



ACCOUNTABILITY AGREEMENT – WE ARE THE CLAPTON CFC

- We accept that each of us is individually responsible for our own actions and we are collectively responsible for supporting those around us.
- We start from a position of believing and supporting people when they share their experiences with us.
- We accept that other people's lives and histories are invariably different to our own and try to avoid making assumptions about the opinions, background, cultures and identities of others.
- We try not to judge, compete or put each other down.
 We approach every situation with an open mind.
- We notice and respect each other's physical boundaries and understand the importance of always checking first before crossing them.
- We are mindful of the space we take up and if we are

- used to talking, we also need to listen to the wisdom that others bring to our organising and discussions.
- We try to communicate in an open, clear and uncomplicated way. We are aware of how the language we use can shut down other people's opinions and exclude participation, even when we do not intend to do so.
- Accountability means that each of us is ready, when challenged about how we act and how we speak, to take on board other's points of view, take responsibility for our actions and make amends in the ways that are asked of us. This accountability is also expected of people and groups working with us.
- If we witness actions or behaviour that is harmful, oppressive or discriminatory, we will challenge it constructively and not leave this to those who are most affected by it or assume others will deal with it.

PATRICK MCLAUGHLIN

WOMEN'S TEAM HEAD COACH



GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE AND A WARM welcome to Oakwood for the First Qualifying Round of the FA Cup.

We reached this stage with an exciting 6-3 win vs Margate in the preliminaries, played in front of a huge crowd of 310! We performed well and took control of the game after being pegged back to 1-1.

Since then we've started our league campaign strongly, especially considering the team is stepping up a level from last year.

Our first game was vs Luton Town Reserves, in front of another great crowd at the Stray Dog, which we won 4-0.

Luton, a very young team who will get better as the season progresses, couldn't cope with how well we moved the ball as we dominated the match.

Next up was Regents Park Rangers away, where we were joined by a remarkable away crowd given the length of the journey to Barn Elms.

Having also won their first game they proved to be difficult opposition, putting our back four under constant pressure.

This told early on when they took the lead, however the goal sparked us and we equalised shortly afterwards.

Very few chances followed for either side and although we didn't play quite as well as we have at home, 1-1 is a decent result in our first away game against a well organised side.

Today's opposition Oakwood also had a big crowd in the last round and have started their season very well, with 6-1, 8-1 and 2-1 wins. We will need to be at our best if we are to progress to the next round.

I have just seen the brilliant news that Clapton CFC have been offered the lease on the Old Spotted Dog. Congratulations to the fans and everyone involved in bringing it about. Enjoy the game!



YOUNG TONS IN TOURNAMENT

We are really excited to announce we'll be fielding an U13 team in the Community Club Shield at Wadham Lodge on the 21st September.

We have been running the Young Tons sessions since April and these will be the first competitive games.

The tournament is being run by Man Den, an intergenerational mentoring project using the power of play.

Our open training sessions have steadily grown since April, with last week seeing a record turnout of 29 kids.

We're going to need some more coaches as we'd like to expand further. Can you spare an hour a week? Get in touch at youngtons@claptoncfc.co.uk.



CUP DRAW

After the men's team's 3-0 victory over Hillingdon FC away in the Alec Smith Premier Cup second round, we have been drawn against Stonewall FC at home in the quarter-final. The date has not yet been set.



MEMBERSHIP PACKS ON THE WAY

The first batch of 2019/20 membership cards and badges should be hitting doormats.

More to follow when our volunteers have had a chance to catch their breath from lugging these down to the Post Office.

Join/renew from £5 for a full calendar year and have an equal and vital say in our club.

<u>HIGH ATTENDANCE</u>

Our women's team's 6-3 FA Cup win Margate was not only a high-scoring thriller, it was also the highest attendance by anyone in the competition so far this season at 310.

Can we beat that against Oakwood today? They attracted a crowd of 200-plus themselves in the previous round.

LIFTS TO GAMES

Davey, a CCFC member in E5, often drives to away games. He is offering space in his car for local Tons fans who need lifts. Drop him a line at Nellidge@aol.com if you're interested in taking him up on this offer.

Can you offer lifts to games or are looking for local members to travel with? Drop us a line and we'll put a shout out in the newsletter.

WALTER TULL MURAL

A new mural depicting Clapton football legend Walter Tull has been unveiled in North London.

East London artist Lewis Campbell was commissioned to create the artwork, which depicts Walter Tull as a footballer and as a soldier.

Tull, one of the country's first black professional footballers, played for Clapton, Spurs and Northampton Town before being killed in the First World War.

The piece is on a wall within Florentia Clothing Village, Vale Rd, Harringay Warehouse District, London N4 1TD

Lewis told us: "The space is privately owned but people are free to come and visit.

"The space has studios and a very nice cafe within. Their contact is 020 8800 9555."

CCFC ACCEPTS MISCONDUCT CHARGE

Following the final of the Jim Rogers President's Cup on April 13th against Hilltop FC at Uxbridge FC's ground, Clapton Community FC received notification of a misconduct charge. The charge was related to a breach of FA Rule E20: "failure to ensure Players and/or Officials and/or Spectators conducted themselves in an orderly fashion".

Incidents mentioned in relation to the charge were:

- "kick off had to be delayed due to reports of flares and alcohol in the ground"
- "fans had flares going off"
- "fans pouring onto the FOP [field of play] (300 PLUS)"
- "guy sitting on the crossbar"

The notification also said that "Should the charge be found Proven, the recommended sanctions to be considered by a Disciplinary Commission are as follows:

Low: £0-£50 fine

Mid: £25-£75 fine

High: £75-£150 fine

Please note these are guidelines and the Disciplinary Commission may aggravate or mitigate the

sanction depending on the

evidence presented."

Given the evidence presented, League Liaison committee decided to plead guilty to the charge, but opted to attend a Disciplinary Hearing with Essex FA to enter a verbal plea for leniency. On 14th June at the Essex FA's headquarters in Chelmsford, the hearing took place between two members of CCFC's League Liaison committee and 3 members of Essex FA's disciplinary structure.

The outcome of the Verbal Plea
Hearing was "Case Proved –
Unaminous: Club fined £75.00 and
warned as to future conduct."
The total cost to the club is £120 (£15
discipline admin fee, £30 hearing
fee, and £75 fine), plus travel costs.
We were also warned that further
incidents can lead to more severe
punishments, including non-financial.

