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WELCOME

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JIM ROGERS PRESIDENT'S CUP WINNERS 2019

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

What a week! 4 games in 7 days. League game, international home and away friendlies and a cup final.

All credit to the members, volunteers and fans for making it all possible as it's been a week none of the playing staff and management will ever forget.

We would also like to thank Sant Miguel and CE Júpiter for reaching out to us and hopefully this is the start of long-term friendships between us.

The cup final versus Hilltop was probably one of the worst performances considering the standards we have set this year.

However, finals are not about performances, and we will gladly take the win. Credit to the players for showing the determination and passion to refusing to be beaten, the foundation of any winning team.

That extends our unbeaten run in competitive games to nine. The scenes at the end of the penalty

shootout should kill any lingering doubt that forming our own club was the right decision last summer.

We would also like to dedicate the final win to Thom Bleasdale's father who passed away last Monday while we were in Barcelona.

Thom designed our infamous away shirts this season and that was the reason we were wearing black armbands at the cup final.

With results going our way last Saturday, the league is back in our hands.

However, The Curve are one of the better teams in the league so expect a very highly contested game and we will have to be at our best as it's after the Lord Mayors show.

Our home form recently has been good so there's no reason that should change today!



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BIKE RIDE

There's still time to sign up for the first Clapton CFC family bike ride, which takes place next Saturday before our big game versus London Samurai.

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

Happily, we can now announce that the mayor of Newham, Rokhsana Fiaz, has agreed to wave off the riders.

Newham Cyclists will lead and marshall 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.

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.

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.

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

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.

YOUNG TONS TRAINING

For the past few weeks we have been running an open training session for anyone 16 or under. The sessions are being held every Wednesday, throughout April, from 6pm on the 3G at Wadham Lodge.

Training is being provided by CCFC's own first team coach, Yacine Rabia, alongside who has his UEFA B licence and works with the West Ham United Foundation among others. This is an inclusive session for anyone aged 16 and under and it only costs a £1.

"It was a pleasure watching the participants having fun, playing football and learning new skills. All of this was possible thanks to Clapton CFC members working hard behind the scenes to get this project started" said Yacine.

The eventual aim is to get a youth set-up in place, but for now we're just taking things slowly and having some fun'.

If you or anyone you know may be interested, get in touch and register at development@claptoncfc.co.uk, with the name and age of anyone who wants to join in and we'll be in touch.

MEMBERS POLL

The results of the last members' vote are in. 462 of us voted in favour of the move, with 456 in favour (98.7%) and 6 against. 806 of us did not vote.

More details will follow as soon as we can. For now, members from our Matchday, Grounds and League Liaison committees will be negotiating behind the scenes with all relevant parties. Watch this space.

TITLE RACE

The cup final win was not the only good result for Clapton last Saturday. Elsewhere in West London, Samurai drew 3-3 with Ealing Town and The Curve beat Stonewall 4-2.

These dropped points by the favourites leaves the door open for the Tons to make a late title charge. Indeed, it's in their own hands. With more games remaining than any of the other frontrunners, the East Londoners have the potential to rack up the highest points total.

But three difficult games stand in their way. Also counting against Ocran's men is their inferior goal

difference to those around them. Barring something out-of-the-ordinary, only one team will go up.

In any case, anything less than full points against a talented Curve side today could see these hopes of a remarkable league recovery extinguished.

FOOTBALL WELCOMES

Clapton CFC are proud to take part in Amnesty International's Football Welcomes weekend next week to celebrate the contribution of refugees to the beautiful game. The initiative aims to promote respect, understanding and integration in our communities. More details in the members' newsletter, on the website and on social media this week,

BUCKET SHAKE

Members of the Waltham Forest Stand Up For Your Rights will be at the game today to promote their group and do a bucket shake.

The Stand Up For Your Rights campaign is jointly organised by Waltham Forest Trades Council and London Unemployed Strategies - in conjunction with the East London UNITE Community Branch.

They help benefit claimants in the borough know their rights and get support when dealing with benefit problems and actively campaign against Universal Credit.

Here is more about them in their own words...

Waltham Forest Stand Up For Your Rights started almost 3 years ago and was set up to help benefit claimants in the borough know their rights and get support when dealing with benefit problems.






We are a mixture of volunteers (local trade unionists and community activists) and claimants and we hold a monthly drop in at Harmony Hall, Walthamstow on the third Thursday of every month at 1.00pm.

Claimants can come along for advice and support. We can help complete benefit forms, accompany people to the job centre and help with appeals against the Department of Work and Pensions.

We're a friendly group and we use our shared experiences to advise and support claimants having problems with Universal Credit and other benefits.

Our next meetings are: 16th May, 20th June and 18th July all at 1.00 p.m. so why not come along and meet us.

Harmony Hall is at 10 Truro Road, Walthamstow, E17 7BY. Contact: J.poynter2007@btinternet.com for more information or visit the Facebook group www.facebook.com/groups/WFSUFYR/

	 STONEWALL	 NW LONDON	 SAMURAI	 THE CURVE	 CLAPTON
April 20				CLAPTON (A)	The Curve (H)
April 27	Eastfield (A)		CLAPTON (A)		SAMURAI (H)
May 4			FC Star (A)		
May 11					FC Roast (A)
Current position	1	2	3	4	5
Current points	38	37	35	34	33
Goal difference	+21	+25	+58	+29	+16
Possible points	41	37	41	37	42



It was a big evening at the Wadham Lodge Ground, where Clapton and NW London duked it out under the floodlights. Both teams were desperate for three points to keep up the pressure on their title rivals. Ultimately, both teams were so desperate to win that neither could.

