tighter than the scoreline suggests. The Gorillas had chances at 1-0 down, only to be finished off by two late goals.

We asked NW London manager Wasim Khan for his thoughts on the title race and the big midweek clash in Walthamstow:

"We're still very positive about our chances just as we were since the first day of the season. There are two games remaining and we will give absolutely everything to finish with as many points possible. We don't expect this game to be any different to other games in the league as I feel this is one of the strongest leagues below step six."

"We respect all of our opponents, but we will focus on ourselves and look to execute a top performance to get the result. I think our squad now has a lot more togetherness. The quality of game is improving weekly. The technical level is high and the potential is huge. I really feel this team can compete consistently at this level and many steps above."

Khan also had supportive words to say about CCFC and teams that are revitalising grassroots football in other ways:

"I'd like to congratulate Clapton on what they are doing with grassroots football, bringing so much spotlight. I think it's a new age of football ownership at grassroot levels with fan-owned models and young owners like Bobby Kasanga at Hackney Wick. You've also got to mention Baiteze Squad and SE Dons for the spotlight through YouTube they are bringing to grassroots football in London. I can't remember this level getting so much exposure. It's great to be a part of it."

SQUAD STATS

DATE	VENUE	OPPONENTS	COMP	RESULT	STARTING (SCORERS IN BOLD CAPS)
15/9/18	A	Ealing Town	MCFL	W 2-1	Anfossy, Coleman, SMYTH , Bouho, Lastic, Ocran, Rene, Adejokun
22/9/18	H	Hutton	BBC(1)	L 4-5	Anfossy, Pile, Smyth, Lastic, Bouho, OSHIN , Darr, Blakesley, Nielsen
29/9/18	A	S. Kilburn Res	JRC(1)	W 4-2	Anfossy, Pile, Smyth, Headley, BOUHO , Ocran, Rene, Oshin, Nielsen
6/10/18	H	FC Roast	MCFL	D 4-4	Bendovskyy, Pile, Smyth, BOUHO , Headley, Ocran, Nielsen, Hashim
20/10/18	H	Epping Town	ART(1)	W 3-1	Bendovskyy, Bouho, SMYTH , Oshin, Odofin, Headley, ADEJOKUN
3/11/18	H	Hereford Palace	MCFL	W 11-1	Bendovskyy, Bouho, Odofin, Headley, Smyth, RENE(2) , Ocran, Nielsen
10/11/18	A	Letchworth GC Eagles	ART(2)	W 2-0	Anfossy, Bouho, Odofin, Oshin, Smyth, Kilron, Nielsen, Ocran, Rene
17/11/18	A	Dep. Galicia Res	JRC (2)	W 4-1	Bendovskyy, ADEJOKUN , Smyth, Odofin, Oshin, Lastic, Nielsen
24/11/18	A	L. Samurai Rov's	MCFL	L 1-5	Anfossy, Pile, Lastic, Bouho, Smyth, Stevens, Ocran, Rene, Hashim
1/12/18	H	Eastfield	MCFL	D 1-1	Anfossy, Bouho, Odofin, Pile, Smyth, Kilron, Darr, Cartier, Ocran, Nielsen
8/12/18	A	The Curve	MCFL	W 2-1	Anfossy, Smyth, Odofin, Lastic, Bouho, Stevens, OSHIN , Cartier, Nielsen
15/12/18	H	Ealing Town	MCFL	L 1-4	Bendovskyy, Bouho, Owiredu, Kilron, Lastic, Nielsen, Hashim, Oshin, Nielsen
5/01/19	H	FC Star	MCFL	L 1-3	Anfossy, Bouho, Smyth, Akanbi, Headley, Ocran, Nielsen, Hashim
12/01/19	A	Stonewall FC	MCFL	L 0-4	Anfossy, Stevens, Smyth, Rabia, Kilron, Ocran, Adejokun, Kadler
19/01/19	H	L. Samurai Rov's	JRC(3)	D 1-1 (5-3p)	Anfossy, Kilron, Smyth, Oshin, Rabia, Akanbi, Adejokun, Ocran, Nielsen
2/02/19	H	Wilberforce Wands	MCFL	W 6-1	Anfossy, Headley, Smyth, Rabia, Bouho, Ocran, Stevens, ADEJOKUN
9/02/19	A	NW London	MCFL	L 1-2	Anfossy, Bouho, Coleman, Rabia, Lastic, Kilron, Blakesley, Hashim
16/02/19	H	Stonewall FC	MCFL	W 5-1	Anfossy , Kilron, Smyth ,Rabia, Bouho, Ocran, ADEJOKUN , Nielsen
23/02/19	H	Chip. Corinthians	ART(3)	W 3-0	Bendovskyy, Smyth, Rabia, Bouho, Miller, Coleman, Ocran, Nielsen
2/03/19	A	Wilberforce Wands	JRC(SF)	W 1-4	Anfossy, Pile, Rabia, Bouho, Smyth, Stevens, Ocran, STANLEY
9/03/19	A	Wilberforce Wands	MCFL	W 0-2	Anfossy, Pile, Lastic, Bouho, Kilron, Stevens, Agdelen, Kwakye, Nielsen
16/03/19	A	FC Star	MCFL	W 1-3	Anfossy, Smyth, Lastic, Bouho, Kilron, OCRAN , Kwakye, Stevens
23/03/19	A	Ware Sports	ART(4)	W 1-3	Anfossy, Smyth, Rabia, Bouho, Kilron, STEVENS , Ocran, Adejokun
30/03/19	A	Eastfield	MCFL	W 4-6	Anfossy, Smyth, Lastic, Bouho, Rabia, STEVENS , Agdelen, Nielsen
3/04/19	H	NW London	MCFL		
6/04/19	A	Hereford Palace	MCFL		
13/04/19	Uxbridge FC	New Hanford/Hilltop	JRC Final		
20/04/19	A	The Curve	MCFL		
27/04/19	H	L. Samurai Rovers	MCFL		
4/05/19	Letchworth	PFC Victoria/Catholic Utd	ART Final		

