

"WE CAN'T BE SILENT"

Captain and Goalkeeper Jack Francis
message of support and solidarity
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**CLAPTON CFC VS
SPORTING HACKNEY**

2.00PM MAY 22, 2021 AT

WADHAM LODGE STADIUM

Middlesex Super 6 League

A MASSIVE WELCOME BACK TO WADHAM Lodge Stadium for our first game in front of a crowd for 161 days, and the largest capacity for well over a year. Not only are we all buzzing to be back together, there's a chance we can cheer the team on to lift some more silverware.

The maths today are simple - if Clapton CFC win today, they clinch the Middlesex Super 6 League title. A draw or defeat would leave us with just a small chance, depending on the results of AEK London vs Sporting Hackney next week. Come on you Tons!





SPORTING HACKNEY

Middlesex Super 6 League

TODAY WILL BE OUR FIFTH MEETING but only second competitive match with Sporting Hackney.

The Parrots have been a fixture on the famous Hackney Marshes since 1986 and are the borough's most senior football club.

However, they are now leaving Hackney - just like Hackney Wick did - to groundshare at Barking FC's newly revamped Mayesbrook Park and its 3G pitch.

Sporting Hackney will be second tenants, alongside Romford FC, so are likely to play home games on a Friday night, which should be a treat for Tons fans.

Pre-CCFC Tons fans might recall SH manager Pete Harrington and assistant Dan Portsmouth from their spell at the Old Spotted Dog, working with then Clapton FC manager, Mike Walther.

Those who have watched our live streams will have seen it's been a different Tons team in this tournament missing some of the big names including Julian Austin (working in Africa), Sherwin Stanley (playing cricket), Jordan Odofin, Lewis Owiredo, Eliot Crosbie and Paul Oshin.

That's given youngsters Noah Adejokun, Fama Sangare and Samba Badjana, plus new signings Arthur Wright and Musa Manneh, more match time.

But will player-manager Geoff Ocran will keep faith with the youth, or bring back more experience, for today's must-win match?

LAST FEW GAMES

This is the last men's first team game of the season but there are still a few CCFC matches to go.

The women's first team are set to play a final friendly next Sunday, 30 May, to end a brilliant season. More details on social media.

The men's development team play league leaders Quays Athletic tomorrow, then in two weeks one final game against Fish Island. Win both, and they can squeeze into a promotion slot. Both games are on Hackney Marshes, 10.30am, kick off.

Then on 6 June, our new women's beginners/flexi XI are in action against Frenford & MSA at the Jack Carter Centre, Ilford, 2pm kick off. The team is a mix of the players from our Flexi 5s and Beginners 5s, getting experience in full scale football.

MORE YOUNG TONS

We're launching a new football coaching session for girls and non-binary young people of all abilities aged 13 to 16.

The sessions take place on Fridays at Forest Gate School on a 'pay-what-you-can-afford' basis. FA qualified coach Chelsie Sparks will run the sessions along with members of the women's first team.

Please spread the word! If you would like to register, or have any questions, email youngtons@claptoncfc.co.uk.

FUNDRAISING T'S

Clapton Punks have produced three fundraising T-shirts to help the Old Spotted Dog Ground Trust open the clubhouse. Printed on either No Sweat or Earth Positive shirts, ethically produced and using vegan Ink, so the cost price per item is higher than normal at £15 unwaged, £22 waged, plus postage £3 for UK. To order, email ccfblackmarket@gmail.com or via [instagram.com/claptonpunks/](https://www.instagram.com/claptonpunks/)

MEDICAL AID FOR PALESTINE

Today is a Global Day of Action for Palestine and Clapton CFC is taking a stand to let Palestinians know that we support them.

The ethnic cleansing of historic Palestine and the displacement of Palestinians has been happening for over 73 years, but the global movement to support Palestine continues to grow.

Internationally, footballers have been showing their support, while closer to home check out CCFC goalkeeper Jack Francis' interview on our social media. As a proudly anti-racist football team we extend our full solidarity. At today's game we are holding a bucket shake for Medical Aid for Palestine.

We recommend the following resources for further information and look forward to your support in giving Israel the red card: bdsmovement.net | palestinecampaign.org | rcir.org.uk

GEOFF OCRAN MEN'S TEAM HEAD COACH



WELCOME BACK! WE ARE ONE STEP away from some form of normality but it's great to have everyone back for what is a pivotal game for us in this Middlesex Super 6 League!

Whenever you participate in a mini-league, the margins for error are very small and having drawn the first game, we knew that anything less than a 100 percent record from then on would

leave it out of our hands.

With convincing wins against NW London, Cricklewood Wanderers and AEK London, confidence in the squad is really high. The new players have settled in really well adding a real intensity to our play and it's great to see the development of our younger players who have really stepped up and taken on board the advice from management.

Sporting Hackney are still in contention for the title too so they will have an extra incentive to spoil the party and pursue their own league-winning aspirations. Therefore we need to match them in every department and hopefully our quality should come through on the day.

A lot has happened since our last game with the fans so we would like

to thank all the people who have donated to the Covid hardship fund (which is still open for donations) and also helped with our emergency Old Spotted Dog Ground roof appeal.

