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**CLAPTON CFC
vs CB HOUNSLOW
UNITED RES**
3.00 PM AUGUST 21, 2021 AT
THE STRAY DOG
Middlesex County Football
League Premier Division

**PLUS
MEMORIES OF
MANCHESTER**

WE GO AGAIN...

LET'S FORGET THAT
opening game last week
and regard today as the
proper start of the men's

first team season.

The 4-2 defeat to FC
Soma was a real punch
to the gut - and watching

a game through a cage is
never a great experience,
although thanks to
everyone who made
the best of it.

We had been due to
play that on the Stray
Dog but the rain at the
start of the week meant

we were moved on to
the Wadham Lodge
3G next door.

For this one, we
hopefully will really be
back on the big Stray
Dog terrace. The stand
we built, for the club
we built.

CB HOUNSLOW UNITED RESERVES

MIDDLESEX COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

OUR VISITORS, NICKNAMED THE DRAGONS, were formed in 1987/88 as Richmond Rangers, changing their name the year after.

They now have dozens of teams starting at Under 6 level right through to their first team who play in the Combined Counties Football League Division 1, two steps above us.

The CB stands for Cater Bank, a company owned by their chairman's dad. It's stuck ever since.

Their first team joined the Middlesex County Football League in 1994 and progressed through the divisions and beyond.

Meanwhile their reserve team has been in MCFL for 20 years too and in the Premier Division since 2014.

After last season was abandoned, they took part in a Covid Cup and performed impressively, winning 4, drawing 1 and losing 1.

They didn't play last Saturday and were due to start their season on Thursday night at home to Indian Gymkhana, result not known as we go to print.

We have met them just once before, with the Tons winning at the Wadham Lodge Stadium 4-0 in October 2019.

With the nature of reserve team football, however, it's likely a very different CB line-up turning up today.

Indeed, with the CB Hounslow United first team not having a game today, it's possible we'll see many of their top players dropping down for a game.



PLAY YOUR PART

The new season has started and the club needs YOU to help out with all the stuff that makes Clapton happen.

If you can give a one-off or regular bit of time, email info@claptoncfc.co.uk.

UP THE TONS

Clapton CFC's women's development team have been promoted to the Clapham Women's Saturday Football League Premier Division for 2021/22.

It means the team will play more regularly, once every two weeks rather than every month. The fixtures for the new season have just been released - all listed on our website - with games against the likes of Goal Diggers and Rising Ballers.

All matches, home or away, will still take place on Clapham Common Northside on Saturdays, usually a late morning kick-off.



CIAO TOMMASO

One of our members, Tommaso (never, ever, Tomasso) and his partner Semira are heading back to Italy from East London and really who can blame them.

We wanted to write a note

just to say we wish you both well, our hearts are heavy that you're leaving but full with seven years of memories, happiness and banners.

Tommaso, our chief tifo maker, capo, flag bag sitter, and a master of Italian swear words - we love you so much - always and forever a Ton.



FA CUP

Clapton CFC have been drawn away against Haringey Borough in the Women's FA Cup second qualifying round.

The tie will take place at 2pm on 3 October after the Tons were given a bye through from the first qualifying round.

Boro play in the Eastern Region Premier League, two levels higher than the Tons, and play their home games at Coles Park on White Hart Lane.

In our debut season in the Women's FA Cup in 2018/9, the Tons played two home games at the Stray Dog, winning 6-3 against Margate then lost 3-2 against Oakwood, with a combined attendance was 571.

Last season we missed out on the competition entering due to Covid-related league administration delays but we're back and only 9 wins from Wembley.

GEOFF OCRAN MEN'S TEAM HEAD COACH



A DISAPPOINTING START TO THE season and that was always the fear after the FC United friendly in Manchester.

We started well, looked like the team about to make the breakthrough, then got hit with two sucker punches on the break and never really recovered.

We got ourselves back in it at 2-1, finally getting a hold of the game, and conceded a third against the run of play.

All in all a bad day at the office but no need for panic stations.

Positives from the game were that we created enough chances to win and even at 4-2 were still pushing to get a result. However, the school report reads... Must do better!

