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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

Clapton 6 - The Curve 5. I doubt you will see a more entertaining game this season at any level.

The game had everything, controversy, drama, a red card, quality finishing, kamikaze defending, penalties. You name it and I'm sure it happened on Saturday.

That's what it's about at the end of the day, people coming out on a Saturday afternoon and being entertained. But it also helps when we are the victors at the end.

At half-time it wasn't looking great but credit to the management team. As we have done all season, we adapted second half and made a few changes.

We never know when we are beaten and I that makes it 11 unbeaten in competitive games since February.

It's our fourth meeting with Samurai this season today so we are no strangers.

It will be more of a tactical battle as opposed to the basketball match vs The Curve so we'll be up for it, fighting till the final whistle as always.

Depending on the result two miles down the road between Eastfield and Stonewall, the league title could be decided today. It could still go one of three ways.





THE TITLE RACE

The league title could be decided today.

With Stonewall playing away at Eastfield, there will be many at the Stray Dog with a keen interest in how that one progresses.

Clapton on 36 points still have to play FC Roast. Samurai on 35 still have to play FC Star. Stonewall are currently on 38 and this is their last game. Which team will triumph in this three-way title tussle?

Here are the permutations:

CLAPTON WIN / STONEWALL LOSE
Clapton are champions.
This is our favourite outcome.

CLAPTON WIN / STONEWALL DRAW
Clapton go level with Stonewall at the top, but behind on goal difference (barring a five goal swing). The Tons would only need a point against FC Roast to clinch the title.

CLAPTON WIN / STONEWALL WIN
Clapton can win the league by beating Roast. Anything less and Stonewall are champions.

CLAPTON DRAW / STONEWALL DRAW OR LOSE
A win against Roast and Clapton are champions.

A draw for Clapton vs Roast would give Samurai the chance to top the table with a win against Star. If Samurai failed to win, Stonewall would be champions.





CLAPTON DRAW / STONEWALL WIN
Stonewall are champions.

CLAPTON LOSE / STONEWALL LOSE
Samurai only need a point against Star. However, if they lose and Clapton beat Roast, the Tons come out on top.

CLAPTON LOSE / STONEWALL DRAW
Samurai need a point in their last game against FC Star. If they lose, Stonewall win the league.

CLAPTON LOSE / STONEWALL WIN
Samurai just need to beat Star. Otherwise the league is Stonewall's.

In summary, Clapton need a win to keep it in their own hands. A draw is only useful if Stonewall slip up today. If Clapton lose, they would have to pray for a Stonewall defeat at Eastfield and Samurai losing to Star to be in with a chance.

	 STONEWALL	 NW LONDON	 CLAPTON	 SAMURAI
April 27	Eastfield (A)		SAMURAI (H)	CLAPTON (A)
May 4				FC Star (A)
May 11			FC Roast (A)	
Current position	1	2	3	4
Current points	38	37	36	35
Goal difference	+21	+25	+17	+58
Possible points	41	37	42	41

AMNESTY WELCOMES

You could be forgiven for thinking that football's ability to serve community is trivial, given the money-spinning global business it has become.

But members of Clapton CFC believe in taking the game back to its roots where football clubs benefit communities and society first and foremost.

That is why we are delighted to take part in Amnesty's Football Welcomes 2019 today where we will be celebrating the contribution of refugees to the beautiful game.

In partnership with our friends at the charity Crossworld FC, we will be helping to celebrate and raise awareness of football's role in promoting integration and creating a welcoming environment.

Some of the Crossworld FC team came to our game against Chipperfield Corinthians in February to shake a bucket to try to tackle their funding crisis which left them in danger of not being able to finish the season.

We happily helped to raise £350 that day for Crossworld FC, which uses football as a means of empowering young people from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds.

Today some of Crossworld FC will be back to do some filming about their experiences within football and at the game.



Amnesty's Football Welcomes sees clubs from the Premier League and Women's Super League down to grassroots clubs like ourselves putting on events and activities to welcome refugees and people seeking asylum in their communities.

From the children fleeing the Spanish Civil War in the 1930s who went on to become some of the first refugees to play professionally here, to the likes of Granit Xhaka, Nadia Nadim and Victor Moses in more recent years, refugee players have been making their mark on football for decades.

For many refugee players, football helped them adjust to a new country and culture as they and their families rebuilt their lives in safety.

Naomi Westland, Football Welcomes Manager at Amnesty International UK, said: "We are delighted that both Clapton CFC and Crossworld FC is taking part in Football Welcomes.

"Football clubs are at the heart of their communities and it's great to see teams across the UK using the international language of football to create connection, respect and friendship across cultures.

"With so many people across the globe forced to abandon their homes due to conflict and persecution, it's important that football clubs use their platform to send out a clear message: refugees are welcome here."

Football Welcomes is part of Amnesty International's 'I Welcome' campaign for a better international response to the global refugee crisis.

The campaign encourages local communities to work together to create a more welcoming environment for people fleeing conflict and persecution.

With football's ability to provide a sense of belonging and enhance wellbeing, Clapton CFC look forward to further local initiatives to help promote the integration of refugees.

ANAGRAM TROPHY FINAL

We received communication from the Anagram Records Trophy committee that the final, due to take place next Saturday against Catholic United, may now not happen.

We understand that this is due to fan conduct at the Jim Rogers Cup Final, where Clapton CFC beat Hilltop on penalties.

Members are obviously dismayed, not to mention shocked, by this decision, but appreciate that we need to abide by competition rules.

Our League Liaison committee have been leading on this, and will do everything it can to get the game on as we seek to round off what has been an amazing season up to now.