	MCFL (14)	Cups (9)	Total (23)
	App Gls	App Gls	App Gls
Adejokun	7(4)	5	4
Agdelen	3(4)	(3)	11(4)
Akanbi	(2)	(1)	3(7)
Anfossy	1	1	2
Bendovskyy	11	6	17
Benjamin	3	3	6
Blakesley	(1)	(1)	(1)
Bouho	1(5)	1	2(6)
Cartier	13	7(1)	20(1)
Coleman	(1)	(2)	(3)
Crosbie	2(2)	1	3(2)
Darr	3(2)	1	5(4)
Fagan	12	8	20
Hashim	1(2)	1	2(2)
Headley	1(1)	(1)	1(2)
Kadler	7(2)	(1)	8(4)
Kier	4(3)	2(2)	6(5)
Kilron	1(3)	(1)	1(3)
Kwakye	(1)	(1)	(1)
Lastic	7(1)	3(1)	10(2)
Miller	2(4)	(3)	2(7)
Nielsen	7(2)	2(1)	9(3)
Ocran	(1)	1	1(1)
Odofin	11(1)	4	15(2)
Oshin	10(1)	1	11(1)
Owiredu	3	3	6
Panescu	2(1)	6(1)	8(2)
Pile	4(1)	3	7(1)
Rabia	(4)	1(3)	1(7)
Rehman	4	3(3)	7(3)
Rene	4(3)	4	8(3)
Smyth	(1)	(1)	(1)
Stanley	5(1)	2	7(3)
Stevens	11	1	12
	8(2)	9	17(2)
	6(1)	2	8(1)

Figure in bracket indicates playing substitute. Up to and including 16/02/19 , twelve league and six cup games.

kun, Nielsen, Fagan, Crosbie
lsen, **CROSBIE, STANLEY(2)**
EISEN(2), Stanley, **CROSBIE**
shim, **STANLEY(3)**, Crosbie, Rene
KUN(2), Ocran, Stanley, Rene, Hashim
Hashim, Adejokun, **STANLEY(2), CROSBIE(5)**
ene, **STANLEY(2)**, Crosbie
n, Cartier, **STANLEY, CROSBIE(2)**, Panescu
nim, **NIELSEN**, Owiredu
Stanley, Nielsen
r, Hashim, **CROSBIE**, Owiredu
Rene, **STANLEY**, Crosbie
m, Stanley, Crosbie, **ADEJOKUN**
r, Stanley, Crosbie, Agdelen
STANLEY, Crosbie, Stevens
OKUN(2), CROSBIE(2), Nielsen, **STANLEY(2)**
im, Agdelen Ocran, Crosbie, **NIELSEN**
EISEN, STANLEY, Crosbie, **OWIREDU(2)**
sen, Crosbie, **STANLEY(2), OWIREDU**
(3), COLEMAN, Crosbie, Nielsen
COLEMAN, CROSBIE, Nielsen
ns, **ADEJOKUN**, Coleman, Crosbie, **NIELSEN**
kun, Nielsen, Crosbie, **STANLEY(2)**
sen, **ADEJOKUN**, Crosbie, **STANLEY(4)**

