



WE ARE BACK!

CLAPTON CFC vs INDIAN GYMKHANA
3.00 PM SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 AT WADHAM LODGE STADIUM
Middlesex County Football League Premier Division

PROGRAMMES THIS SEASON

Last season's terrible weather and glut of postponements meant we weren't able to sell many of the programmes the Comms team lovingly produced.

We don't want to waste the club's money or volunteers' time on producing unused or unsold programmes. And

with the added uncertainty over fixtures due to Covid 19, we have had to change the way our programme format. So this season we will be offering...

- An individual mini-programme for all men's and women's team home games, like this one, packed with as much news and information as we can squeeze in.
- Regular big magazines, with the

beautiful bespoke covers you love, full of longer features and in-depth articles. These will be on sale across several games, and hopefully also online via our store.

We're always looking for new writers, designers and photographers to help out, so please email comms@claptoncfc.co.uk if you want to get stuck in.



INDIAN GYMKHANA PREVIEW

Middlesex County Football League Premier Division

FIRST UP FOR THE MEN'S TEAM ARE INDIAN GYMKHANA, who we lost 5-4 to in last season's sole meeting. We asked player Pinder Kang about their preparations and expectations for the campaign.

Who would have thought this year would turn out the way it has? But that's life and I hope everyone's well and keeping safe in these testing times.

Last season, league position wise, we weren't in a good place pre-COVID, even if I think we would have picked up and finished in a better position.

We're under new management: Club legends Bobby Dhaliwal and Guvi Sandhu have taken the roles of joint first team managers/players.

Due to COVID, we only started training in August so we've had friendlies in September and it's been a mixed bag, with a win, a draw and a loss. But it's all about match fitness and I feel we've shown enough that we're slowly progressing.

The real test comes with the first league game. Expectations are always high at our club, no matter what the situation,

We can't wait to play at your ground. We missed out last season, with your exceptional fans, we were so looking forward to that. We love what your community represents and every club can learn from you guys. May be the best team win.

MCFL STARTS TODAY

Our game today is the first and only game of the new Middlesex County Football League Premier Division season with the rest kicking off next week.

The league starts with 14 teams after Hillingdon took a voluntary demotion this summer. Meanwhile several clubs have moved, most notably Stonewall, who now play at the London Marathon Stadium next to West Ham's stadium. Welcome to East London!

Elsewhere, Brentham created headlines when Patrice Evra played for them in a friendly, and NW London have a lovely new Black Lives Matter kit. A full preview of the season is on the club website now: bit.ly/MCFL20-21

NEXT WEEK'S GAME

Our scheduled home game vs Cricklewood Wanderers on October 3rd may need to be rearranged depending on the FA Cup draw yesterday.

If Walthamstow get a home tie, they get priority on the Wadham Lodge Stadium pitch and we will need to rethink.

It may mean a different venue (Stray Dog anyone?), a switch to Friday night, a completely new fixture or - worst case scenario - match postponed. We should know soon.

WOMEN'S TEAM GAME TOMORROW

The Clapton CFC women's team hope to continue last week's sparkling form - a 4-0 win against Crystal Palace Development - tomorrow.

The Tons travel to Barn Elms to take on Regents Park Rangers in the league, with kick-off at 2pm.

The pitch is in an open space, so spectators are welcome with plenty of room to socially distance.

Hammersmith Bridge is completely closed so avoid trying to come in via Hammersmith. Barnes or Putney Bridge stations would be better.

HARDSHIP FUND UPDATE

Sadly, Covid-19 is still very much with us and a second wave and further lockdowns and disruptions are almost certainly on their way causing difficulty for many.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to our Hardship Fund. We've been humbled by all the donations and the solidarity, we have been able to donate over £7000 so far to members in short-term financial need.

The fund is down to its last £250 but the crisis continues for many of our members. So if you have a few quid to chuck in, we'd really appreciate it.

Donate via GoFundMe: gofundme.com/f/clapton-cfc-hardship-fund

GEOFF OCRAN **MEN'S TEAM HEAD COACH**



IN WHAT IS PROBABLY THE LONGEST PRE-SEASON on record, we finally get to play a competitive game and start our league campaign.

As I've always stressed, I've never really placed any emphasis on pre-season results as it's a chance to look at trialists, try new systems and tactics etc. Performances and fitness levels

are key, and I feel we are getting there as it will improve game after game. Player availability has been an issue in terms of getting everyone together consistently but I'm sure we are not the only team struggling with this due to the current climate. We are also happy with the new additions to the squad so far as we attempt to have more strength in depth this season.