The fine has been paid and the matter is considered by League Liaison committee to be closed. The charge will remain on our club record indefinitely and will be considered in any other incidents over the next 5 years. We appreciate that Essex FA chose to be lenient and not to give us the maximum fine.

League Liaison Committee



TODAY'S COVER ART

Today's cover art is by Aline Maurin, Clapton Fan – she says, "It is an illustration of a whole crowd of people holding up scarves and chanting."

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



GREATER LONDON WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE (GLWFL) DIVISION ONE

A INTRODUCTION TO THE OPPOSITION

CCFC'S 19/20 COMPETITIVE SEASON HAS begun with an FA Cup tie win against Margate and a league victory over Luton Town Reserves.

We look at the teams we will be taking on in the Greater London Women's Football League (GLWFL) Division One, on the seventh level of the pyramid.

BRENTFORD WOMEN

Brentford WFC (The Bees) are part of a set up in West London that includes a Women's Development team and Men's Championship side. The team finished a disappointing second from bottom last season (after being relegated from the Premier division at the end of 17/18 season), which could point to a winnable game. However, convincing wins for the Bees against West London rivals QPR and Regents Park Rangers in pre-season friendlies show this is a strengthened squad that could prove a tough match for Clapton.

COMETS

Clapham Common-based Comets are newlypromoted, having finished runners-up to Crystal Palace Development in GLWFL Division 2 South last season. They lost out to Headstone Manor in the final of last season's GLWFL Trophy. Their website features pictures of Comets with celebrity fans Kevin Keegan and Ross Kemp.

CRYSTAL PALACE DEVELOPMENT

Having been a presence in the women's game since 1992, this summer the club decided to drop 'ladies' from their name and play simply as Crystal Palace FC. Their first team plays in the second tier. But Clapton will be taking on their development team, who were runaway winners of GLWFL Division 2 South last term. They won the league cup last year with a 4-2 win over Bromley LFC.

DULWICH HAMLET RESERVES

Dulwich Hamlet are fielding women's teams for the first time. They agreed a merger with AFC Phoenix – who started life on Clapham Common in 2010 – and will take the name Dulwich Hamlet Women's FC. Their first team will play in the London and South East Premier Division, with a development side in Clapton's league. This one is bound to be hotly-anticipated.

HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH

Hampton & Richmond are affiliated to a men's team who play in National League South. They started life as a youth team of Chessington & Hook FC in 2002 and have also been part of Tooting & Mitcham FC, before taking on their current identity in 2006. Both they and their development team play their home games at Tudor Park Sports and Leisure in Feltham. The Beavers, as they are nicknamed, came 3rd in the division last season.











CRYSTAL PALACE DEVELOPMEN



REGENTS PARK HANGERS WALTON CASUALS

ISLINGTON BOROUGH

Islington currently have 6 teams: U9, U10, U12, U14 and U16 – as well as the women's team. Their women's team played in the GLWFL Division 2 North during 2017/18 and were promoted after a successful season. A mid table finish last season (18/19) shows the strength and depth they have as a squad at this level. We know them well and there is always a bit of friendly rivalry here. Bring it on!

LUTON TOWN RESERVES

Luton Town Ladies FC was formed in 1997 and formed a partnership with their male counterpart, Luton Town FC, in 2000. The Hatters' first team play in the FA Women's National League South East. Luton Town Reserves finished seventh in the GLWFL 1 last season on 11 points, narrowly avoiding relegation. After securing just three wins in 16 games, they will no doubt be hoping for a more successful campaign in 2019/20.

REGENTS PARK RANGERS

Regents Park Rangers have been playing in the GLWFL for over 8 years, having played the 18/19 season in the Premier Division. However, following a string of losses, and securing only one win against Victorie Ladies meant relegation was inevitable. They finished bottom of the league on 6 points. How their premier experience will fair in Division 1 remains to be seen, but undoubtedly they will seek a better season ahead. They play at Barn Elms in Barnes, where CCFC's men's team took on Stonewall last season.

WALTON CASUALS

Walton Casuals were the standout team in AFC Stoke Newington's division last season. Casuals took the top spot, but Stokey recorded a remarkable 3-2 win against them to clinch the runners up spot and their own promotion. 102 goals and 16 wins in eighteen games. That was their only defeat.

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OLD SPOTTED DOG MAGPIE PROJECT

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CLAPTON CFC ARE THRILLED WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT from Star Pubs & Bars that we're the prospective leaseholder for the Old Spotted Dog and can't wait to outline our vision to them and to the public.

From day one, Clapton CFC's mission has been to bring London's oldest senior football ground back to its rightful place as a hub of the Forest Gate and wider Newham community.

As a members-owned club we ran a poll and 99% wanted to return to the OSD even though we're loving our time playing in Walthamstow too.

We'll be holding a public meeting in Forest Gate in mid October where we want to set out our plans and hear from anyone who would like to use the facility for sporting or other community use.

In the meantime we're going to be busy. The contract isn't signed yet, and there is plenty of work to do yet to get the ground fit for use.

We will be at Wadham Lodge for the rest of this season.

We would like to thank Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz, Lyn Brown MP and Newham councillors Sasha das Gupta and Mas Patel, and many community organisations, for their support in helping us get to this stage.

Stay tuned on social media for more information. In the meantime, here is a bit more information from the press release issued by Star Pubs & Bars...

Following an extensive search for a committed party to run the Old Spotted Dog football ground, Star Pubs & Bars announces it will be signing a lease with Clapton Community FC.

After the previous lease was terminated this summer,

Star Pubs & Bars has been looking for new leaseholders to ensure the Old Spotted Dog is used and re-let for football as soon as possible.

Over the last two months, the company has been listening to the views of the local community and taking bids from interested parties.

The company's property team has been reviewing the financial standing of each party, their competence to run the ground, as well as supporting references for each bid

Claire Hodder, Corporate Estates Manager, Star Pubs & Bars said: "We want football to be played back on the ground as soon as possible and had three really strong bids in - from Clapton FC, Clapton Community FC and from Hackney Wick FC. Our process was thorough and evidence based, as a result of which we're pleased to say a lease has now been offered to Clapton Community FC. We look forward to working with them to preserve the ground for community use for the long term."