We must give credit to FC Soma who punished every error we made on Saturday and look to be one of teams



nearer the top end of the table come the end of the season.

Our opponents today CB Hounslow Reserves can also be tricky opponents as you can never really anticipate what sort of side they will have out.

Reserve teams can be filled with first

team players at any given time so we will be wary of the challenge.

Weather permitting, we should be back on the Stray Dog which should be a good omen for us and a great way to get our league campaign up and running.

#Coyts #Claptonfamily

PLAYER PROFILE: JAMES ANTHONY BRIGGS



PLACE OF BIRTH: Homerton Hackney

HEIGHT: 6ft2

WHERE YOU LIVE: Clapton

DAY JOB: Banker

PREVIOUS CLUBS:

Stansted, Barkingside, Enfield and Clapton

ALL TIME FAVOURITE PLAYER:

Dennis Bergkamp

FAVOURITE TEAM, APART

FROM CLAPTON CFC: Arsenal

BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL:

Playing at Highbury stadium and scoring in front of the amazing Clapton CFC fans

LOWEST POINT IN FOOTBALL:

Breaking my ankle when I first started out for Clapton

LIKES AND HOBBIES: looking after my son, playing PS5, socialising with friends and doing activities like foot golf, bowling, arcades and top golf

DISLIKES: Tottenham Hotspur haha

FAVOURITE COUNTRY VISITED: USA (New York)

FAVOURITE FOOD: Turkish

FAVOURITE FILM: Forrest Gump

FAVOURITE TV: MOTD and anything football related

PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Cristiano Ronaldo

OUR FRIENDS IN THE NORTH

FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER vs CLAPTON CFC DOUBLE HEADER

PRE-SEASON RESULTS ARE NOT IMPORTANT, BUT NEVER more so than on this occasion.

Off the pitch, our double-header in Manchester was about making friends and seeing the possibilities of a club who have been doing the fan-owned thing for 16 years.

On the pitch, the gulf in levels showed in the final results, but not without some truly unforgettable moments of magic from the Tons players. Three moments, in particular.

With no trains running, three coaches of players and supporters travelled from East London at daft o'clock in the morning.

More joined us from all corners, from Bury St Edmunds to Portsmouth to Glasgow, and everywhere in between.

At least a third of the 694 crowd were there to support the Tons, and didn't stop singing from minute 1 to 180.

After months of being on lockdown, missing crowds at football, missing friends at football, this felt like an almighty release of love and energy. The first proper Clapton away day in over 18 months.



The women's game kicked off with the message, "No More Lost Generations" referencing the number of women who never got the chance to play football because of the FA's discriminatory actions



MATCH REPORT:

07/08/2021

FC UNITED 9
CLAPTON CFC 0

THE MAIN EVENT WAS THE WOMEN'S teams contesting the Football Supporters Association trophy.

The clash marked the 100th anniversary of the FA's ban on women's football and 50 years since that came to an end.

After a grueling six-hour coach trip, the bus pulled up at 12:55pm leaving the team only 35 minutes to stretch their legs and warm up.

In truth, fourth tier United started on the front foot and never let up throughout the game against our seventh tier team.

The first highlight of the day from a Clapton perspective came on 52 minutes. Polly Adams faced an FCUM penalty.

Adams, having already made a string of saves to keep the score down dived to her left. But the Clapton keeper displayed lightning reactions to flick a trailing toe and send the ball over the crossbar.

Scoreline aside, there were plenty of positives to take. The Tons stuck to their tasks and pushed United hard. And all the goals came from the sheer quality of the opposition.



MATCH REPORT:

07/08/2021

FC UNITED 5
CLAPTON CFC 2

NEXT UP, THE MEN'S TEAMS CONTESTED what was for both the final friendly of pre-season.

FCUM, who play four levels higher, fielded half a full-strength side, with the other half on the bench. Then they took the lead on 17 minutes. Cue a landslide? Not quite.

Clapton equalised on 28 minutes. Arthur Wright led a rapid breakaway into the opposition box. He dummied to shoot, sending a desperate defender sliding past, then picked his spot in the corner.