NW London showed their quality from the off, defying the bobbly surface to play some slick, attractive football. But Clapton's high press and direct counter-attacking was causing the Acton-based side problems.

In fact, Clapton took a quickfire lead.

The NW defence failed to deal with a Stefan Nielsen free kick into the area. It fell to Sherwin Stanley, who bashed in from close range.

Dan Anfossy made a couple of top stops at the other end to keep the Tons in front.

Nielsen attempted a chip that nestled perfectly in the stanchion, but the outside of it.

The Tons were firmly in control.

Nielsen then had an even better chance. But he

couldn't catch a volley from near the penalty spot cleanly and NW keeper Cole Colbert saved.

On 20 minutes, Eliot Crosbie tried to play Josh Adejokun through on goal.

It looked to have been overhit, but Colbert misjudged the bounce, allowing the Tons winger to nip in behind. Adejokun tried to stoke it home from a tight angle, but the ball trundled to a halt in the goalline mud.

Clapton have played a lot of games on 3G recently. If this had been 3G it would have slid in for 2-0.

But CCFC did soon manage to double their advantage. Stanley was played through, held off his defender and calmly slotted past Colbert.

As with in the previous weekend's wild 6-4 win over Eastfield, the Tons couldn't shut down the game after building a lead.

Straight from the restart, NW went up the pitch and scored a very similar goal to take it back to 2-1. Demi Ogun broke through and fired into the bottom right corner.



PHOTO Max Reeves

A couple of minutes later, Clapton's advantage evaporated. A NW free-kick on the edge of the area was hit central, but with lots of movement on it. Anfossy could only parry to Argentinian teenager Ezequiel Franchi, who finished easily.

Then, a spot of controversy.

Livewire Franchi jinked into the box from the left and fired towards the bottom corner. Anfossy saved. NW players thought the ball had crossed the line.

Just after that, the Gorillas has a goal chalked off for offside too.

But Clapton continued to threaten on the break.

Towards the end of the first half, central midfielder Cemal Agdelen quarterbacked a beautiful ball out to Adejokun. The winger's shot was saved, but Jake Stevens rushed in to volley Clapton back into the lead.

Again, it only lasted a minute. Franchi squeezed a shot under Anfossy from a narrow angle. 3-3.

Shortly afterwards the Clapton fans were up in arms. A long ball towards Jake Stevens clearly hit a NW defender on the hand. And not accidental, but ball to hand. The ref and his assistant were having none of it.

The first big chunk of the second half didn't throw up so many chances, just lots of fouls and stoppages.

Then, on 65 minutes, NW got their noses in front again. Dante Cobiainchi, who grabbed the winner in the reverse fixture, dashed onto a through ball from a free kick. Their top scorer this season rounded Anfossy and popped it in.

Looking a devastating defeat in the face, Clapton started to show more urgency to get forward.

Stanley nodded one Nielsen free kick towards the bottom corner. But he couldn't get much purchase on it and Colbert gathered.

Apart from one mad goal-line scramble, NW didn't get too close to extending their lead.

With the Tons pressure mounting, Stanley proved his value as a creator not just a finisher.

The striker fired a missile of a long throw into the heart of the NW box. It pinged around a few Clapton players. Adejokun had a shot saved before cult legend in-the-making Dean Bouho tucked away the rebound.

It was the defender's third – and most dramatic – goal for CCFC to date.

There were a couple of late chances for the home side to seal a remarkable comeback.

The NW keeper rushed out to cut off an advancing Adejokun. The ball broke to sub Lewis Owiredun who tried to curl it into the unguarded net. But it whizzed agonisingly wide of the post.

Had either of those found the back of the net, it would have blown the corrugated roof right off the stand.

But the referee blew for full time and the two teams had to settle for a (not particularly helpful) point.

CCFC: Anfossy, Kilon, Bouho, Lastic, Pile, Crosbie, Agdelen, Nielsen, Stevens, Stanley. Subs: Coleman, Hashim, Kwakye, Ocran, Owiredun



PHOTO Ed Cowburn

The Tons taking to the pitch for the first of three games in three days and it's safe to say this was a bit less glamorous than the trip to Barcelona.

The location was about as basic as they come, a windswept expanse around the back of Wormwood Scrubs Prison.

However, it was by a long measure the highest capacity ground in the league. So long as you weren't concerned about visibility, you could easily fit a good half a million people in the fields around the pitch.

Not quite all that space was needed for the 80 or so fans in attendance (not including dog walkers).

After an 11-1 rout of Hereford Palace at the Stray Dog in November, the Tons decided to rest a number of their players for this return fixture, perhaps with an eye to a big week of games ahead.

Goalkeeping coach Tolga Ulasan was taking a shift between the sticks for this game. He was joined by some other faces that have not been seen in a Tons shirt for a while including Tom Carding and Alby Miller.

Meanwhile Eliot Crosbie was pushed up front to lead the line, and he was hoping to add to the five goals he bagged against Palace in our last meeting.

The opening ten were a surprisingly close affair, with Palace showing that they were not going to be rolled over as easily as last time.

Early chances came for Crosbie and Ellick Coleman who were both on the end of good deliveries from Stefan Nielsen. In both cases they didn't have time to get a good shot away.

The first real chance came for Clapton on nine minutes, when Nielsen got the ball in the midfield and left his Palace marker for dust. He was able to deliver the ball into Crosbie who hit the ball cleanly, only for it to go just to the left of goal.

From the goal-kick Palace's Tasila Mingwall was able to find some space around five metres outside the Clapton box and went for a long range effort. His shot went curling comfortable over the bar.