Lyn Brown MP said: "I am delighted that Star Pubs & Bars has awarded the lease to Clapton Community FC. The club's momentum is extraordinary and I see it as a genuine force for good in the local community. Their fans clearly have a genuine passion, both for their team and for the community from which it sprang. I can't wait to visit and raise a glass to toast their success."

Newham Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz said: "Under my administration I've been fully supportive of all efforts that enable community and grass-roots sports including football to flourish in our borough. Ahead of the publication of our new parks, sports and leisure strategy this Autumn, I'm delighted at this decision by Star Pubs and Bars to allow Clapton Community FC to be able to play at the Old Spotted Dog Ground and come back home to Newham. It's wonderful that this community asset will contribute so much more social value for the people of our borough."



CLAPTON CFC PARTNERS WITH THE MAGPIE PROJECT FOR THE SEASON.

THEY'RE A CHARITY BASED IN Forest Gate to support mums and young children who live in temporary and emergency accommodation.

Support from our members and fans makes a huge difference. Last season we collected for Eat or Heat, a Walthamstow-based foodbank, and your generosity and spirit were heartfelt.

The Magpie Project relies on donations from the general public and we want to do our bit to support them with food and toiletry collections.

We will be collecting items at our home games – both men's and women's games – during the 19/20 season.

It started at the CCFC women's team vs Luton Town Reserves where there was a collection, a bucket shake and a stall. Afterwards the Magpie Project tweeted: "What a blast watching @ClaptonCFC sail to victory. The atmosphere!

"Proof that anything is possible when the community comes together - they are running a whole blummin' football club. We are honoured to be their chosen charity this season."

A BIT MORE ABOUT THE MAGPIE PROJECT IN THEIR OWN WORDS:

The Magpie Project is a community response to the housing crisis in Newham and east London.

We help mums with young children who live in substandard temporary and emergency accommodation.

This housing jeopardises mums' wellbeing and physical health as well as childrens' development.

We provide practical support and advice to mums and children under five in temporary or insecure accommodation.

As a Forest-Gate-based, grassroots, community led organisation we feel a great deal in common with this socially responsible and inclusive club.

ITEMS REQUIRED

- Toothpaste and toothbrushes for adults and children
- Shower gel
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Bags of riceBags of pasta
- Breakfast cereals
- Washing powder

Bring any of the above along at any home matchday for the women's or men's team.

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ball from Link which found Ana Holmes, who rounded Margate's defence and slotted 4-1 into the bottom corner.

Not long after, another inspired link up in play between left winger Saskia Walker, Ana Holmes and Link led to the latter scoring her second.

Clapton made their first sub when Lucy Rolington came on for Elena Holmes on the right wing and made a great impression on her debut.

After one of Margate's players went down injured CCFC lost concentration, which Margate were quick to take advantage of as Woolston scored bar second

CCFC's second debutant of the day Verity Phillips came on for Walker on the left wing, and used her fresh legs all over the pitch.

Shortly after, Margate were awarded a corner, which Woolston headed past Adams, securing her hat-trick

After full back Alice Nutman was booked for a harsh challenge, Clapton quickly got their act together, and pushed up the team into Margate's half.

The outstanding Ana Holmes expertly rounded the defence, her shot being saved by the keeper, and Philips volleyed the rebound in to settle the scoreline – 6-3 to the Tons.

Clapton's last sub saw Lucy Spours on for Laura Wright for the last 15 minutes, and she provided the midfield with calmness and control.

Our first competitive outing confirmed this is a team full of individual talent, but also have managed to gel old and new players together in a very short space of time.

MATCH REPORT: 01/09/2019 CLAPTON CFC 6 MARGATE LADIES 3

WOMEN'S FA CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND

By reserve goalkeeper Sophia Axelsson

A CROWD OF 310 WERE TREATED TO A goalfest as Clapton CFC women's team won their first competitive game in the red and white and their first ever Women's FA Cup game.

Clapton CFC made a dream start, as right back Hannah Wright played a through ball to Elena Holmes, who passed it to Emily Link in the penalty area. After a bit of confusion, the ball rolled out from 25 yards sailed over the keeper's gloves.

As the Tons settled into the game, Margate FC replied. A nice team move by the Bluebirds was tapped in by their number 9, Harriet Woolston.

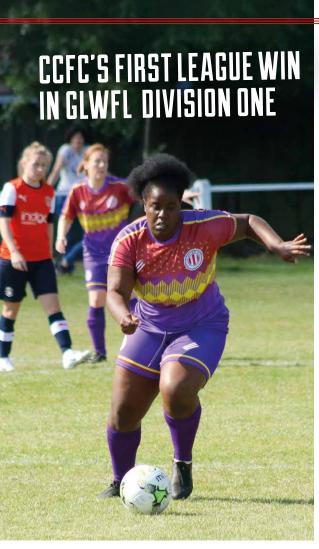
Margate continued to press and had some good chances, with one hitting the bar and another saved by goalkeeper Polly Adams.

The Tons regrouped and after half an hour, Link beat Margate's keeper to a ball from Ciara Monahan, and slotted in – 2-1 to the Tons.

At the end of the first half, captain Monahan stepped up to take a free kick 30 yards out and expertly put it in the top right corner to secure a 3-1 lead at half time.

The second half started much like the first one ended with Clapton setting the pace. A through





MATCH REPORT: 08/09/2019 CLAPTON CFC 4 LUTON TOWN RESERVES 0

by this game's left back, Saskia Walker

WITH AN FA CUP AND TWO PRE-SEASON victories under our belts, it was time for Clapton CFC Women's first Division One league match and our first outing in the iconic Clapton away kit.

The starting XI saw some changes, with myself and Laura Wright dropping into defence and Naomi Scriven making her Tons debut at right wing.

It came as no surprise then that the deadlock was soon broken by our own pocket rocket, Ana Holmes, whose determined run from the left proved too much for the Luton defence as she slotted Clapton's first league goal past the keeper with pace and power.

The very fresh-faced Luton Town Reserves side were by no means down and out and had moments where they demonstrated the kind of play that saved them from relegation last season.

However, they caused no real problems for the likes of Georgie Brophy and Phoebe Parthews who ran a tight ship in the centre of defence.

In order to combat any potential mid-half slump, Zha Amoaten and Lucy Rolington were brought in off the bench. Both hit the ground running with Luton unable to deal with the quick feet of Amoaten or the high energy of Rolington.