At the time this programme went to press, the game is off. Further information will be passed onto members when it becomes available. Keep an eye on the newsletter and social media during the week.

FINAL LEAGUE FIXTURE CHANGE

Our final game of the season away at our friends FC Roast on Saturday, May 11 has had to be switched.

It was due to take place on their pitch at the Market Road pitches in Islington but will now take place at our own ground, the Stray Dog.

The two teams met in October in the league, with the result a 4-4 draw. If we're still in the hunt for promotion it will make for a massive season finale.

WALTHAM FOREST STAND UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS

At last week's game, we hosted Carole and Nigel from campaign group Waltham Forest SUFYR. They held a bucket collection for their work defending benefits claimants.

Carole has since contacted us to say: "I really enjoyed it, as did Nigel too and the collection made a whopping £130 for the group!

"Please thank everyone who contributed, because it will help us to continue our work, which may include CCFC members and supporters needing assistance.

"Again a great day & excellent result. 'Come on you Tons! Thanks for your support. Solidarity, Carole."

The club's Matchday Committee has since agreed to match that £130 from donations given at the entrance.

And our caterers for the game, Walthamstow Dogs, donated £40 of their takings.

That makes it a round £300 for the day.

WELCOME TO ALL BIKE RIDERS

A special welcome to all those who arrived at today's game by bike on Clapton CFC's first ever family ride.

We partnered with Newham Cyclists to ride the five miles from our spiritual home, the Old Spotted Dog in Forest Gate. to the Stray Dog.

A feeder ride was due to join the main ride there after setting off from Hackney Downs, where Clapton first played after being set up as Downs FC in 1877.

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.

Over one year on, and still no-one has been charged with the murder of the West Ham season ticket holder.

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.

Thanks to mayor of Newham, Rokhsana Fiaz, who was due to wave off the riders, and Newham Cyclists, for their support.

ESPORTS LAUNCH

The world of video-games can be incredibly toxic at times. Racism, sexism and homophobia are rife while playing online games and in a large number of online communities around gaming.

An online campaign in 2014 – spearheaded by white men – pushed games publishers to reject calls for greater representation for women and people of colour in their games.

The campaign, which came to be known as Gamergate, began with the harassment of game developer Zoe Quinn. It quickly expanded to become a campaign against diversity in video games.

Gamergate was a prime example of how the dominant social and political culture of video games actively excludes women, non-binary individuals and people of colour from enjoying and taking part in the communities surrounding them.

We at Clapton Community Football Club want to change that. Just as we strive to do at The Stray Dog, we want to create a safe space for people of all ages, genders, ethnicities and sexualities to enjoy video games, away from the toxicity of online message boards and abusive in-game chat.

As a result, CCFC put on its first-ever gaming social on April 11 at ExFed in Seven Sisters. About 30 Clapton members, players and coaches came along to hang out and play some games in a space filled with friendly faces.

Entry was free, and so were the games! Members, fans and friends of Clapton enjoyed an array of entertainment including a Tetris tournament, old school Pro Evolution Soccer, FIFA 19, virtual-reality games and arcade machines.

The space was shared with the East London fighting games community, who hold their own socials at the venue

We were joined by Game Workers Unite – a UK-based union created in December 2018 that's dedicated to helping workers in the video-gaming industry – and London Antifascists.

The socials are being organised with the hope of developing a Clapton esports team that would begin by competing in Fifa tournaments.

If you're interesting in helping out with the running of socials, or in representing Clapton in the digital space, drop us a line!

SAVE THE DATE

On Saturday, May 18th, Clapton CFC will take on a Clapton Legends XI at the Stray Dog to draw a memorable season to close. Kick off is 1pm.

Afterwards, we'll have our awards ceremony on the pitch followed by our end-of-season party, venue and details to be confirmed. Everyone is welcome.

More information to follow via the usual channels, but for now, make a note of the date.

MARATHON MAN

Good luck to Clapton CFC defender Liam Smyth, who isn't due to play today as he is running the London Marathon tomorrow on behalf of the club and for Lola's Homeless.

Lola's do tremendous work to help people that the state have ignored and forgotten about. Liam was hoping to raise £1000 and he's smashed that. However, you can still donate here: <https://chuffed.org/project/running-for-the-homeless-and-clapton-community-fc>

If you can afford £30 or more, select the 'perks' option and Liam will personally buy a beer for you at a Clapton CFC home game.

Thanks to the caterers at the NW London home game, Walthamstow Dogs, who donated £40 of their takings to the fundraiser.



With every game, Clapton pull out a more improbable, more outrageous win. They keep one-upping themselves in the drama stakes.

The margins were fine. But in the end, there was just a touch more good than bad. That allowed Geoff Ocran's side to claim the three points they needed to keep their title challenge alive.

The pattern of the first half was basically:

- Curve ball over the top ruled offside
- Curve ball over the top ruled onside (usually resulting in Curve goal)
- Repeat

The away side's attackers were making themselves at home in the space behind Clapton's high back line.

After 10 minutes, Dean Bouho crunched the ball and attacker Ashraf Tougheni at almost the same time. The referee



decided the man had been crunched first and gave a penalty. Mohammad Belamouadden disguised his run up well and rolled into the bottom right corner. Dan Anfossy rolled the other way.

A couple of minutes later, Josh Adejokun ran through on goal. He bumped defenders away from the ball and fired into the corner for 1-1.

Clapton then pulled off a quickfire turnaround. Eliot Crosbie nailed a bobbling ball into the bottom corner on the half volley. On the balance of play, it was an undeserved Clapton lead.