Clapton continued to apply pressure, but were struggling to finish their chances. Bogdan Panescu was robbed of a goal by a superhuman effort from



the Palace keeper. The chance came because of a run from Crosbie, beating three palace defenders on the far left wing. His waist height cross to Panescu was volleyed perfectly, only to be stopped by a superb post to post dash from Palace keeper Steven Kennedy.

The deadlock was finally broken just shy of the 30 minute mark. A Nielsen free kick from the middle of the Palace half resulted in a scramble in the penalty area. Through the melee, Prince Kwakye was able to get his foot to the ball. The strike wasn't clean, but it was enough to trickle over the line and give the Tons the lead.

Several opportunities to double the advantage came for Carding who sent two headed efforts towards goal, only to go just wide on one occasion and over the bar on another.

In the dying minutes of the half there was a call for a penalty after Palace's

Andre Cavaco was brought down in the Clapton box. However, the referee wasn't close enough to see the incident and it went unpunished.

Just before the half, Crosbie's efforts in front of goal were finally rewarded. During a period of close play in the Palace box, several Clapton players got shots away only for them to rebound off Kennedy and his defensive line.

Finally on the third or fourth effort, Eliot got hold of the ball and struck it into the bottom left to send Clapton into the break with a two goal cushion.

After the restart, Palace continued to dig in and play a tenacious game. They were nearly rewarded several times. Daishin Moise's shot going wide of the goal. Followed shortly afterward with a run through by Cavaco, however he was also unable to convert.

With ten minutes of the second half gone, Clapton made several changes in order to rest key players. Nielsen, and Panescu coming off for Geoff Ocran and Jon Akaly.

The half continued to be a close-fought affair. With 70 minutes gone, Palace were able to reduce the deficit to 2-1. Alsan Kahn capitalised on a fumbled ball by Ulasan to knock in only the club's ninth goal of the season and open the way to what would be the most unlikely of upsets.

Hereford hopes were quickly dashed as Clapton immediately pushed forward from the restart. Akaly was able to feed the ball into Crosbie, who headed it straight into the centre of the goal to restore the cushion.

Palace weren't ready to give up quite yet, Mingwall got his foot onto a delivery into the Clapton area however struck it wide.

With ten minutes to go in the game, Clapton finally finished it off as a contest. A curling cross from Cemal Agdelen found sub Sherwin Stanley. With plenty of space deep inside the box there was only going to be one outcome for our top goalscorer. He duly finished it off, hitting the ball to the keeper's right to make it 1-4.

Palace tried to catch Clapton napping with a strike off the halfway line straight from kick off but their audacious effort came to nothing.

A final opportunity for Clapton came in the last minute. Carding headed a corner kick on target and was only denied his first Clapton goal by some quick reactions from keeper Kennedy.

CCFC: Ulasan, Miller, Bouho, Carding, Agdelen, Panescu, Nielsen, Darr, Kwakye, Crosbie, Coleman. Subs: Ocran, Stanley, Stevens, Blakesley, Akaly

This was the friendliest of friendlies.

From the (for once acceptable) half-and-half scarves, to the fans singing songs together, to the joyous post-match scenes.

But Sant Miquel, from the eighth tier of Spanish football, are also the kind of friends who beat the crap out of you for a laugh.

A late flurry of goals saw the visitors take a 6-2 win with them back to Catalonia, on their EasyJet carry-on luggage.

Sandwiched between two other games, Geoff Ocran took the chance to give a few different players a run-out.

Two debuts as topknotted Simone Di Giglia partnered Robert Teppett upfront. Meanwhile Geoff Ocran and Ben Kadler dropped back into defence while Tolga Ulasan continued in nets.

The Tons took the lead on 10 minutes. Di Giglia jinked into the box and curled a beautiful finish into the top corner.

On twenty minutes, the Catalans equalised. Pere Coll was given a bit of space outside the penalty area. With sublime technique, he fired an outside-of-the-booter over Ulasan.

The couple of dozen travelling fans erupted.

Shortly afterwards, Bogdan Panescu tried a very similar shot, copying him, but it went just over the bar.

38 minutes in, the visitors took the lead. A ball from the left was gracefully volleyed in by Coll again.

He almost had a first half hattrick when he went through on goal again. On this occasion Ulasan saved well. Lots

of Clapton defenders scrambled back into the line and the rebound went past the post.

Into the second half, Stefan Nielsen had a powerful angled drive on goal. Sant Miquel keeper Marti Casamitjana made a dramatic save for the cameras. But there were no cameras.

Then his side managed to stretch their lead. A cross was flicked in from close range by Miquel Yasarez.

But Clapton soon got themselves back into contention. More accurately, Sant Miquel helped Clapton back into contention.

Defender Miky Sánchez rushed back to deal with a situation in the box and absolutely smashed it past his own keeper. It was the hardest, cleanest hit strike we will see all season. A proper net-burster.

Then Teppett had a good chance to level things up. He was clean through on goal, but shot straight at the keeper. Too much thinking time.

Next up, Nielsen drilled a free kick forcing another Hollywood save from Casamitjana. He pushed away Teppett's rebound effort in a similarly OTT manner. Terrific stuff.

In the closing stages, Sant Miquel really took it up a gear. With nothing seeming on, Josep Mesas floated a glorious shot over Ulasan from 35 yards. The Tons keeper, rooted to the spot, just watched it fly over like a penguin looking at a fighter plane during the Falklands conflict. Unanimous applause from both sets of supporters.

With them passing it around for fun, Clapton were again carved open.