Head coach Patrick McLaughlin has impressed upon us the importance of being confident in playing out from the back, something which we certainly capitalised on in this game.

Our second goal came from an excellent team move which resulted in the ball finding the feet of



Scriven, whose expert cross led to Holmes putting away her second of the game and leaving us 2-0 up at the break.

Going into the second half the message was clear – slow the game down and make sure we didn't have any lapses in concentration.

Much like the first half, Clapton appeared firmly in control with Monahan and Amoaten proving a formidable force in the centre of the park.

After taking a bit of a knock, Ana Holmes came off and was replaced by Becks von Blumenthal who slotted into the left wing. Emily Link, who had run the Luton defence ragged, also came off for Scriven who was now playing up top.

It didn't take long for the lightning pace of Scriven to result in our 3rd goal after a 30 yard run left the Luton defence scrambling.

It appeared now that the 3 points were in the bag but just to be sure, Scriven drilled home her 2nd of the game and Clapton's 4th. The only thing more impressive than her goal was the triple backflip that she executed as part of her celebratory routine.

Polly Adams had been largely untroubled between the posts the whole game, but made an excellent fingertip save in the dying minutes to push Luton's free kick attempt from outside the box over the bar and secured her clean sheet.

Spurred on by the supporters' chants, Clapton's first game in Division One has proved just how far we have come as a team and that we will hopefully be a force to be reckoned with.

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MATCH REPORT: 31/08/2019 WIVENHOE TOWN 5 CLAPTON CFC 1

FA VASE FIRST QUALIFYING ROUND

CCFC'S MEN'S SIDE PLAYED THEIR FIRST game in the FA Vase and will wait another year for the second as they were dumped out by the slick Dragons.

Geoff Ocran was without a recognised striker so went with defender, Nick Loblack, to lead the line.

Clapton opened well. Josh Adejokun broke through in the first minute. However, his shot was deflected round the post. Then Jordan Odofin was close to prodding home a lofted free-kick, but couldn't quite make contact.

But after this early flurry of Clapton promise, the hosts established control. They play one step higher in the football pyramid and it started to show.

Dragons striker Dean Merrett nodded home their first from close range. Then George Hart latched on to an excellent pass out of defence and lobbed Jack Francis for 2-0.

On 35 minutes, Clapton got a goal back. Gallifant was wrong-footed by a low Hussain shot and could only palm into the path of a sliding Loblack, who couldn't miss

Reaching half-time with a one goal deficit would have left things finely poised. But again the hosts sliced through the Tons defence. Hart finished off a neat move to make it 3-1 at the break

Game over? Not quite. Right at the start of the second 45, there was a good chance for the East Londoners to get back in the game.

Ocran arrowed a defence-splitter into the path



of Paul Oshin who raced through on goal, but the chasing centre back got a touch.

After that, a worrying moment. Odofin needed treatment after a clash of heads with Hart and was subbed off as a precaution.

And it was soon 4-1. Francis was unable to deal with a tricky highball, which fell for Merrett to head in his second.

The scoring was completed by Peter Maina with another nice lobbed finish, after Clapton had given away the ball in midfield.

The visitors actually had their best spell in the last ten minutes but nothing was breaking..

Happier news later, as paramedics checked over Odofin and allowed him to go home.



MATCH REPORT: 07/09/2019 HILLINGDON FC 0 CLAPTON CFC 3

ALEC SMITH PREMIER CUP ROUND TWO

CLAPTON'S MEN'S TEAM BRUSHED ASIDE an ill-disciplined Hillingdon who were the architects of their own downfall, conceding two penalties and getting two men sent off in an action-packed opening half.

From the off, Clapton's attacking play fizzed. Josh Adejokun was unlucky not to open the scoring when Hillingdon goalie Joe Sellick managed to smother an early shot.

Next, Sellick wiped out brother Noah Adejokun, clean through on goal. Penalty and yellow card.

Stefan Nielsen fired the penalty into the bottom corner. Sellick tried the Grobbelaar wobbly knees, to no effect.

A few minutes later another Clapton penalty for a Paul Griffin hack on Bilal Hussain. A yellow card, which will be significant later. Sellick did the same wobbly knees and this time saved Nielsen's powerful effort.

But on 16 minutes, Clapton went two up. Sham Darr pirouetted away from his man and played a delightful reverse pass to Josh Adejokun, who forced the ball home. Shamiesta.

The Tons were playing by far their best football of the season.

Near the end of the first half, Griffin discovered that marathon-man Liam Smyth is also fastover short distances. Eating the Clapton fullback'sdust, the Hillingdon man took Smyth out andgot a second yellow for his troubles.

There was still time in the half left for Josh Adejokun to steal the ball from Frederick Hayes, who scythed down the Tons winger.

The hosts were two men and two goals down at the break.

Then Hillingdon central midfielder Tom Herlihy fell foul of the new non-league sin-bin rule for backchatting the ref.

But Hillingdon played better the fewer men they had on the pitch. Now we were 11 vs 8, but still Clapton struggled to lay a glove on the hosts.

Finally a bit of Adejokun interplay allowed the Tons to seal the deal. Noah fed Josh who slotted home his second of the game.

Right at the end, Dan Anfossy pawed a curling shot away from the top corner to preserve a satisfying clean sheet in his first game of the season.





MATCH REPORT: 14/09/2019 CLAPTON CFC 3 EASTFIELD FC 0

THE CLAPTON MEN'S TEAM FOUND THEMSELVES at a potential loose for Saturday, due to a FA Vase-inspired fixture clash. With NW London not available, we turned to the other name in our address book and pinged old pals Eastfield for a friendly.

After the problems Eastfield caused us last season, they were decent candidates to put the player's through their paces on our new vast, expansive surface on the Wadham Lodge stadium pitch.

Player-manager Geoff Ocran named an experimental line up - a mixture of regular first teamers and fringe players alongside Scottish lower leagues legend, "A.Trialist", running up the spine of the team.

Both of last season's league meetings with Eastfield were open, free-scoring affairs. So it was a bit surprising that the opening 30 minutes of this encounter was turgid.

Everyone seemed comfortable keeping it tight until A.Trialist (real name Marlinho) slipped his defender and looped the ball over the out-rushing Eastfield 'keeper.

That suddenly perked things up and Kwakye attempted an audacious overhead kick. Either side



of the goalkeeper and it would have been one of those "were you there?" moments.