The visitors did another terrifying break on goal. Anfossy saved with his legs, saved a rebound and then some

defenders did some saving tackles to preserve the lead.

On 21 minutes, that lead went. Tougheni was played through again. When he received the ball, he was already miles away from the nearest Clapton defender. The gut reaction is to say 'offside.' But he probably just ran really fast from his side of the pitch.

With the whole of Clapton's half to play with, Tougheni advanced to easily slot past Anfossy.

And the Curve went in front shortly afterwards. A free kick from the right was simply side-footed in.

Approaching half time, The Curve got a deserved fourth. Belamouadden had the ball in the box, but with a lot of bodies in the way. From an angle, he did a deft outside-of-the-right-boot dink that kissed the inside of the far post. Classy.

With Clapton clinging on for the break, Curve had another decent penalty claim waved away.

And that was it. Title dreams undone by these fast, tricky West Londoners. This was one unlikely comeback too far. Game over. Right?

But the Tons changed their shape and immediately looked both more solid and more threatening at the start of the second period. Crosbie tested the keeper with a low shot and Sherwin Stanley fired into the side-netting. Andrew Lastic and Louis Rene came on to give the opposition different problems to deal with.

On 65 minutes, Adejokun was barged over in the box. The ref said no penalty. The player who barged him over went down injured for some reason. Adejokun held his head in hands for a solid minute,

showing his level of disbelief in the whole situation.

Three minutes later, CCFC got one back. It was a slick takedown and turn and shot into the bottom corner by Stanley. 4-3.

Shortly afterwards The Curve had a player mysteriously red carded. It seemed to be for bad language towards the ref - who brandished the red card with Mike Dean-like levels of relish.

Some confused Clapton fans asked the departing player why we had been sent off. "Because I'm gorgeous" he explained, pointing at his face.

As he had already been replaced, there was no advantage for the Tons. A quick headcount confirmed that there were still 11 Curve players out there. What is the point in that?

Then, an unbelievable equaliser. Adejokun rocketed onto a ball over the top and smacked it low into the far corner. We've seen this goal countless times this season. There is nothing the opposition can do to stop it.

But, Clapton weren't about to make things easy for themselves. Bouho tussled with a striker in the box. Shirts may have been tugged. The referee pointed to the spot again.

Long-surnamed forward Belamouadden again sent Anfossy the wrong way with a calm stroke. 5-4. The Curve back in the lead.

But again the Tons fought back. Stanley unleashed one of his viciously swirling long throws into the six yard box. In a big melee, Rene tried to force it home. The keeper appeared to block it on the line. The ref pointed to the halfway line. Goal? Free kick to the Curve? How can you tell? It's the same gesture.

But after some angry argy-bargy and a word with the lino, the equaliser was given.

Straight from the restart, The Curve's Bilal Aalouache whizzed down the right and pulled a shot just wide of Anfossy's post.

The Curve almost scored from a beautiful move. It started with an overhead bicycle kick clearance from defence. There was a nice backheel in the middle of the park. An attacker was bearing down on goal but Bouho came back to monster him off the ball in a crucial intervention.



By this point, it was mostly just chances. Crosbie stole though and managed to round the keeper, but went too wide to score himself. He cut back. Curve defenders snuffed it out.

Into the closing stages, a deadly free kick delivery from Stefan Nielsen was hooked back by Crosbie at the far post. It hit the inside of the post and dribbled straight along the goal line into the arms of a relieved keeper.

Around the 90 minute mark, a dodgy Clapton pass released a Curve attacker down the wing. He drilled it across the middle. Two strikers were lining up to tuck it away. Anfossy made himself big to block the shot. Cometh the hour, cometh the Dan.



And the keeper still had one crucial contribution to make.

Deep in injury time, Bilal Bihi danced through the Clapton defence. He tried to place it in the bottom right corner, but Anfossy slapped his glove down on top of the ball. Stopped it dead. Stood up and launched one upfield.

A headed flick on from Stanley and suddenly Crosbie found himself through on the keeper. He tried to slot in, but the Curve keeper blocked with his feet. The ball spun up in the air, but the Clapton man expertly brought it down to smash into the net.

In the stand, beer and bodies flew.

Crosbie lay himself face down on the turf. His teammates collapsed on top of him in a relieved human puddle.

Clapton managed to shut down the remaining couple of nerry minutes to clinch the victory.

In spite of the result, some of the players we asked about the game in the mix zone (the bit next to the merch stall) seemed traumatised:

"Horrible" - Stefan Nielsen

Just imagine how the other guys must have felt.

CCFC: Anfossy, Coleman, Rabia, Bouho, Kilron, Crosbie, Ocran, Nielsen, Adejokun, Stanley, Akaly. Subs: Rene, Lastic, Darr, Carding, Blakesley

FAREWELL TO GEOFFREY SERVANTE OUR LAST MAN STANDING

Geoffrey Servante, believed to be the last surviving British member of the legendary International Brigades, has died aged 99.

Around 2,500 British volunteers signed up to the International Brigades, fighting against a coup by fascist army general Franco in the Spanish Civil War.

534 of those were killed in Spain. Almost 80 years on, our last survivor Geoffrey died on 21 April.

There are now just two known International Brigaders worldwide still alive, including Virgilio Fernández del Real, aged 100 and living in Mexico.

We were delighted to send Virgilio one of our away shirts, in the colours of the Spanish Republic. And Virgilio has contacted Clapton CFC to express his condolences to Geoffrey's death.

He wrote: "I am sorry about the death of Geoffrey one of the three survivors of the international Brigades, I am one of the two now."

Here International Brigades Memorial Trust chair Jim Jump tells Geoffrey's remarkable story...