Work continues at the OSD as we attempt to get the ground ready for next season so again another pat on the back for all the volunteers who have helped so far and thanks in advance for anyone who wants to get involved in future. It will be good to see some familiar faces again and hopefully some more silverware for our new soon to be built trophy cabinet at the OSD!

Hardship fund -
claptoncfc.co.uk/clapton-against-corona-hardship-fund
Volunteer at the OSD -
email.osd@claptoncfc.co.uk

PLAYER PROFILE: PRINCE OPOKU KWAKYE

PLACE OF BIRTH: Kumasi, Ghana
BIRTHDATE: 29/08/1993

HEIGHT: 5'10"

WHERE YOU LIVE: Hackney

DAY JOB: Youth Worker

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Kent youth level

ALL TIME FAVOURITE PLAYER:

Ronaldhino

FAVOURITE TEAM, APART FROM CLAPTON CFC: Arsenal but special mention for Forest Green Rovers
BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL: Clapton CFC clinching the double last season under the lights and darkness

LOWEST POINT IN FOOTBALL: Jens Lehman getting wrongly sent

off in the champions league final

LIKES AND HOBBIES:

Most things sport and music and

Chuck Norris/Balottelli jokes

DISLIKES: Knee injuries and

unchecked privilege

FAVOURITE COUNTRY VISITED:

Apart from Ghana, Portugal

FAVOURITE FOOD: Omo tuo

FAVOURITE FILM: Queen and Slim

FAVOURITE TV:

Homeland (until season 5)

FOOTBALLING AMBITION: Still able

to nail a 360 roulette aged 80.

PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET:

Dead: Kwame Nkrumah and Kofi

Annan; Alive: 14th Dalai Lama



CLAPTON CFC

GOALKEEPERS

DANIEL ANFOSSY
JACK FRANCIS

DEFENDERS

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

MIDFIELDERS

CEMAL AGDELEN
JULIAN AUSTIN
SAMBA BADJANA
ELIOT CROSSBIE

CHARLIE FAGAN
NABEEL HASHIM
BILAL HUSSAIN
PRINCE KWAKYE
NICK MUIR
GEOFF OCRAN
PAUL OSHIN
ARTHUR WRIGHT

FORWARDS

JOSHUA ADEJOKUN
NOAH ADEJOKUN
REECE BARTHOLOMEW
GABRIEL BAZZARELLI DOS
SANTOS
DAN FLORENCE
LEWIS OWIREDU
BOGDAN PANESCU
SHERWIN STANLEY
JAKE STEVENS

SPORTING HACKNEY

Lekan Akinwumi • Richard Balagun • Jordan Brown • Karim Buklebe
• Alex Cavanagh • Joseph Coker • Alex Dale • James Davies • Luis Emanuel
• Henry Gallagher • Joel Gwilliams Akuwudike • Declan Higgins
• Isaac Instance • Jon Muzzi • Liam O'Hara • Stanley Okoli
• Ritchie Palata • Alessandro Puerini • Tyler Springer • Joe Toubent
• Ryan Thompson • Lewis Wallace

CLUB RULES DURING THE COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

- If you have any symptoms, don't attend
- Ticketholders only for home games, No walk ups
- Arrive in plenty of time as enter will take longer
- QR code by turnstile for those with the NHS Covid-19 app
- Temperature check and hand sanitiser at entry
- 2m distancing throughout ground where possible
- Mask up where possible when passing others and when singing
- Keep walkways clear and no congregating in passing areas
- Follow any instructions from Matchday volunteers and be respectful of others

PAST MEETINGS

04/08/2018 | friendly | att 125
Sporting Hackney 2 Clapton CFC 4

CCFC scored their first ever goals and won their first ever game at the third attempt. Goals from Eliot Crosbie (2), Josh Adejokun and Romelle Pile put the Tons four up, before a late fightback at Mabley Green.

20/07/2019 | friendly | att 150
Clapton CFC 1 Sporting Hackney 2

Sporting even up the wins after going two nil up. Three new signings - Jack Francis, Fama Sangare and Billy Wise - were on the bench for the Tons, for whom Bogdan Panescu scored a penalty consolation.

20/08/2019 | league | att 404
Clapton CFC 2 Sporting Hackney 0

The first competitive meeting of the teams and the Tons first game at Step 7 after winning the league. It was level under the lights at Wadham Lodge Stadium until the last 20 minutes when CCFC won it thank to Eliot Crosbie and sub Noah Adejokun on his debut.

08/08/2020 | friendly | behind closed doors
Clapton CFC 5 Sporting Hackney 1

The annual friendly took place without a crowd on the Wadham Lodge 3G. 1-1 at half-time after a goal from trialist Dan Florence, the Tons then blitzed our neighbours thanks to a hat-trick from another trialist Javon Abraham and one for Noah Adejokun.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT TEAM

AT HACKNEY MARSHES

23/05/2021 - 2pm - SGS XI

MEN'S DEVELOPMENT TEAM

AT HACKNEY MARSHES

23/05/2021 - 10.30am - Quays Athletic

06/06/2021 - 10.30am - Fish Island

WOMEN'S FLEXI/BEGINNERS XI

AT JACK CARTER CENTRE, ILFORD

06/06/2021 - 2pm - Frenford & MSA

11/07/2021 - 1.30pm - Wapping FC

29/08/2021 - 1.30pm - Whippets FC