Then, Noah Adejokun put the Tons in front. Fed by his older brother Josh, Noah snapped a shot from an insanely tight angle through the keepers' legs just before the break.

The ref blew for half-time, with the visiting fans still in a state of disbelief and delirium. 2-1. Stop the count.

Ocran gradually gave more of his 11 subs a run-out but it wasn't until the 72nd minute that the Red Rebels finally edged back into the lead.

A late flurry of goals reflected FCUM's overall quality, but was hard on a hard-working Clapton side who had kept it competitive for so long.

Fan-owned football is the future. Success on the pitch is always good but building a tangible community asset is better.



For the second game, "The Past We Inherit, The Future We Build" was a perfect summation and celebration of the actions of two fan-owned football clubs. Both tifos were beautiful.



CLAPTON CFC

GOALKEEPERS

DANIEL ANFOSSY
JACK FRANCIS

DEFENDERS

DEAN BOUHO
ARSHAD COOWAR
JUSTIN CUMMINS
STEFAN KILRON
MUSA MANNEH
ALBY MILLER
TAFARI NICHOLAS
JORDAN ODOFIN
FAMA SANGARE
LIAM SMYTH

MIDFIELDER

CEMAL AGDELEN
JULIAN AUSTIN
SAMBA BADJANA
JAMES BRIGGS
ELIOT CROSBIE
SHAM DARR
CHARLIE FAGAN
PRINCE KWAKYE
GEOFF OCRAN
PAUL OSHIN
LOUIS RENE
ARTHUR WRIGHT

FORWARD

JOSHUA ADEJOKUN
NOAH ADEJOKUN
REECE BARTHOLOMEW
TROY CLEGHORN
LEWIS OWIREDU
BOGDAN PANESCU
SHERWIN STANLEY
JAKE STEVENS
FRED TAYLOR
AARON YFEKO

CB HOUNSLOW UNITED RESERVES

- Umar Brown • David De Sousa Pinto
- Alexander De'Riggs • Jerome Edwards
- Denilson Gardner • Luke Gilbert
- Jon Lloyd • Andre Martin • Connor Miller
- Adeolu Owolana • Mark Peters
- Aaron Spencer • Shane O'Connell
- Stephen Udeze • Warren Williams

Referee E Mckenzie

Assistants A Yahiaoui and M McPherson

CLUB COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

- Please do not attend if you are ill or have symptoms of Covid-19, or have been told to isolate by NHS Test and Trace
- Free lateral flow tests are available from gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests if you wish to take a test before the game
- If you're travelling by public transport, a reminder that face masks are still compulsory unless exempt
- You can just turn up to watch the game and donate on the gate but we will still sell advance tickets to reduce cash handling
- There's hand sanitiser at the entrance and a QR code for those checking in on the app
- Please follow the signs around the site and instructions from matchday volunteers
- Spread out around the ground as much as you can
- You are encouraged to wear face masks indoors, such as when visiting the bar or toilets



UPCOMING FIXTURES

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE
Aug 28	3pm	MCFL	(H) Pitshanger Dynamo (at Stray Dog)
Sep 04	3pm	MCFL	(A) AVA (at Kingsbury School)
Sep 11	3pm	MCFL	(A) Larkspur Rovers (at Lord Halsbury Playing Fields)
Sep 18	3pm	MCFL	(A) Cricklewood Wanderers (at Wembley FC)

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE
Aug 22	2pm	Friendly	Hackney WFC (Hackney Marshes, East Marshes E2)
Sep 05	2pm	GLWFL	(H) Sutton United U23s (at Stray Dog)
Sep 12	2pm	GLWFL	(A) Islington Borough (at St Aloysius Playing Fields)
Sep 19	2pm	GLWFL	(A) Comets (at Regent's Park)
Sep 26	2pm	GLWFL	(H) Enfield Town Thirds (at Stray Dog)
Oct 03	2pm	FA CUP	(A) Haringey Borough (at Coles Park)

For our **development teams**, **5s teams** and **cricket team** fixtures, see the club website.