Born on 18 May 1919, Geoffrey Servante was hardly typical of the volunteers from the British Isles who joined the International Brigades.

Most were labour movement activists and communists. Geoffrey, brought up in London and educated by Jesuits, had never been in a political party.

Indeed, he claimed in later life that he only travelled to Spain for a £100 bet – which he never recovered – after someone in a Soho pub said it was no longer possible to join the International Brigades.

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LEFT
Geoffrey
in his
nursing
home.

Geoffrey recalled in an interview later in life that one such speculative shell that he fired missed its target by miles – but accidentally scored a direct hit on a fascist officer's car, blowing him, the car and his aide-de-camp to pieces.



Because he was not yet 21 he was refused admission into the British Battalion and was instead assigned to an Anglo-American artillery unit known as the John Brown Battery.

However, in Spain Servante joined the Communist Party, and he remained throughout his life extremely proud to have fought for Spanish democracy.

He was also delighted in 2009 to accept Spain's offer of citizenship to all surviving members of the International Brigades, travelling to the embassy in London to sign the papers.

Geoffrey joined the fight against General Franco's fascist-backed rebellion in Spain in June 1937, eleven months after the outbreak of the war.

As an 18-year-old merchant seaman, he jumped ship in Valencia and caught a train to the International Brigades' main base in Albacete.

Initially deployed in Extremadura in south-west Spain, the battery was transferred to the Toledo front south of Madrid in December 1937.

There Geoffrey remained until the final months of the Spanish Civil War, which ended with Franco declaring victory in April 1939.

During the war in Spain, with ammunition extremely scarce, the John Brown Battery saw little action and rarely did much more than take pot shots at enemy lines.

Geoffrey recalled in an interview later in life that one such speculative shell that he fired missed its target by miles – but accidentally scored a direct hit on a fascist officer's car,

LEFT
Geoffrey in
the 1930s.

blowing him, the car and his aide-de-camp to pieces.

Early 1939 the battery's members were withdrawn to Valencia, then on to Barcelona.

From there, a train took them half-way to the frontier and they joined the columns of fleeing refugees to walk the remaining 50 miles to the French border, harassed all the way by Franco's aircraft.

Eventually Geoffrey and the other Britons were repatriated via Paris and Dieppe.

Within a year, he was called up into the British Army, serving for three years in Egypt with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

After the Second World War he worked in engineering, finally joining Vauxhall in 1957 and staying with the car-maker until early retirement 20 years later.

The IBMT was only able to make contact with Geoffrey in the final years of his life, when he was living close to his family in a nursing home in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire.

This was thanks to a locally-based journalist, Carmelo García, who found out about his existence and realised that this was in all likelihood the last known British survivor of the International Brigades.

They shall not pass! ¡No pasarán!



ABOVE
Virgilio Fernández
wearing his CCFC
away shirt in
Mexico last year.

FANS & MEMBERS' STORIES...

WHAT CCFC MEAN

Martin Silver



I first visited the Old Spotted Dog on a Saturday when I was wandering along Upton Lane with a group of mates in around 1944 and we came across the football ground by chance and we decided to go in and watch.

There was indeed a game going on with around 500 to 1000 spectators all taking the game very seriously but not making any noise.

Clapton lost.

After that I went whenever I was able to but on each occasion the result was the same...

Clapton lost.

I couldn't fathom why the results were so bad, although I was told that the other teams were mostly putting a 10 shilling note inside

the players boots and getting the best player whilst Clapton kept to the best amateur principles.

When I went to College I had to work weekends and was conscripted into the Army and finally ended up working 7 days a week for many years but always kept an eye on the results and tables of the Isthmian League.

Usually we ended up neat or at the bottom although if I can recall we won the London Senior Cup.

When I retired in 2000 I decided to attend regularly.

The first game I missed the first half as the floodlights were not working and the attendance was around 10 or 12. Clapton lost.

I was told at my first game back by the under 18 coach that the team would never get anywhere whilst a guy called Vince was in charge.

Soon after he disappeared.

There was a young lady called Jenny who looked after the clubhouse but she left after a few seasons. When I phoned her up

she's said that she had had enough.

At one time the alcohol licence was lost.

There were lots of managers and a chairman called Colin who ploughed lots of money into the club.

Then one day there was a crowd of about 20 who appeared at the scaffold having read I was told an article in Metro about the history of being the team playing senior football on the same ground for the longest period of time.

The rest is history.

S TO ME

Adam Druett



There comes a point in life when you realise you need to take a stand against something you previously supported your whole life. I very nearly walked away from football completely. Having held a season ticket at a professional club for over 10 years of my childhood, football was a big part of growing up as a British kid.

In my early 20s however I was becoming increasingly ethically minded and concerned about where my money was going. This coincided with being a bit more selective about the kind of people I wanted to associate with politically as I'm sure many of you Tons fans can relate.

As you chat with your neighbour on the terraces, conversation has a tendency to stretch beyond football talk. Football in Europe is so entrenched in culture that political views inevitably creep in.

At times I heard things I really didn't want to hear from anyone's mouth. Sometimes the expectation that the hundreds of people around them have the same views breeds a confidence to shout such extremities. Although football was such a big part of my life.

I was determined that I would not let the opinions of certain fans shape who I was as a person. I started going to fewer games, whilst mentally having an increasingly bleak experience of the kind of people that enjoyed the sport. Still, it was hard to turn my back on the game I had loved so much in my childhood..

I struck up a bit of a friendship with a group of guys I met at a game. We started meeting in the pub before games and having a few drinks. One Day, pre-match, one of the group made a throw away comment about female sports people which was sexist, homophobic and disgusting all rolled into one.