New season, new optimism and it's no secret we want to challenge for the league this season. Last season, once we got everyone fit and firing, we went on an unbeaten run to put us in league contention so there's no reason why we should set the bar any lower.

We want to get off to a good start this season and this starts at home vs Indian Gymkhana who beat us away last season 5-4. So, payback is definitely on the menu today!

For all those attending today and the fans/members supporting at home, your support is very much appreciated. Keep safe and we look forward to seeing you all sooner rather than later.

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PLAYER PROFILE: **BOGDAN PANESCU**

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Brasov, Transylvania, Romania

BIRTHDATE: 24-11-1988

HEIGHT: 5ft 7, 3

WHERE YOU LIVE: Pimlico

DAY JOB: Courier

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Cockfosters FC

Enfield 1893

ALL TIME FAVOURITE PLAYER:

Gheorghe Hagi, Messi

FAVOURITE TEAM, APART FROM

CLAPTON CFC: Chelsea FC

BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL: Scoring a

overhead kick goal at Stamford Bridge

LOWEST POINT IN FOOTBALL:

Not playing for almost 2 years

LIKES AND HOBBIES: Concerts, live

Music. Making music I go to professional studio where I produce Hip Hop music and I'm also an aspiring artist.

DISLIKES: Fake News. Boris

FAVOURITE COUNTRY VISITED: Morocco

FAVOURITE FOOD: Ramen and Home

cooked all dishes with mince meat

FAVOURITE FILM: Inside Man,

Book of Eli, Man on fire, The Town

FAVOURITE TV: Documentaries,

David Attenborough, MOTD.

FOOTBALLING AMBITION: Reach the

highest step I can with Clapton CFC

PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET:

Frank Lampard



CLAPTON CFC

GOALKEEPERS

DANIEL ANFOSSY
JACK FRANCIS

DEFENDERS

DEAN BOUHO
TOM CARDING
ARSHAD COOWAR
JUSTIN CUMMINS
STEFAN KILRON
ALBY MILLER
TAFARI NICHOLAS
JORDAN ODOFIN
FAMA SANGARE

MIDFIELDER

CEMAL AGDELEN
JULIAN AUSTIN
ELIOT CROSSBIE
SHAM DARR

BILAL HUSSAIN
PRINCE KWAKYE
GEOFF OCRAN
PAUL OSHIN
LOUIS RENE
JAKE STEVENS

FORWARD

JOSHUA ADEJOKUN
NOAH ADEJOKUN
JON AKALY
REECE BARTHOLOMEW
GABRIEL BAZZARELLI
DOS SANTOS
CHARLIE FAGAN
DAN FLORENCE
NATHAN LINTON
LEWIS OWIREDU
BOGDAN PANESCU
SHERWIN STANLEY

INDIAN GYMKHANA

Manager: Bobby Dhaliwal

Assistants: Guv Singh • Sam Sandhu • Sunil Sharma

Bilal Khan • Tej Randhawa • Guv Singh • Amarjit Kaloti

• Bobby Dhaliwal • Manraj Gill • Parwinder Kang • Amarjit Sidhu

• Gurpreet Bansal • Kunaal Marid • Kamil Kharas • Hammad Taj

• Jayraj Jadeja • Jatinder Liddar • Sukhvinder Liddar

• Nauman Quraishy • Ash Kharas • Martin Benjamin • Toch Dhaliwal

• Arek Kulis • Hassan Taj • Gurpreet Tatla • Aman Chaggar • Karan Pal

• Rohan Gupta • Omar Riaz • Harpreet Sangha • Hassan Taj

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.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

MEN'S TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	VENUE / OPPONENTS
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03/10/2020	3pm	MCFL	(H) Cricklewood Wanderers
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10/10/2020	2.30pm	MCFL	(A) Larkspur Rovers
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17/10/2020	2.30pm	MCFL	(A) Hilltop
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VIEW LEAGUE TABLE HERE bit.ly/MN20-21

WOMEN'S TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	VENUE / OPPONENTS
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27/09/2020	2pm	GLWFL	(A) Regents Park Rangers
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04/10/2020	1pm	GLWFL	(A) Hampton & Richmond Borough
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11/10/2020	2pm	GLWFL	(H) Enfield Town Reserves
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WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	VENUE / OPPONENTS
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10/10/2020	TBC	CWSFL	(H) LFA Sporting
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