The second half started much like the first ended, with Clapton on the front foot. Lewis Owiredu came off the bench and effortlessly caused havoc throughout.

Roughly midway through the half, Owiredu's run was beautifully picked out by a millimetreperfect through ball from Kwakye. He stood up his defender, moved inside and banged it into the near post. 2-0.

The visiting 'keeper made a number of good saves in the second half, although he probably had his afternoon ruined by Clapton's third goal.

A shot from what must have been all of 30 yards, floated over the outstretched goalkeeper and into the top corner. Panescu arguably produced the game's finest moment with the goal, making possibly his strongest case yet for a run in the team.

On an unseasonably hot day, In only our third match at Wadham Lodge since officially moving in, Geoff, Yac and the guys will no doubt be pleased in the way the team covered the additional square meterage on that pitch.

MATCH REPORT: 15/09/2019 REGENTS PARK RANGERS 1 CLAPTON CFC 1

FIRST AWAY GAME ENDS WITH A DRAW

Match report penned by striker Emily Link

THE SUN WAS BEATING DOWN ON AN unusually warm September day as Clapton travelled for their first away fixture of the league in South West London.

After a long journey over the river we arrived at Barn Elms Playing Field to face recently relegated Regents Park Rangers. However, dropping from the league above is not to be underestimated and we knew it was going to be a tough one.

The ref blew the whistle and we were off. We dominated the play but couldn't quite get a handle of the game. Zhane and Ciara were up against it in midfield but put in challenge after challenge to win the ball back and look to play to the wings and provide the through ball for Naomi. However, it was not to be. Within 10 mins Regents Park pounced on an opportunity that saw the ball float into the box and find the feet of an oncoming attacker. 1-0.

This was the wake-up call Clapton needed. The troops had been rallied. Still retaining most of the possession, Clapton won a few corners and kept



forcing it down that end of the pitch. It was only a matter of time before Ciara struck a lovely ball across from a corner and Zhane hit home with a magnificent header. 1-1. We were back in the game.

There were spells of good play as the first half continued but it wasn't the Clapton we have been used to watching at the Stray Dog. It felt unsettled, a bit messy and we just couldn't seem to get the ball down and play our football. It was clear that Regents Park were definitely in this game too. They were physical and commanding on the ball. They wanted a win, too.

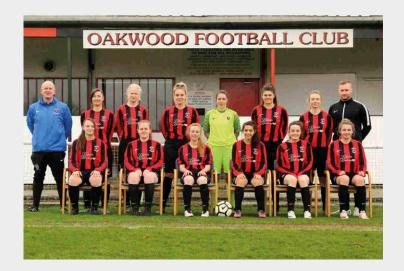
The second half started with a renewed sense of intensity, but the clinical and composed passing was still missing. The back four were kept busy, with solid performances from Annie, Phoebe, Laura, Harriet and Georgie ensuring that there was no joy for their striker. Our wingers put in a shift in the heat, giving options left, right and centre and some lovely build up play saw some opportunities, but nothing to really test the keeper.

As the game drew to a close, Polly was put under pressure from a deflected shot, but her safe hands meant that we weren't going to give them a win.

An interesting day at the office for the team. A lot of effort on a hot day from all. Yes, we'd got a point, but ultimately, we knew we could've done better. We go away, we work hard, we come back stronger.



OPPONENTS MATCH PREVIEW





OAKWOOD LADIES

Women's FA Cup, First Qualifying Round, September 22nd

IT'S A MOMENTOUS DAY TODAY as the CCFC women's team take on Oakwood Ladies FC in the First Qualifying Round of the Women's FA Cup.

Both clubs play at the same level the seventh tier - and are part of the 190 clubs left in the competition and just 10 wins away from Wembley.

Oakwood were formed in 2011 as Crawley Town Girls FC, before becoming Oakwood Ladies Football Club for the 16/17 season.

That year the Oakwood Ladies finished the season double winners of the Sussex County, Women and Girls League and League Cup Champions.

2017/18 season saw the Oaks move

up into South East Counties Women's League, where they joined Division 1 West, finishing 4th in both their first and second seasons in the division.

2018/19 season saw Oakwood take part in the Women's FA Cup for the first time in the club's history.

They were knocked out at the preliminary stages to Islington Borough - a tough side in CCFCs current division.

However, fast forward 8 months and they had their first cup final, finishing runners up to Lewes development in the chairman's cup 3-1.

This season they've got a 100% record with a whopping average of six goals per game after two league games and that FA Cup win.

Manager Andy Parsons outlined his plan for the season.

He said: "I'm excited about developing the squad building on last season's successes. We always enjoy the FA Cup as it's a great festival of football

"This season we are looking to continue developing our players and pushing to the next level with the goal to gain promotion to the South East Counties Premier Division".

Given they had over 200 supporters watch them win their first round cup game 6-1, the same day as 310 turned up to the Stray Dog, it might also mean that very rare sight at a CCFC game - some opposition fans.



INDIAN GYMKHANA

Middlesex County Football League Premier Division, September 28th

INDIAN GYMKHANA WAS FIRST established way back in 1916 as a cricket club. Since then hockey and football teams have been added, all playing at their lovely venue in leafy Osterley

The football section was created in the 1980s and now has a men's, boys' and girls' teams. It was the first Asian football club in Britain to set up a girls' team and they are determined to see girls and boys get the same opportunities.

Two years ago the men's team won the Middlesex Intermediate Cup for the third time in their history while also losing in the final of the Alec Smith Premier Cup.

Last season IGC finished in sixth - still creditable but actually their lowest for five years. The campaign ended in storming

form with a series of big wins, including inflicting title winners St Panteleimon's only defeat of the season of 5-0.

That form hasn't carried over to this season as they've started sluggishly with just one win in the first five games.

That was a 4-2 triumph over CB Hounslow United Reserves where all four goals were scored by Edward Simon in his only game so far this season.

Simon bagged 12 in 10 games last season, while strike partner Sukhvinder Singh Liddar scored 16 in 17, so there's no shortage of goals in the team.

In contrast, CCFC have found scoring hard to come by without the services of Sherwin Stanley and Eliot Crosbie, but have tightened up at the back. An intriguing tussle awaits.



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CRICKLEWOOD WANDERERS

Middlesex County Football League Premier Division, 3pm, October 5th, 2019

We're the famous CCFC and we're going to Wembley! Our men's team travel to play Cricklewood Wanderers at Wembley FC's Vale Farm ground.