PHOTO Max Reeves

Ulasan made a good stop from a close range shot.

But it was soon 5-2 when a low drive across the box was turned in by the classy Mesas.

Undoubtedly the best player on the pitch, rumours circulated that he is a ringer who actually plays at a higher level.

Sant Miguel's final goal was bizarre. Another low ball into the box seemed to creep in at the near post. Or it went through a hole in the side-netting. No one could tell.

After a good minute of confusion and consultation between the referee and his assistant, the goal was given.

There was time for one more Clapton debut. Assistant manager, Stu Purcell pulled on the famous

purple, red and yellow and headed up front. The crowd roared every time the ball went near him, but he didn't get a real chance to display his ability.

The referee blew up for full time five minutes early to stop Clapton from conceding more and so the Sant Miguel players could get to the bar for beer, double Bells and three rounds of Jagerbombs before catching their bus to Luton Airport.

Please come back and visit any time!

CCFC: Ulasan, Miller, Ocran, Kadler, Agdelen, Blakesley, Nielsen, Hashim, Di Giglia, Teppet, Panescu. Subs: Rabia, Purcell, Carding, Pile, Stanley

IN HONOUR OF THE SPANISH REPUBLIC

Fans came from near and far to see Clapton's friendly with CE Júpiter - the first international away fixture a Tons side has played since 1928.

There were those who had followed from East London. There were familiar faces from the Clapton Ultras days who now live in the area.

As a pleasant surprise, a couple of Sant Miquel players had made the three-hour round trip. One of them was Miky Sánchez, the defender who had scored a spectacular own goal at the Stray Dog in our friendly the day before. He is a CCFC cult hero now.

But even more so, there were the new fans who had been brought on board by the buzz surrounding the International Brigades-inspired away shirt and the values the club wants to defend.

All in all, by our estimation around 700 to 800 people descended on the Sant Martí district in the Northeast of Barcelona for this centrepiece event of the Primavera Republicana festival. One of them was the deputy mayor of Barcelona.

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1909



Júpiter, tu mai caminaràs sol!

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CE Júpiter were fitting opponents. Formed in 1909 by two Scottish factory workers (in a cervceria, of course), they took their name from the winner of a balloon race. The club are strongly associated with their opposition to Franco during the civil war. They provided a meeting point for CNT-affiliated workers and even took advantage of away trips to smuggle dismantled pistols hidden inside footballs.

Their Verneda stadium, with its large grandstand and three sides of terracing was an impressive setting. Quite the contrast to the bare scrubland on which the Tons had taken on Hereford Palace two days earlier.

Some Clapton fans arrived at the stadium about an hour before kick off. They were given a whistlestop tour of Júpiter's amazing trophy room and archives. including match reports from clashes with Barcelona and Español over a hundred years ago.

All the while, a club photographer enthusiastically snapped the fans gawping at the trophies, photos and old documents. It turned out these fans had been mistaken for players.

Barcelona City Council officials, who had organised the occasion, were particularly concerned that the visiting team were drinking and smoking before the match. But then the real Clapton squad arrived and the confusion was cleared up.

A long queue materialised where some Clapton away shirts went on sale. There was the now familiar sight of Geoff Ocran holding court with the media scrum.

Then there were some official presentations and exchanges of gifts with dignitaries. In preparation for this, Júpiter had asked us who our club president was and what our club hymn was, but we don't have those things!

Tom Carding was among the players taking to the field for the third time in this action-packed weekend. Ellick Coleman deputised at left-back in the absence of Liam Smyth. Daniel Mbaku made his debut between the sticks.

The Tons nearly had a dream start. A Stefan Kilron corner from the left was floated into the box. In the penalty box melee, it struck Júpiter's player's hand. Spot kick to the Tons.

Sherwin Stanley stepped up, but going for an emphatic finish he fired over the bar.

Even if the Catalans had gone on to score ten, even if it had just been a 'pre-emptive consolation', it would have been nice to see Júpiter 0-1 Clapton in the gigantic electric scoreboard. Would have been a photo opportunity.

Júpiter, in their distinctive grey and plum striped kit looked a tremendous team. Their lightning pace down the wings was keeping the Tons backline on their toes.

And they took the lead with a beautiful shot into the top corner from outside the box.

The visiting fans stood with the Reducte GrisGrana ultras. The Júpiterites let the Claptonites sing a song. The Claptonites let the Júpiterites sing a song. And so on. For the simpler numbers, both sets of fans sang together.

As the game wore on, Júpiter wore down their already travel-weary opponents. In the second half, the goals started to trickle then flood in. Strikes on 51, 57, 69 and 72 gave them a 5-0 lead.

As usual, Eliot Crosbie battled hard in the middle of the park and Josh Adejokun gave an out ball down the right. But Júpiter were well-drilled enough to break up any Clapton attacks.

After the final whistle, both sets of players came over for a sing-song with the fans. The chant of 'no pasarán, no pasarán' boomed out of the smoke and fiery glow of the stand.

The Clapton team could be proud to have kept in the game for so long against opponents from the fifth tier of Spanish football.

They will surely also have enjoyed a couple of days to rest their legs.

The final words must go to our hosts. Barcelona City Council, for inviting us to their fantastic annual festival keeping the spirit of the Spanish Republic alive.

For the CE Júpiter officials, players, supporters and ultras who embraced a Monday night fixture with as much enthusiasm as their visitors. If you've ever visiting Barca, check out their fixture list and consider making a visit to La Verneda. You won't regret it.