For me it was the final straw, I didn't want to associate with people who hold such views. Some might say it was cowardly not to say something, but not being a particularly confrontational person, the best protest for me is to walk away.

I started to follow non-league football for a while, but something was missing. It just didn't match that camaraderie that I'd felt as a kid. The idea of Anti-Fascist clubs had just entered my consciousness, upon reading further,

A little club in a small district of Hamburg stood out to me for obvious reasons. I thought to myself, wow, 30,000 people, every match, coming together with a collective voice, super powerful!

Then I found Clapton through word of mouth! I managed to catch the last 3 games at the OSD at the end of a very successful 16-17 season, needless to say football was back in my heart. Within 30 minutes of arriving at the match I was singing in the scaffold, and made to feel really welcome. By the end of the game my voice was well and truly lost!

The Clapton trials and tribulations since have been enthralling. The boycott against the McBean regime and the formation of Clapton CFC shows that the fans hold the real power.

I've since moved to Taiwan for both work and love, (quite a long way for a home game, sadly) but I hold you all in my heart and hope to see you in the not too distant future!

Davey Nellist



I'm originally from Newcastle Upon Tyne but have lived in East London for 25 years. I was looking for a team to support and Clapton is where I live but I wouldn't break the picket line at Clapton FC, or give money to the owner.

I was delighted when I read about CCFC and signed up for my membership straight away. The away shirt was ordered soon after, I'm afraid that being a huge Newcastle Utd fan I wasn't enamoured with the idea of wearing the red & white stripes of the home strip, especially if I was working on Tyneside.

I love the whole ethos of the football club, the ability to get involved and the special relationship between the players & fans. I've been to several games at the Stray Dog and to half a dozen away matches.

I'm currently unlikely to share the joy of attending either of the two cup finals, as I'm an actor and we're touring with *Much Ado About Nothing* until June.

My CCFC scarf hangs over my dressing room mirror. I have been taking it everywhere, taking a photo in each city we visit.

I'm very honoured to be part of something as special as CCFC and the team and management have done us proud, especially in our first season. Proud to be Ton.

Marijam Didžgalvytė



It was Emma Goldman that once said 'If there's no dancing it's not my revolution!'. The left may use this quote a lot, but it is rarely apparent in its activism. Until I was introduced to CCFC by friends, I scarcely knew any examples where political organising felt so joyous and as a result, sustainable and only growing in its potential.

I didn't know the ins and outs of the Premier League when I started my weekly chanting for the Tons. Did I know such terms like *Out Swinger*, or *Goal Mouth*? Nope. I still don't, actually but it does it matter? CCFC may be the one football club where I haven't felt like it does. Newcomers are welcome whatever their knowledge of the game, as long as they're happy to support the community and team in whichever way they can.

Once you've got the CCFC bug, it's there to stay. What better way to end a week of work, activism and our endless anxieties than surrounding ourselves with like minded comrades, ready to back

our team, win or lose, whilst also actively expressing our antifascist, pro-migrant, LGBTQ+ friendly stances. Our politics don't have to be preachy, they have to be fun.

I am also feeling incredibly excited and privileged that Callum McCarthy and I will be able to expand the CCFC mission soon by introducing a video games committee that will be able to find new audiences, provide more socials for the team, members and staff and hopefully be able to establish the world's first antifascist esports team.

Many traditional football teams already have esports wings to them so we'll follow suit, but in a manner that is coherent with CCFC values.

In my work as a games journalist I have often covered the attempts by the alt-right to infiltrate gaming communities so it is really important for us to offer an alternative to that.

Sometimes city life can be a bit much, but my wonderful CCFC Saturdays have allowed me to see London in a new light.

The opportunity to marry my love for video games, activism and communal celebration all via CCFC has been quite an antidote to my political depression. CCFC chants are stuck in my head all week long and I wouldn't change a thing.

Well, maybe except for the inevitable Sunday hangovers and the fact that the season has to come to a close (sorry team!).

Nick Cooper



Some of you may recognise Nick (pictured above) and his story. We tweeted about the campaign to save him from deportation back in November last year. Here it is in his own words.

Becoming a member of Clapton CFC has been an amazing experience for me. I was recently deported from Canada for things I did and believed in my past. I had to leave my daughters behind as they still have to finish school.

A large part of my younger life was spent in hate groups but I've been out of them for 16 years now. I received so much love and support from CCFC fans after an online campaign was started to recognise how I've changed and help keep me and my family together.

People who at one time would have seemed like natural enemies have shown me and my family nothing but kindness, understanding and love.

Coming to my first game I was made to feel at home instantly, I loved the family friendly atmosphere, there's a real sense of community and love.

Everyone is welcome even someone with my past. The fans have seen me for who I am now and not who I was, something for which I'll forever be grateful.

The foodbank collections at each game are something very close to my heart too, I did lots of work with the homeless in Chilliwack, Canada and it's amazing to see the donation boxes fill up at each game.

The atmosphere at CCFC games reminds me of the game I fell in love with as a young kid before all of the money came in and changed the sport.

I'll always be a member of Clapton Community now, I wear my shirt and scarf with pride and will forever be a Ton. Love to everyone at the club
Nick and family

Dave Clinch



I first heard about Clapton CFC via the club's now famous away shirt. Commemorating the end of the Spanish Civil War with the 'No Pasarán' International Brigades shirt was a brilliant idea. It also made me curious about the way that Clapton Community Football Club was organised.

For me it's about more than football. When we emigrated from Dublin in 1957 I was six years old. We moved to Tottenham in 1959 or 60. Tottenham is my other team, since then. They could learn much from Clapton CFC.