SUBS	ATT.
Headley, Carding, Darr, OSHIN , Stanley	227
Headley, Carding, Ocran, Akaly, Rene	415
Carding, Coleman, Kilron, Keir, Akaly	63
Adejokun, Fagan, Kadler, Benjamin, Blakesley	256
Pile, Carding, Kwakye, Kilron, Fagan	356
Kilron, Cartier, Lastic, Nielsen, STEVENS(2)	382
Hashim, Headley, Lastic, Pile, Panescu	100
Headley, Ocran, Hashim, Bouho, Rene	75
Kadler, Headley, Cartier, Kwakye, Blakesley	45
Headley, Lastic, Coleman, OWIREDU , Panescu	283
Headley, Rene, Adejokun, Darr, Ocran Oshin	82
Headley, Kwakye, Kadler, Cartier, Panescu	259
Agdelen, Blakesley, Kwakye, Panescu, Rabia	362
Blakesley, Hashim, Panescu, Bouho, Darr	147
Hashim, Nielsen, Panescu, Darr, Bouho	286
Panescu, Hashim, Agdelen, Rehman, Blakesley	303
Rehman, Adejokun, Carding, Keir, Ocran, Nielsen	153
Agdelen, Lastic, Kwakye, Miller, Coleman	618
Agdelen, Panescu, Pile, Rehman, Blakesley	427
Agdelen, Lastic, Oshin, Kwakye, Panescu	227
Stanley, Rabia, Adejokun, Akaly, Ocran	177
Agdelen, Rabia, Darr, Akaly	142
Agdelen, Lastic, Coleman, Kwakye, Darr	156
Hashim, Kwakye, Darr, Panescu, Owiredu	211

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1. Stonewall	17	11	1	5	46	23	+23	37
2. NW London	18	11	2	5	67	42	+25	35
3. London Samurai	16	15	0	1	63	5	+58	33
4. CLAPTON CFC	15	8	2	5	46	33	+13	29
5. The Curve	17	9	1	7	57	31	+26	28
6. FC Star London	16	8	1	7	43	38	+5	25
7. Eastfield	16	6	3	7	40	40	+0	21
8. Wilberforce Wanderers	18	6	2	10	45	52	-7	20
9. FC Roast	14	2	4	8	30	46	-16	13
10. Ealing Town	19	5	4	10	33	40	- 7	10
11. Hereford Palace	16	0	0	16	8	128	-120	3

Adjustment: London London Samurai deducted 12 points for fielding a suspended player.
Opposition teams given the 3 points. Ealing Town deducted 9 points

RECENT MATCH



SHERWIN STANLEY

Full Name: Sherwin Stanley **Place of Birth:** St Lucia **Birthdate:** 17/03/1985 **Height:** 5'11" maybe 6'! (180cm/182.5cm) **Weight:** 14 stone (89kg) **Place where you live:** Barking **Day Job:** In behaviour support in a secondary school called St Bonaventure's in Forest Gate.
Previous clubs: Borehamwood, Avery, Tonbridge Angels, Tilbury, Brentwood, Enfield 1893, Edgware, VCD, Cray Wanderers, Wadham Lodge **Favourite player:** Ian Wright **Favourite team, apart from Clapton CFC:** Arsenal **Most memorable match played in:** Winning the league with VCD **Favourite ground played at:** Borehamwood
Biggest high in football: Going abroad with Leyton orient when I was 18 and playing against Union Berlin, scoring, and being knocked out at the same time. **Lowest point in football:** Seeing youngsters running past me, and me saying to myself 'I was that quick, if not quicker'
Likes and hobbies: Cricket is my first love and I play every summer. I'm quite good I think! I love being with my family and just having a laugh, also resting watching films **Dislikes:** Rudeness.

Favourite charity: I don't have a favourite, but am involved in many though work **Favourite country visited:** St Lucia **Favourite food:** Seafood **Favourite music/performers:** Slow jams, Soca, Michael Jackson, Usher **Favourite TV shows:** Flash **Favourite film:** The Avengers: all of them **What you love about football:** The support when you step on the pitch and you know you need to put a performance together; the team togetherness **What you hate about football:** When referees get things wrong, lol **Biggest influence on you:** My coaches over the years: improving my games and my experiences **Footballing ambition:** It was once to make it pro, but now it's to help youngsters improve in the game. **Who would you most like to meet?** Ian Wright



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Daniel Anfossy
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DEFENCE

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

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
Gemal Agdelen

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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