It's a tidy little stadium renowned for its excellent pitch - so much so that England used it as their training base for the 1966 World Cup.

Cricklewood Wanderers have a short, but inspirational history. The club was formed in 2011 by a group of young people with help from homeless charity Ashford Place.

It is now run by Youth Engagement Solutions (YES), a charity which helps young people in education, employment, training, sport and health.

Unlike many grassroots teams, players don't pay subs to play as they strongly believe in making football accessible

to people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

They sponsor dedicated candidates through their coaching badges, providing finance, work experience and for many, a paid coaching role upon completion.

On the pitch, the men's won promotion from the Middlesex County League Division One to the Premier in their second season.

Since then they've near misses from promotion with a second-placed finish in 2013/4 then third in 2017/8.

Last season however they finished bottom, winning just three games, but were reprieved from relegation.

That's worked out fine since they've started this season well, winning two of four at the time of writing.

A WORD FROM THE OPPOSITION

Last season was a transitional season for our first team and we blooded young players who were new to the league.

Our aims for this season will be to finish as high as we possibly can. We aim to exhaust all our efforts to achieve this goal.

I think with any football team you usually have changes so we are no different. We have had some alteration to our current squad and have also retained players from last season.

We are expecting an intense game against Clapton, we know you have a strong following so that should add some atmosphere to the game under the floodlights.

In terms of the in game play, you never know what to expect, especially as both teams have never encountered one another.

Cricklewood Wanderers manager,
Alfred Ekpenyong



DULWICH HAMLET RESERVES

Greater London Women's Football League Division One, September 29th

THIS HOTLY-ANTICIPATED CLASH is the first between any Dulwich Hamlet and Clapton sides for 25 years. That was a 1994 London Senior Cup tie at Champion Hill ended 1–0 to the home side.

The Dulwich Hamlet women's story begins almost 10 years ago in 2010 – under the name AFC Phoenix.

Rising from a Saturday morning academy and friendly team, AFC Phoenix was a self-funded, fully independent and exclusively women's club that worked its way through the ranks of the football pyramid.

They made it all the way to the London & South East Regional Women's League (Tier 5) after a title-winning 16/17 season, with the reserves now playing in the Greater London Women's Football League, Div 1, after a league winning season in 17/18.

After two consecutive 2nd place finishes and cup finals and wins across both teams, the decision was made to seek out the support the girls playing for the club deserved, and ideally merge with an existing men's club that matched the ethos and ambition of AFC Phoenix.

Enter Dulwich Hamlet. After one meeting and tour of Champion Hill,



the girls at AFC Phoenix, led by their long-term manager Farouk Menia and new reserve coach Jack Badu, were convinced that Dulwich Hamlet was the partner they were looking for – inclusive, friendly, cheeky and community focussed, with an appetite for success and progression.

The rest, as they say, is history.

Jack told us: "We are really excited to play Clapton as we understand the importance of supporting likeminded, forward thinking clubs with a similar ethos.

"That being said with our slow start to the season we will be hoping to get a home win before we retire to the Dulwich Hamlet clubhouse bar.

"We would love to welcome as many Clapton fans down to Dulwich as possible painting the bar Red, White, Pink and Blue"

It should be pointed out that Dulwich Hamlet have quietly helped CCFC in our impending move back home to Forest Gate.

Firstly several committee members came to the Save the Old Spotted Dog public meeting to give advice.

Then most recently - and entirely off their own bat - speaking to their local MPs encouraging them to lend their support to our campaign.

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MESSAGE TO A TONE



CLAPTON HISTORY BY CHRIS TYMCOW

CLAPTON ARCHIVE OPEN EVENING

THE BISHOPSGATE INSTITUTE IS holding an Open Evening for the Clapton Football Archive, set up by CCFC members, on Friday 25th October (the day before our home game against CB Hounslow United Reserves) in its Special Collections Library at 230 Bishopsgate, Spitalfields, London EC2M 4QH.

Items on display will include archive material from the earliest days of the club at the start of the 20th century, through to the Clapton Ultras era and the creation of Clapton CFC.

This is also an opportunity for you to deposit for safekeeping any programmes, football shirts, badges, documents or anything else related to our long history, especially from before 2012.

The Open Evening will run from 6.30pm to 9pm, followed by a pint at a nearby pub. All CCFC members and supporters are welcome.

To get some indication of the numbers attending, please help us by registering at Eventbrite.

bit.ly/TONS-history01

WOMEN'S FA CUP 1997

As FA Cup fever grips the Stray Dog, an old football programme bought recently at a market stall gives a little insight into a Cup match from more than 20 years ago.

The tie was the FA Cup semi-final, played between Millwall Lionesses and Croydon WFC.

The neutral venue was Champion Hill, home of Dulwich Hamlet FC, whose Women's Reserve Team Clapton Community will be visiting for a league match on Sunday 29 September.

Croydon, wearing red and black shirts, were the cup holders, having beaten Liverpool in the previous year's final, their semi-final win against Ipswich also having been played at Dulwich Hamlet's ground.

Millwall, in blue shirts, had won the cup in 1991, when they beat Doncaster Belles 1-0. Millwall were also the current holders of the Women's League Cup, after beating Everton 2-1 at Barnet.

An article in the programme noted that 'When they watch a top level Women's match the true football fan invariably leaves impressed' but went on to complain that too few people actually did come to watch.

One suggestion to increase attendances was to play the Women's FA Cup Final, the (men's) FA Vase, and the (men's) FA Trophy all on one day at Wembley.

Since then, of course, the FA Vase and FA Trophy have begun to be played on the same day.

Millwall Lionesses beat Croydon on penalties to set up a final against Wembley, played at West Ham United's Boleyn Ground, where a crowd of just over 3,000 saw them lift the Women's FA Cup for a second time.

MESSAGE TO A TON

It's been a cracking start to the 19/20 season with more than 30 players sponsored out of a total 65 players from the men's and women's teams in less than a fortnight. If you're thinking of supporting your favourite Ton visit www.chuffed.org/project/ tonsmessage and donate from as little as £5.

You will be listed as a player supporter with your name and brief message of support featured on the website and in the matchday programme for the whole of the season.

The money raised will go towards kit and equipment for players and our training sessions for women and under 16s.