I taught Physical Education in two Lewisham secondary schools

for twenty years. I never saw a separation between sport and daily life.

This led me to find out more about Clapton Community FC and inspired me to join and get my own International Brigades Away Shirt.

The club is about genuine community, actively anti-racist and also for LGBTQ+ and other important areas of life such as supporting the local food bank and also the Stansted Fifteen. I've since bought the First Team shirt!

I'm working on making it to one of the home games in April. I've fallen on my feet with Clapton CFC on so many levels!

I think the club is such an inspiration, your ethos is very much what I believed in as an educator. "What do they know of football, who only football know" to loosely paraphrase CLR James.

Want to tell us your Clapton CFC story? We'd love to hear more from our members around the globe and get to know you all better.

We'll be featuring members' stories on this page, the newsletter and programme. If you'd like to be included, send your story and photos to comms@claptoncfc.co.uk.

HISTORY

THE ROMFORD ROAD DERBY

Ilford v Clapton Isthmian League 30/04/1958

by Gary Price



There is little doubt that Ilford are Clapton's oldest opponents, a rivalry that dates back to the 1880's, playing each other in 128 senior league and cup games. Clapton formed in 1877, Ilford 1881, have faced each other in three different leagues, becoming founder members of two of those leagues, and shared each others grounds due to War Ministry requirements during the two world wars.

Many clubs had been established in the Essex/East London area as football flourished in the late 1880's. In the absence of organised leagues, clubs filled their fixture lists with friendlies and cup ties. The earliest recorded meeting of Clapton and Ilford took place at The Dog in late 1887, though it could be argued that they may have met previously.

On Boxing Day 1882, Romford played Clapton in the morning at 11.30 then Ilford in the afternoon at 2.30 at their Gt. Mawney's Ground. Romford won both games 3-0 and 3-2 respectively using only 13 players. Reports do not allude to the comparative strength of their opponents. Considering the proximity of Clapton to Ilford, it is highly likely that a match had occurred before 1887.

It became increasingly apparent that clubs sought more regular football than sporadic friendlies and cup ties. The Football League formed in 1888, led to the drive for more organised and regular football.

In 1894 Clapton and Ilford became founder members of The Southern League, established as a rival to the north and midland dominated Football League. Both resigned after 2 seasons, finding it hard to compete with the professional teams, Ilford losing all 18 games in its 2nd season. Ilford were replaced by Tottenham Hotspur and joined The London League, while Clapton contented itself with friendlies and cup games until 1905.

League rivalry was renewed in 1905 when both became founder members of the amateur Isthmian League. A year previously Ilford had taken the lease on their Lynn Road ground, Clapton given the honour of being Ilford's first opponents. A crowd of 2000 saw the hosts win 2-1 in a competitive friendly.

Clapton though were to enjoy future success at the venue notably in the Amateur Cup, as Ton contested four semi finals and one final at neutral Ilford;

- 1908/09 Final Clapton 6-0 Eston United
- 1908/09 Semi Final Clapton 3-0 Atherstone
- 1914/15 Semi Final Clapton 0-0 London Caledonians
Clapton won replay at Dulwich 1-0
- 1924/25 Semi Final Clapton 2-1 Northern Nomads
- 1928/29 Semi Final Leyton 2-1 Clapton

The "Golden Age" for both clubs came in the first 3rd of the 20th century as 12 major titles were accrued by the two. Ilford took The Isthmian League in 1907, 1921 and 1922 , Clapton in 1911 and 1923. The Amateur Cup was won by Ilford in 1929 and 1930, while Ton took it back to The Dog in 1907, 1909,1915,1924 and 1925. After 1930 success proved elusive, though Ilford did contest two losing Wembley Amateur Cup Finals in 1958 and 1974.

The game at Ilford in late April 1958 was Clapton's final fixture of the season while Ilford had four to play. Victory would almost certainly ensure Ton finishing above their Essex rivals for the first time since 1926.

A month earlier Clapton played Ilford at the Boleyn in the 1st ever floodlit Isthmian League fixture. Clapton disappointed, losing 1-2, a crowd of 2135 paying to see the innovation. Gate money amounting to £150 went some way to softening the blow. Between the two fixtures Ilford played in front of 71,000 at Wembley, losing to Woking in the Amateur Cup Final.

The Ilford team that faced Clapton contained three England amateur internationals, Eric Cross, Alan Whittall and Ilford's most capped player of all time Herbert Dodkins, so it was surprising to see the hosts struggling. Clapton finished the season with a 2-0 win, Ilford picked up one more point to avoid the wooden spoon on goal average.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	POS.
Clapton	30	8	9	13	42	65	25	12/16
Ilford	30	8	4	19	46	70	20	15/16
Romford	30	6	8	16	45	71	20	16/16

The clubs met regularly until 1978/79 after which Ilford merged with Leytonstone being their tenants for the previous two years. Ilford had vacated Lynn Road in 1977, pending a relocation to a purpose built stadium in Fairlop.

Sadly the move to Fairlop never materialised, amid rumours of murky dealings. A series of mergers led to the formation of Dagenham and Redbridge and it appeared the name of Ilford was lost to football.

Thankfully the club's original fans and officials had other ideas and embarked upon a campaign to establish an Ilford team within the town. In 1987 the club was reformed, a home found at Cricklefield and acceptance to the Spartan League followed. Ilford rose to the Isthmian League, briefly renewing acquaintance with Clapton in 2004/5 as Clapton were sliding toward the Essex Senior League.