CCFC: Mbako, Kilron, Carding, Bouho, Coleman, Crosbie, Kwakye, Blakesley, Stanley, Stevens, Adejokun. Subs: Lastic, Pile, Oshin, Darr, Rabia, Ocran, Agdelen, Akaly

OUR FIRST SILVERWARE



Clapton Community took on Holland FC in their first game. They were beaten 5-0 in that friendly on the Essex coast. Less than nine months later, they have their hands on the first trophy of this new chapter of Clapton history.

A nerve-shredding penalty shootout win over Hilltop FC at Uxbridge FC's Honeycroft ground meant the Jim Rogers Cup was coming back to East London on the CCFC coach.

Geoff Ocran was able to welcome back first choice keeper Dan Anfossy, who had missed a couple of

games when he was off on his hols. Ellick Coleman continued at right back.

From the off, it was a very offsidey game. Hilltop's strategy was to use their pace to spring the offside trap. They got flagged most of the time. The assistant referees will have woken up on Sunday morning with strained arms.

But when the Middlesex Counties League West side did get their timing right, they were a terrifying prospect.

OF THE FAN-OWNED ERA

The Tons defenders had to have their timing spot on to avoid giving away a penalty or being made fools of by their skilful opponents. Luckily, the centre back pairing of Yacine Rabia and Dean Bouho were absolutely at the top of their games.

Clapton also looked to hit with quick counters. Jake Stevens and Josh Adejokun were flying down the wing at any opportunity.

The Tons had more aerial threat. And they were doing crunchier tackles. This led to a few delays while Hilltop players lay on the ground recovering.

The first clear cut chance came after 24 minutes.

A Hilltop cut-back across the box found an attacker in loads of space. But he was leaning back and skied it.

A minute later, Adejokun rocketed down the right and drove the ball across goal. A Hilltop defender riskily turned it into the side-netting when he could easily have put it past his own keeper.

On 32 minutes, lively Adejokun has a snapshot from inside the box. The Hilltop keeper fumbled, but it fell to a defender who was able to mop up.



Right at the end of the half, Hilltop failed to properly clear a Clapton throw-in. They were pick-pocketed and the ball fell to Eliot Crosbie in the box. He slotted into the bottom corner to break the deadlock. Crosbie executed a perfect celebratory knee-slide in front of the Tons faithful.

Just before half time is the ideal time to grab a goal, right?

Except Clapton were again struck by their bad habit of lapsing in concentration just after scoring.

A mere minute later the defence were caught napping by a quick Hilltop throw. Ali Mohamed raced into the box and spanked it into the roof of the net over Anfossy for the equaliser.

The second half got off to the worst possible start for the East Londoners.

A low ball across the box had the Hilltoppers lining up to score. Ali Mohamed knocked in his second to give the Brent-based team the lead.

But that advantage didn't last long.

On 55 minutes, Anfossy rolled a goal kick to Rabia. From the edge of his own box, the centre back launched an absolutely massive punt. Sherwin

Stanley muscled past the Hilltop backline to collect. The striker then stabbed it away from the keeper's desperate grasp to bring it to 2-2.

Stefan Nielsen's wicked corner deliveries continued to threaten. One was headed on to the top of the bar by a Hilltop defender. The resulting corner then found its way into the net. But the ref ordered a retake, for some mysterious reason.

Twenty minutes into the second half, a tasty Hilltop free kick was well palmed away by Anfossy.

Then Ocran managed to round the Hilltop goalie in a wide position, but couldn't squeeze it into the net.

On 75 minutes, hattrick-hunting Ali Mohamed got through on goal. He tried the dink over Anfossy, but it landed on top of the bar and went over for a goal kick.

Five minutes later they had a goal chalked off for offside as the play continued to swing from end to end.

Finally, amid some late pressure from the Tons, the referee blew for full time. Coming up to 10pm, there was no time for extra time. Straight to penalties.

Stanley, Cemal Agdelen and Nielsen dispatched Clapton's first three spot kicks beautifully. Hilltop smashed in two emphatically, but the third was shanked round the post.



Stevens scored the next one. Hilltop made it 4-3, giving Rabia a chance to clinch the trophy for the Tons.

He had been there before in this very competition. It was Rabia's decisive penalty that eliminated London Samurai in the quarter final at the Stray Dog.

Again, cool as ice, the defender thumped it high into the net to send the fans behind the goal into delirious celebration.

Once the pitch invasion had been cleared, the supporters were ushered round to the main stand for the presentation. With perfect comedy timing, the floodlights cut out.

The fans brought out their phone torches, along with the chant: 'They don't light it....weeee light it.'

When they finally dropped a coin in the leccy meter and we could see again, the Clapton players raised the cup aloft. It was a symbol of all the hard work Ocran's team and all the volunteers behind the scenes have put in to build the club up to where it is today.

And there could be more to come.



CCFC: Anfossy, Coleman, Bouho, Rabia, Kilon, Agdelen, Crosbie, Ocran, Neilsen, Stevens, Stanley, Adejokun. Subs: Darr, Owiredun, Kwakye, Agdelen, Blakesley



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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.

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 and mutual support, that is trying to move away from the usual football hierarchies and to open its committees up to all its members.

Perhaps this is an indication of the need to start thinking of happiness more as an activity, rather than simply a fixed emotional state. It springs from our collective efforts to engage with others, from trying to make one small part of the world a little better, even if it’s at the lower levels of non-league football.

Perhaps, too, we need to think about how the happiness our participation in such activities can lead to is worth nurturing and protecting.