For any queries relating to 'Message to a Ton' email fundraising@claptoncfc.co.uk

CCFC MEN'S SQUAD

Joshua Adejokun S Have a great season Josh, Forza Clapton. From the Parmenter family

Noah Adejokun S

Cemal Addelen S From the Parmenter

Dan Anfossy S

Phil Blakesley S Come on Felipe hold it down in midfield and beyond this season. We Love you Blaaaaakesley. Legend Joe Zlotowitz

Sham Darr S

Jack Francis S

Bilal Hussain S

Jerry Jairette S

Andrew Lastic S A credit to the 'Tons' In solidarity. Dave Clinch

Nick Loblack S

Stefan Nielson S

Geoff Ocran

Jordan Odofin

Yacine Rabia S Good luck to Yas Rabia and the Clapton team this season. Muzzy Vurulmaz

Sherwin Stanley S

Jon Akaly A

Dean Bouho (A)

Tom Carding (A)

Ellick Coleman A

Eliot Crosbie

Justin Cummins A

Charlie Fagan

Nabeel Hashim

Ashley Headley

Ben Kadler A Stefan Kilron A

Prince Kwayke

Alby Miller (A)

Paul Oshin

Lewis Owiredu

Bogdan Panescu A

Bruno Pereira 🗛 Romelle Pile

Imran Rehman

Louis Rene

Fama Sangare A

Liam Smyth (A)

Billy Wise A

CCFC WOMEN'S SQUAD

Polly Adams S

Zhane Amoaten S Amazing touches, beautiful passes, perfect control. Please keep caressing the ball as you're doing! S+T Levton Massive

Sophia Axelsson S

Georgie Brophy S

Susana Ferreira S

Elena Holmes S

Ana Holmes S

Emily Link S

Ciara Monahan S

Annika Quartey S

Lucy Rolington S Best of luck for

Naomi Scriven S

Lucy Spours S

Rebecca von Blumenthal

Saskia Walker S

Laura Wright S

Hannah Wright S

Alice Nutman

Phoebe Parthews A

Stedrika Perkins (A)

Verity Phillips (A)

Hariet Plows

Capucine Riom (A)

Esther Routledge

Alice Williams A

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A PLAYER AVAILABLE!

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PLAYER PROFILE:

ELENA (LENNY) Holmes

PLACE OF BIRTH: Exeter, the sweet green hills of Devon BIRTHDATE: 07/10/92 HEIGHT: 5 feet 1 inch and 24/64ths (very tall)

WHERE YOU LIVE: Islington DAY JOB: Tech PR

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Bristol University,
Exeter City, Exmouth Amateurs
ALL TIME FAVOURITE PLAYER: Iniesta
FAVOURITE TEAM, APART FROM
CLAPTON CFC: Sunderland AFC,
greatest team to have graced the
planet (my dad's from the North).
BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL:

Winning against league leaders
Walton last season to gain promotion
LOWEST POINT IN FOOTBALL: When
Sunderland lost to Charlton in the

league one playoff final at Wembleyheartbreak yet again LIKES AND HOBBIES: football, running at dawn or dusk, reading, writing, trying not to kill cacti, dog-spotting, walking up mountains, walking down mountains

DISLIKES: losing football matches, celery, capitalism, Brexit, The Man, the City, the patriarchy

FAVOURITE COUNTRY VISITED:

Vietnam

FAVOURITE FOOD: Pad Thai
FAVOURITE FILM: Lord of the Rings
(the return of the king), but I'm
more of a book gal
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Fleetwood Mac

have some bangers
FAVOURITE TV: Fleabag
FOOTBALLING AMBITION: Winning

PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET:
From the past: Virginia Woolf, from

the present: Megan Rapinoe





PLAYER PROFILE: JAKE ROBERT STEVENS

PLACE OF BIRTH: Chelmsford, Essex **BIRTHDATE: 26th September 1990** HEIGHT: 5' 8" (172cm) WHERE YOU LIVE: Stratford **DAY JOB: Account Director for** a software consultancy PREVIOUS CLUBS: Clapton FC, Enfield, Barkingside ALL TIME FAVOURITE PLAYER: Joe Cole **FAVOURITE TEAM, APART FROM CLAPTON CFC: West Ham United BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL: Without** doubt, winning Clapton CFC's first silverware in the Jim Rogers Cup on penalties, in front of my family, friends and the greatest fans in football

LOWEST POINT IN FOOTBALL: Losing two cup finals with Clapton FC in two weeks (to Barking/Bowers & Pitsea) with an aggregate score of 11-3 LIKES AND HOBBIES: I attempt to play golf, looking to improve during my spell on the injury table this season. DISLIKES: Defensive duties FAVOURITE COUNTRY VISITED:

South Africa

FAVOURITE FOOD: Mexican FAVOURITE FILM: Remember

the Titans

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Pretty eclectic taste, but Sampha, The XX, FKJ are some of the regulars

FAVOURITE TV: Stranger Things, Game of Thrones, Peaky Blinders, Shark Tank

FOOTBALLING AMBITION:

Get Clapton CFC to where they belong. Maybe an FA Cup run before I hang the boots up.

PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET:

My grandad Geoff, he was a referee for 40+ years and would have absolutely loved what is happening at Clapton CFC. ETRANSPARENCY **STATS**

SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

In August 2019, Clapton CFC spent £8,531.89, with the start of friendly games for both our men's and women's teams.

We also saw the beginning of regular new Tuesday evening training for women and non-binary players returning to football and the resumption of Young Tons sessions on Wednesdays.

The largest expenditure this month was for hiring a variety of different pitches (£3,034,12). followed by regular match costs including printing programmes (£1.879.75) and membership costs (£1,634.33). In August CCFC also paid its latest VAT bill and spent £508.79 on merchandise.

In addition, the club donated £140 raised by CCFC supporters to Camden Abu dis Friendship Association for their Football 4 Freedom appeal, which is bringing a group of Palestinian girls to play and train in the UK later this year.

Our income in August was £10,446.19. The largest proportion of this was £4,879.83 from membership renewals and new members (after fees charged by MemberMojo).