In 2013 Ilford were relegated to the Essex Senior League , renewing rivalry with Clapton, thus competing in the third different league with their friends from Forest Gate. It would be nice to think that Ilford will be playing the REAL Clapton in the near future.

Clapton v Ilford Record:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Southern League	4	2	0	2	11	9
Isthmian League	106	23	28	55	140	215
Essex Senior League	10	6	4	0	22	9
FA Cup	4	2	0	2	7	3
Amateur Cup	4	2	0	2	6	9



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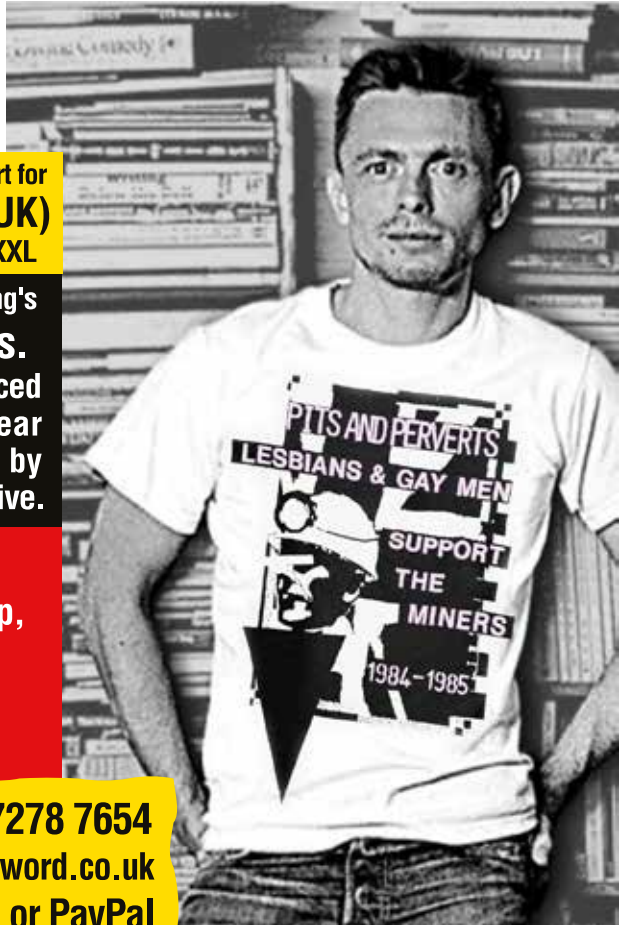
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Goalkeepers

Daniel Anfossy
Gravy Ultras aka CCFC
Northern Supporters.

Vladyslav Bendovskyy
Keep 'em out
keeper.
Martin

Tolga Ulasan Available

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
Alex Akanbi Available
Alby Miller Available
Imran Rehman 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

Nabeel Hashim
Keep on
keepin' on!
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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
(Superstar)
Nicolas (Cologne)

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

OPPONENTS

LONDON SAMURAI ROVERS





For the fourth time this season, Clapton come up against Japanese-heritage side London Samurai.

In the previous games, it's fair to say that luck has been on the side of Geoff Ocran's men.

First, the Tons squeezed a 1-0 win in a pre-season friendly on the 3G pitch next to the Stray Dog. This was largely due to a dominant Samurai squandering a number of good chances.

In the league game in Southall in November, Clapton were battered 5-1. But they picked up three points due to a penalty imposed on Samurai by the league for playing ineligible players.

In the Jim Rogers quarter final at the Stray Dog, a Yacine Rabia penalty sealed a nervy shootout win. It was good practice for his decisive spot kick in the final.

Clearly the outstanding team in the division, Samurai would have been home and hosed weeks ago were it not for the 12-point penalty. Their title chase has been hampered by a couple of draws in recent weeks. FC Star held them to 1-1 and they shared six goals with Ealing Town. Both games were at their Spikes Bridge Park home.

They currently sit just one point behind Clapton, with both teams having just two games to play. A draw would hand Stonewall the chance to clinch the title by winning away at Eastfield, also this Saturday.

Samurai manager Hideyuki Miyahara gave us his thoughts on the crucial clash:

"This season so far, London Samurai have played 18, won 15, drew two and only lost one in the league. We have already won the league according to these results, but we have been deducted 12 points, so now we are at third on the table.

"I really want to win both of our last two matches so we still win the league. We have lost a few players who went back to Japan recently, but also we have got a few new players. In the last two matches, we played not bad, but unfortunately could not get the results. We just need to stay strong as a team and need to focus just to get 6 points to win the league properly."

If Samurai do top the table, in spite of their large handicap, it will be impossible to say they didn't deserve it.

RESULTS/FIXTURES

All fixtures subject to change, please check our website for the most up to date list.

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, Owiredun, 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	D 4-4	Anfossy, Kilron, BOUHO , Lastic, Pile, Crosbie, Agdelen, Nielsen, Hashim
6/04/19	A	Hereford Palace	MCFL	W 1-4	Ulasan, Miller, Bouho, Carding, Agdelen, Panescu, Nielsen, Darr, Nielsen
13/04/19	Uxbridge FC	New Hanford/Hilltop	JRC Final	2-2 (5-3p)	Anfossy, Coleman, Bouho, Rabia, Kilron, Agdelen, CROSBIE , Ocran, Nielsen
20/04/19	H	The Curve	MCFL	W 6-5	Anfossy, Coleman, Rabia, Bouho, Kilron, CROSBIE(2) , Ocran, Nielsen
27/04/19	H	L. Samurai Rovers	MCFL		
11/05/19	A (at CCFC)	FC Roast	MCFL		