From this perspective, the Accountability Agreement we adopted at the end of 2018 seems even more important. If Clapton CFC isn’t just about developing

an efficiently run football club but also has the potential to bring immense pleasure, help members to deal with isolation and depression and even to transform their lives, then we need to give even greater priority to thinking about how we behave, interact with and care about each other.

That means taking those values I mentioned earlier and making them the core of who we are. It means making an extra effort to put ourselves in others’ shoes. It means avoiding putting each other down and not immediately assuming that when others annoy us, this is deliberate or they are acting in bad faith.

It also means a commitment to constructively challenging, when necessary, any harmful, oppressive or discriminatory actions or behaviour. The Accountability Committee exists to help members resolve these issues before they escalate.

At every home game, there’s a sign at the entrance saying “No Dickheads”, which we laugh at and whose meaning we instinctively understand. In practice, however, everyone is inevitably a bit of a dickhead sometimes. We wouldn’t be human if we weren’t.

Maybe, though, they’re just having a difficult day. Perhaps they just need a little kindness and solidarity. That’s the kind of collective action within CCFC that I think is worth cultivating.

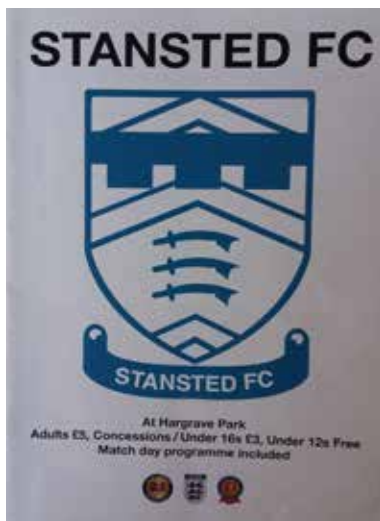
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HISTORY

"THE ESSEX BOYS"

by Gary Price



On the 9th of October 1905 Clapton defeated London Caledonians 1-0 at The Dog in what was both clubs first ever Isthmian League fixture. These two with Casuals, Civil Service, Ilford, and Ealing Association were founder members of the Isthmian League, a name that was to become the most iconic of the various London/South East non leagues that derived their names from Greek and Roman mythology. By 1939, due to folding, resignation or amalgamation Clapton and Ilford remained the only original members of the Isthmian League. In 1979 Ilford vacated their Lynn Road ground and amalgamated with Leytonstone to leave Clapton as the only original members of The Isthmian League.

A century after playing its first Isthmian League fixture, Clapton played its last. At the end of the 2005/6 season, after 90 consecutive seasons Clapton were relegated to the Essex Senior League.



A gradual decline not helped by falling gates and the "shamateurism" of their opponents had seen Clapton slide to the basement of the expanded Isthmian League. The last three seasons had seen Clapton finish last of Division 2 (3rd tier), winning just 15 from 102 games, only six at The Dog. The last top half finish was achieved in 1988/89, the bottom 4 being more familiar territory for Clapton.

If people associated with Clapton thought that life would be easier in the ESL, they would be in for a rude awakening. The inaugural season saw Clapton finish 14th in a 16 team league.

An improvement the following season resulted in an 11th place finish as the league expanded to 17 teams. Sadly this was as good as it good for the next five seasons as Clapton became becalmed in the bottom three, with 2 last and 2 next to last finishes.

The nadir was reached at Witham in April 2012 when Clapton kicked off without a full compliment of players and lost 0-11. It was scant consolation that the 0-7 defeat to the same opponents at The Dog earlier that season was not their record ESL home defeat. That honour fell to Stansted who inflicted a 1-8 defeat on their hapless hosts the previous season.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	POS
2006/7	30	5	5	20	34	56	20	14/16
2007/8	32	8	9	15	38	57	33	11/17
2008/9	30	5	3	22	40	91	18	16/16
2009/10	34	9	3	22	38	86	30	16/18
2010/11	32	3	9	20	37	84	18	17/17
2011/12	34	6	8	20	35	78	23	17/18 Deducted 3 pts.
2012/13	36	3	12	21	37	76	21	18/19

WE ARE THE RESURRECTION

The second half of the 2012/13 witnessed the first stirrings of what was to blossom into a fan phenomenon at The Dog. A growing number of fans were becoming increasingly disenchanted and disenfranchised at the greed, vanity and corporatism of the Premier League. Crucially they had not fallen out of love with the game and the answer to what to do with their Saturday afternoons and the odd Tuesday night lay within their reach.

The OSD so long neglected and unloved was the answer. The Dog, the oldest senior football ground in London, had history, tradition and charm, all it needed was some affection. There was a four fold rise in attendances, as fans (not customers) made their way down Upton Lane. On the pitch the team responded to the support. Statistics do not really tell the story, games were still being lost, but heavy defeats were now a rarity, as the team rallied to gain enough points to avoid another last place finish.

The next four seasons saw an unprecedented rise in gates, as Ton's average home attendance rose to over 300, unheard of in recent ESL history. Most away games also saw the hosts record their best gate of the season.

On one Non-League day Ton narrowly missed achieving the highest ever ESL crowd. The near 800 crowd for the visit of Ilford only been bettered when Jimmy Greaves made his debut for Brentwood.

On the pitch it was no coincidence that performances dramatically improved as the team responded to the passionate and always sporting support. Tons finished in the top half for five successive seasons, a feat not achieved since 1927.