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EXPENDITURE Hire of the Stray Dog for the Women's First Team £2,010.00 £974.40 Members badges for 2019/20 April-June 2019 VAT £729.38 £658.85 Postage Programme printing £611.00 Young Tons pitch hire £520.00 Matchday security £445.50 Production of CCFC flags £349.25 Women's first team training pitch hire £210.12 Training pitch on Tuesday evenings at Mabley Green £204.00 Match officials £480.00 Laundry £176.00 Food for Players £167.25 Women's Football posters and flyers £124.80 £123.18 Banner £105.00 Venue hire **Envelopes** £95.64 Additional pitch hire for friendly game £90.00 Training kit £86.22 Travel £76.94 Kit bag £69.98 Merch bag cost for trip to Berlin £60.00 Production of stickers £50.69 Keys for storage units £40.00 Additional League subs £25.00 Accounting software fees £14.40 Labels for membership cards £14.29 **Engraving for Anagram Records Trophy** £10.00 League transfer fee £10.00 TOTAL £8,531.89 INCOME **New Members** £4,879.83 Matchday donations £2,607.08 Merchandise £1.394.33 Other revenue £1,034.95 Programme sales £530.00 TOTAL £10,446.19

RESULTS/FIXTURES

MEN'S

DATE	COMP	VENUE / OPPONENTS	RESULT	SCORERS	ATT.
6/7/19	Friendly	Wadham Lodge 3G (H) vs Wanderers FC	W 3-2	Wise, Ocran, Kilron	30
13/7/19	Friendly	Mabley Green (A) vs Lopes Tavares	L 4-1	Nott	75
20/7/19	Friendly	The Stray Dog (H) vs Sporting Hackney	L 1-2	Panescu (Pen)	150
25/7/19	Friendly	Wadham Lodge Stadium (A) vs Walthamstow FC	L 2-1	Nielsen	120
27/7/19	Friendly	Menace Arena (A) vs Peckham Town	W 3-4	Wise, Hussain (2), Adejokun	97
03/8/19	Friendly	The Stray Dog (H) vs NW London FC	L 2-6	Hussain (2)	207
10/8/19	Friendly	Sportpark Dölitz (A) vs Roter Stern Leipzig	W 2-2 (3-0 pens)	Odofin, Crosbie	650
20/08/19	MCFLPD	Wadham Lodge Stadium (H) vs Sporting Hackney	W 2-0	N Adejokun, Crosbie	404
24/08/19	MCFLPD	Hanwell Town FC (A) vs Pitshanger Dynamo	L 0-2		143
31/08/19	FAV	Blackstone Stadium (A) vs Wivenhoe Town	L 1-5	Loblack	133
07/09/19	ASPDC	Brunel University Sports Complex (A) vs Hillingdon FC	W 3-0	J Adejokun 2, Nielsen	82
14/09/19	Friendly	Wadham Lodge Stadium (H) vs Eastfield FC	W 3-0 T	rialist, Panescu, Owiredu	102
21/09/19	MCFLPD	Rectory Park (A) vs Hilltop FC			
05/10/19	MCFLPD	Wembley FC (A) vs Cricklewood Wanderers			
12/10/19	MCFLPD	Wadham Lodge Stadium (H) vs Stonewall FC			
19/10/19	BBCEPC	Runwell Sports Club (A) vs Runwell Sports			
26/10/19	MCFLPD	Wadham Lodge Stadium (H) vs CB Hounslow Res			
02/11/19	MCFLPD	Wadham Lodge Stadium (H) vs NW London			
09/11/19	MCFLPD	Hanworth Villa (A) vs PFC Victoria			
16/11/19	MCFLPD	Wadham Lodge Stadium (H) vs Brentham FC			
MCFLPD = M	fiddlesex County	Football League Premier Division FAV = FA Vase BBCEPC = BBC Est	sex Premier Cup ASPDC	= Alec Smith Premier Division Cup	

WOMEN'S

DATE	COMP	VENUE / OPPONENTS	RESULT	SCORERS	ATT.
03/8/19	Friendly	The Stray Dog (H) vs Santacruzense	W 5-2	Link (4), Riddick	207
18/8/19	Friendly	The Stray Dog (H) vs Tower Hamlets	W 9-0	Link (4), Walker (3), Monahan, Quartey	109
01/09/19	FAC	The Stray Dog (H) vs Margate	W 6-3	Link (2), A Holmes, L Wright,	
				Monahan, Philips	310
08/09/19	GLWFL	The Stray Dog (H) vs Luton Town Development	W 4-0	Scriven 2, A Holmes	140
15/09/19	GLWFL	Barn Elms (A) vs Regents Park Rangers	D 1-1	Amoaten	
22/09/19	FAC	The Stray Dog (H) vs Oakwood Ladies			
29/09/19	GLWFL	Champion Hill (A) vs Dulwich Hamlet Reserves			
06/10/19	GLWFL	The Stray Dog (H) vs Walton Casuals			
13/10/19	GLWFL	The Stray Dog (H) vs Comets			
27/10/19	GLWFL	The Stray Dog (H) vs Crystal Palace Development			
03/11/19	GLWFL	Tudor Park (A) vs Hampton & Richmond Borough			

GLWFL = Greater London Women's Football League Division 1 FAC = Women's FA Cup

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WOMEN'S TEAM

GOALKEEPERS

POLLY ADAMS SOPHIA AXELSSON SUSANA ROCHA FERREIRA

DEFENDERS

GEORGIE BROPHY
ALICE NUTMAN
PHOEBE PARTHEWS
HARRIET PLOWS
ANNIKA QUARTEY
ALICE WILLIAMS
HANNAH WRIGHT

LAURA WRIGHT

MIDFIELDERS

ZHANE AMOATEN
REBECCA VON BLUMENTHAL
ANA HOLMES
ELENA HOLMES
CIARA MONAHAN
VERITY PHILLIPS
CAPUCINE RIOM
ESTHER ROUTLEDGE

LUCY ROLINGTON LUCY SPOURS SASKIA WALKER

FORWARDS

EMILY LINK STEDRIKA PERKINS NAOMI SCRIVEN

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 2:00 PM

WOMEN'S FA CUP

OAKWOOD LADIES

Iris Bateup
Jessica Batista dos Santos
Janine Daly
Jade Dancaster
Alana Delaney
Mia Fenton
Chloe Higham

Tayla Hill Megan Hoare Emily Kendall Eleanor Killick-Bird Sarah Killick-Bird Abigail Knight Hope Laker Jemma Lindfield Shaney Love Pamela McDonnell Millie Morley Jade Page Amy Sheppard Hannah Sparshott Hayley Tubb Lauren Tyler Ioana Vilciu Emma Wood

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