SQUAD STATS

	MCFL (18)	CUPS (10)	TOTAL (27)
	Apps/Gls	Apps/Gls	Apps/Gls
Adejokun	10(4)/8	5/3	14(4)/9
Agdelen	6(4)	(4)	6(8)
Alakly	1(1)	(1)	1(1)
Akanbi	1	1	2
Anfossy	14	7	20
Bendovskyy	3	3	6
Benjamin	(1)		(1)
Blakesley	1(7)	1(1)	2(7)
Bouho	17/2	8(1)/1	24(1)/3
Carding	1(1)	(2)	1(3)
Cartier	2(2)	1	3(2)
Coleman	5(3)/1	3(2)/1	7(5)/2
Crosbie	16/13	9/5	24/16
Darr	2(4)	1	3(3)
Fagan	1(1)	(1)	1(2)
Hashim	7(3)	1(2)	8(5)
Headley	4(3)	2(2)	6(5)
Kadler	1(3)		1(3)
Kier	(1)	(1)	(1)
Kilron	9(1)	4(1)	12(2)
Kwakye	3(6)/1	(4)	3(10)/1
Lastic	9(2)	2(1)	11(3)
Miller	1(1)	1	2(1)
Nielsen	15(1)/4	8(1)/2	22(2)/6
Ocran	11(2)/1	8	18(2)/1
Odofin	3	3	6
Oshin	2(1)/2	6(1)/1	8(2)/3
Owiredun	4(3)/3	1(1)/1	5(4)/4
Panescu	1(5)	1(3)	2(8)
Pile	5	3(3)	8(3)
Rabia	5(3)	5	10(3)
Rehman	(1)		(1)
Rene	5(2)/3	3(2)	8(3)/2
Smyth	12/1	9/1	21/2
Stanley	10(3)/6	10/4	20(3)/10
Stevens	8(2)/4	4/1	12(2)/5
Ulasan	1		1

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

kun, Nielsen, Fagan, Crosbie
nielsen, **CROSBIE, STANLEY(2)**
NIELSEN(2), Stanley, **CROSBIE**
Hashim, **STANLEY(3)**, Crosbie, Rene
KUN(2), Ocran, Stanley, Rene, Hashim
Hashim, Adejokun, **STANLEY(2)**, **CROSBIE(5)**
Rene, **STANLEY(2)**, Crosbie
n, Cartier, **STANLEY, CROSBIE(2)**, Panescu
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STANLEY, Crosbie, Stevens
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(3), **COLEMAN**, Crosbie, Nielsen
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kun, Nielsen, Crosbie, **STANLEY(2)**
sen, **ADEJOKUN**, Crosbie, **STANLEY(4)**
STEVENS, STANLEY(2)
KWAKYE, CROSBIE(2), Coleman
cran, Neilsen, Stevens, **STANLEY**, Adejokun
Nielsen, **ADEJOKUN(2)**, **STANLEY**, Akaly,


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
Coleman, Hashim, Kwakye, Ocran, Owiredu	222
Ocran, STANLEY , Stevens, Blakesley, Akaly	81
Darr, Owiredu, Kwakye, Agdelen, Blakesley	427
RENE , Lastic, Darr, Carding, Blakesley	471

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1. Stonewall	19	11	2	6	49	28	21	38
2. NW London	20	11	4	5	72	47	25	37
3. CLAPTON CFC	18	10	3	5	60	43	17	36
4. London Samurai	18	15	2	1	67	9	58	35
5. The Curve	20	11	1	8	68	40	28	34
6. FC Star London	18	9	2	7	50	42	8	29
7. Eastfield	19	7	3	9	43	50	-7	24
8. Wilberforce Wanderers	20	7	2	11	50	53	-3	23
9. FC Roast	16	3	4	9	36	50	-14	16
10. Ealing Town	20	5	5	10	36	43	-7	11
11. Hereford Palace	18	0	0	18	12	138	-126	3

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

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CHARLIE FAGAN

PLAYER

PROFILE

Full Name: Charlie Antonio Fagan **Place of Birth:** Homerton Hospital

Birthdate: 15/10/91 **Height:** 5'11" (180cm) **Weight:** 11st 6lb (73kg)

Place where you live: Hackney **Day job:** Project Manager, developing new schools

Previous clubs: Todo Ciudad FC, Owens Park Rangers, New North Rangers, Canonbury & Islington FC

Favourite player: Ian Wright, Zidane, the original Ronaldo

Favourite team, apart from

Clapton CFC: Arsenal **Most memorable match played in:** Drawing the London Cup Final 2-2 after extra time with our Year 11 school team and having to share the trophy. I glanced a header against the post which would have won it in the final moments. Still think about it to this day...

Favourite ground played at: Highbury **Biggest high in football:**

Cup final win at Brisbane Rd, Leyton Orient's ground.

Lowest point in football: Cup final loss on penalties in 2017.

Likes and hobbies: Cycling, good food, bad-mouthing the Tories in Irish pubs.

Dislikes: Tories **Favourite charity:** Mind **Favourite country visited:**

Colombia **Favourite food:** Seafood pasta **Favourite music/**

performers: Hip-Hop and Jazz mainly, but a bit of everything.

Favourite TV shows: The Wire, The Sopranos **Favourite film:** Spotlight

What you love about football: Being part of a group all pulling in the same direction. And third man runs.

What you hate about football: The money at the top of the game. Martin Keown's punditry.

Biggest influence on you: A selfless mum, enthusiastic dad and an opinionated brother.

Footballing ambition: Winning the league this year then helping

the club climb the divisions.

Who would you most like to meet?

Guardiola...in the scaffold after we've beaten Clapton FC in the cup.

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