A runners-up spot in 2016/17 had the fans dreaming of a return to the Isthmian League. Unfortunately these dreams were not to be realised as the following season Tons could only finish sixth.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	POS
2013/14	38	14	8	16	54	54	50	10/20
2014/15	38	17	6	15	71	65	57	8/20
2015/16	40	19	10	11	86	67	67	7/21
2016/17	42	29	5	8	89	46	92	2/22
2017/18	40	19	6	15	64	62	63	6/21

The reason for this slip down the table was down to the OSD hierarchy. It is fair to say that the hierarchy at the OSD lacked enlightenment and an unwillingness to engage with the fans, and at times was downright confrontational. This negative attitude necessitated a season (2017/18) long boycott of The Dog. Away games were still well attended but it felt that something was missing, even lost. With intransigence from the OSD hierarchy something had to be done to avoid spending cold Saturdays outside the Dog.

FROM DESPAIR TO WARE

On the 23rd of March this year, Clapton CFC defeated Ware Sports at their Wodson Park ground in the semi final of The Anagram Records Trophy. In their final season in the Isthmian League, Clapton lost 1-4 away at Ware FC, a long throw from Ware Sports pitch.

At the time of writing the " other " Clapton are in the lower half of the ESL playing in front of gates at pre 2012/13 levels. Strangely the kit is completed by red shorts and socks. The heritage and traditions of Clapton are in safekeeping at our temporary home in E17.



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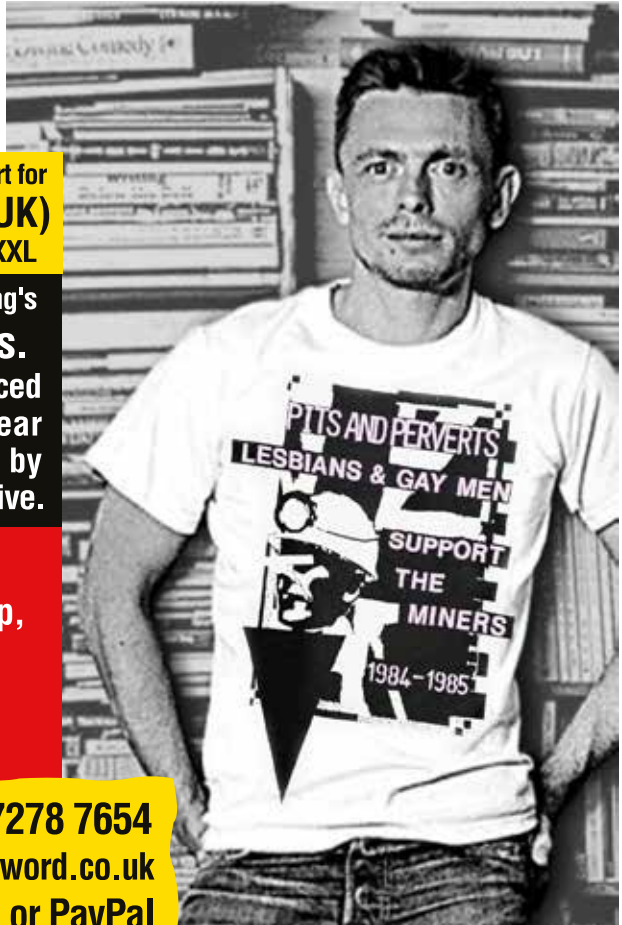
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Goalkeepers

Daniel Anfossy
Gravy Ultras aka CCFC
Northern Supporters.

Vladyslav Bendovskyy
Keep 'em out
keeper.
Martin

Defenders

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

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

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

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

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

Ellick Coleman Available
Ethan Dixon Available
Yacine Rabia Available
Ashley Headley Available
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

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

Paul Oshin
Wilf & Niamh are
epic so score an
epic goal

Maxwell Nwofor
Very proud to sponsor
Clapton's teenage prodigy -
The only way is up!
CCFC 4 LIFE
Joe Furlong

Ben Kadler Available
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Cemal Agdelen Available

Attack

Bogdan Panescu
Forza Clapton!
Danny Daly

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

Stefan Nielsen
Tons' very own
Michael Laudrup.
Gary Price

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

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

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

TRANSPARENCY

Latest Financials

In March 2019, Clapton CFC spent £37,994.52 and once again, for hopefully the final time, the largest costs (£32,936.15) went towards the production of our replica shirts.

We also purchased the defibrillator that members voted on in February and paid for flights for players to play in Catalonia on 8 April (although Barcelona City Council are reimbursing us for both flight and accommodation costs).

On top of these expenses, we also donated £91.80 to Crossworld FC, to bring the total raised by supporters at our game against Chipperfield Corinthians in February to £300.

Total income in March 2019 was £21,195.48. For the third month in a row, this is overwhelmingly made up of advance sales of shirts (£16,358.003), but we also received a welcome refund of VAT of £4,526.48.

Expenditures (March 2019)

Production of replica shirts	£32,936.15
Flights to Barcelona *	£2,538.79
Purchase of defibrillator	£834.00
Printing of programmes	£345.00
Stickers	£293.65
Physio	£240.00
Postage	£220.53
Match officials	£200.00
Members badges	£176.40
Kit laundry	£143.00
Middlesex County League – player registration	£39.00
Batteries for megaphone	£18.00
Essex FA – payment of disciplinary fines	£10.00
Total	£37,994.52

*awaiting refund

Income

Merchandise	£16,358.00
Repayment of VAT by HMRC	£4,526.48
Membership	£200.00
Standing order donations	£86.00
Player sponsorship	£25.00
Total	£21,195.48

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OPPONENTS

THE CURVE

As Clapton CFC are still in with a shout for an amazing treble, any pundit will tell you every game is a cup final now.

And none more so than today's Middlesex County Football League game against in-form The Curve, who sit one place above us in the congested top of the table.

The Curve are new to the MCFL this season, like us, and are named after a community centre in North Kensington to support those affected the Grenfell Tower fire.

The centre offers a range of support and services to the community including practical focused advice about emotional wellbeing, housing, health and employment.

It also runs courses, sessions and community-led activities that support both collective and personal recovery for children, young people and adults. The Curve's home pitch is at North Acton Playing Fields, which as the name suggests is just a field.

In our meeting there in December, Clapton CFC opened the scoring early on through a Paul Oshin header.

It looked for an hour like it would be a comfortable away win until a late home side rally saw The Curve getting closer and closer before Ahmed Mahfouz finally equalised from close range, the ref ignoring the offside flag.

Then in injury time, a corner was played short to Eliot Crosbie who was able to Curve the ball into the top right corner. Was it wind-assisted? Was it intended as a cross or a shot? The jubilant Tons fans, making up most of the 82 in attendance, weren't caring in the slightest.

The Curve have established themselves as a very competitive team in their debut season and are going to finish just short of topping the table. They started slowly but are the undoubted form team coming into the end of the season, with 7 wins in the last 8 games, including a 4-2 win over league leaders Stonewall last week. That one really helped our own promotion hopes.

The Curve also boast the MCFL's top scorer, that man Mahfouz, who has an astonishing 31 goals in 14 league appearances.

The Tons will need to keep him quiet today or our chances of sneaking up the table will be all over.

SQUAD STATS

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, Nielsen
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
20/04/19	H	The Curve	MCFL		
27/04/19	H	L. Samurai Rovers	MCFL		
4/05/19	Letchworth	PFC Victoria/Catholic Utd	ART Final		
11/05/19	A	FC Roast	MCFL		

	MCFL (17)	CUPS (10)	TOTAL (27)
	Apps/Gls	Apps/Gls	Apps/Gls
Adejokun	9(4)/6	5/3	14(4)/9
Agdelen	6(4)	(4)	6(8)
Akanbi	1	(1)	2
Anfossy	13	7	20
Bendovskyy	3	3	6
Benjamin	(1)	(1)	(1)
Blakesley	1(6)	1(1)	2(7)
Bouho	16/2	8(1)/1	24(4)/3
Carding	1(1)	(2)	1(3)
Cartier	2(2)	1	3(2)
Coleman	4(3)/1	3(2)/1	7(5)/2
Crosbie	15/11	9/5	24/16
Darr	2(3)	1	3(3)
Fagan	1(1)	1(1)	1(2)
Hashim	7(3)	1(2)	8(5)
Headley	4(3)	2(2)	6(5)
Kadler	1(3)	(1)	1(3)
Kier	(1)	(1)	(1)
Kilron	8(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	14(1)/4	8(1)/2	22(2)/6
Ocran	10(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)	(1)
Rene	5(1)/2	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	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
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OKUN(2), **CROSBIE(2)**, Nielsen, **STANLEY(2)**
im, Agdelen Ocran, Crosbie, **NIELSEN**
NIELSEN, 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)**
STEVENS, STANLEY(2)
KWAKYE, CROSBIE(2), Coleman
cran, Neilsen, Stevens, **STANLEY**, Adejokun

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

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. London Samurai	18	15	2	1	67	9	58	35
4. The Curve	19	11	1	7	63	34	29	34
5. CLAPTON CFC	17	9	3	5	54	38	16	33
6. FC Star London	18	9	2	7	50	42	8	29
7. Eastfield	18	7	3	8	43	45	-2	24
8. Wilberforce Wanderers	19	6	2	11	45	53	-8	20
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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PAUL OSHIN

PLAYER

PROFILE

Name: Paul Olujimi "Jimi" Oshin (AKA Beast) **Place of Birth:** London (Newham) **Birthdate:** 09/06/84 (nearly a vet!) **Height:** 6ft (183cm)

Weight: 13st (82.5kg) **Place where you live:** Newham **Day job:**

Personal trainer **Previous clubs:** Borehamwood FC, Enfield 1893 and so many more. **Favourite player:** Adejokun **Favourite team, apart from**

Clapton CFC: Enfield and Borehamwood **Most memorable match**

played in: Scoring last minute goal in the FA cup **Favourite ground**

played at: West ham Utnited **Biggest high in football:** Playing abroad

Lowest point in football: Ankle injury **Likes and hobbies:** Music

and going to the gym. **Dislikes:** People who abuse power **Favourite**

charity: When the work or money goes where it is needed... True charity

Favourite country visited: Mexico **Favourite food:** Pounded yam

with okra stew **Favourite music/performers:** Lauryn Hill, Shina Peters,

2pac, Oasis, to name a few. **Favourite TV shows:** Fresh Prince, Game

of Thrones **Favourite film:** Coming to America. **What you love about**

football: Stress relief **What you hate about football:** Losing **Biggest**

influence on you: As a player: Vieira **Footballing ambition:** Still maybe

FA Cup First Round proper, against a big club like West ham United.

Who would you most like to meet? At my age, probably Pep!



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Daniel Anfossy
Vlad Bendovskyy

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

THE CURVE FC

Bilal Aalouache
Osama Aalouache
Mohammed Belamouadden
Billal Bihi
Mouhammed Bouchab
Hussain Boumzough
Mohammed El Gourja
Adam El Haddad
Hicham El Haddad

Aziz Elbharein
Abdulkarim Harti
Sohaib Harti
Anas Igozouln
Najim Jebari
Ziani Joad
Nana Kojo Amunti
Jabir Laraba
Ruben Lorenzo

Ahmed Hemden Aly Mahfouz
Hamza Miezou
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