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12.00PM AUGUST 13, 2022 THE STRAY DOG

Middlesex County Football

League Premier Division

WELCOME TO THE START OF another season which we are kicking off at the Stray Dog once more and against our friends and allies Stonewall FC.

There's been no summer rest after last season's dramas as members have chosen a new badge and new home shirt.

The men's first team is going to be rather nomadic until we finally manage to sort some dressing rooms for the Old **Spotted Dog Ground. Fingers** crossed on a resolution soon.

STONEWALL FC MIDDLESEX COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION



TODAY SEES OUR NINTH competitive meeting with our friends Stonewall FC, which is more than any other opponent.

Fixtures against our fellow East Londoners have been competitive and often high-scoring occasions, although last season's home tie finished in our first ever goalless draw.

These games are always a big draw for fans and our away fixture at the end of October was no different. Limited to 300 tickets at the London Marathon Stadium, in the shadow of West Ham's London Stadium, the game sold out within days. Clapton Community

fans were treated to a 4-0 away win, our first league away victory in over three months, with goals from Josh Adejokun, Noah Adejokun, James Briggs, and Fred Taylor. Stonewall finished the

> 2021-22 season in 6th place, just 4 points below 3rd place Clapton CFC. Oliver Rabie top scored with 12 goals, and Jay Lemonius was just one behind on 11. Established in 1991 in London, Stonewall are

currently the highest competing, openly LGBT+ football club in English football.

Having started after when one of the founding members placed an advert in a gay publication, asking if like-minded people wanted to play competitive football, they now field three competitive 11-a-side teams, three competitive Women & Non-binary teams and offer regular training and recreational 5-a-side football.





NEW SIGNINGS

Geoff Ocran has added eight new names to his squad for the promotion push this season The new boys are goalkeeper Robin Philpott, defenders Junia Charlton, Matthew Cunnington and James Davies, midfielders Johan Ahipeaud and Reggie Nelson and forwards Greg Moorse and Suleyman Zahmoul. Two development players also step up - defenders Carl Paul and Bailey Pryce. More to come in upcoming programmes.

THIS SEASUN'S UPPUNENTS

There are five new teams among the 15 in the Middlesex County Football League Premier Division. Kodak, OIR, PFC Victoria London and Shepherd's Bush are all promoted from the level below, while Eagles Land join from Sunday football. We lose promoted champions NW London, runners-up Brentham have dropped out and Sporting Hackney and Wilberforce Wanderers who have moved to different leagues.

HOME GAME VENUES

Our men's first team will be living a nomadic existence until the dressing rooms are sorted and we can move into the Old Spotted Dog Ground. As members will know, we're

in the process of buying the dressing rooms and warehouse next door, which we will refurbish as quick as we can. We're starting with five home games in a row, a third of the season. It's going to be a tough month, and wherever we play we really need your loud support to start successfully and lift the

league trophy at the OSD.

GEOFF OCRAN MEN'S TEAM HEAD COACH

THE DAWN OF ANOTHER NEW season is here and as always, with a new campaign comes new optimism.

We set out this pre season to work on a few things tactically and also add a bit more depth and competition to every department of the pitch. So we feel we are now much more stronger collectively to be competitive in four competitions.

Having finished 3rd last season, winning the League Cup, and making the later rounds of two other cups, it's fair to say we want to improve on that record this season.

The league and promotion will be our priority. However, we do love a cup final day out and we have a good habit of bringing the trophy home too. In an ideal scenario, we would have

been kicking our season off at the OSD (Old Spotted Dog) where the majority of our friendlies have been held but we are hoping to return sooner rather than later. A big thanks and show of appreciation to all our volunteers who have been working round the clock at the OSD, whether it be behind the bar, the grounds staff or just a general clean up outside the ground. So finally, I would just like to welcome all our new fans/members and also welcome back the veterans who could probably tell you that following the men's first team may mean a sharp increase in your

> #NewSeason #WelcomeBack #ClaptonFamily #WeGoAgain

heart rate levels!

PLAYER PROFILE: BAILEY PRYCE



PLACE OF BIRTH: Whitechapel HEIGHT: 6 ft we will say WHERE YOU LIVE: Bromley by Bow DAY JOB: Wetherspoons Manager PREVIOUS CLUBS: West Ham second chance academy, Witham, Ilford, CCFC development ALL TIME FAVOURITE PLAYER: Messi FAVOURITE TEAM, APART FROM **CLAPTON CFC: Arsenal BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL:** Training with West Ham 18s

and 23s

LOWEST POINT IN FOOTBALL: When my Sunday league team folded when I was young LIKES AND HOBBIES: Football, Gaming, Eating **DISLIKES:** injuries FAVOURITE COUNTRY VISITED: Italy **FAVOURITE FOOD:** Anything with pasta **FAVOURITE FILM:** Any of the Spider-Man's FAVOURITE TV: Top Boy FOOTBALLING AMBITION: Becoming pro PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE

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TO MEET: Kevin Hart

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DANIEL ANFOSSY JACK FRANCIS ROBIN PHILPOTT

DEFENDERS

DEAN BOUHO JUNIA CHARLTON MATTHEW CUNNINGTON JAMES DAVIES CHARLIE FAGAN STEFAN KILRON MUSA MANNEH COLIN MUGOYA-TABINGWA TAFARI NICHOLAS JORDAN ODOFIN JAMES PAVELY CARL PAUL BAILEY PRYCE JASON SAM-FRANKS LIAM SMYTH

MIDFIELDERS

JOHAN AHIPEAUD CEMAL AGDELEN JULIAN AUSTIN SAMBA BADJANA PHIL BLAKESLEY JAMES BRIGGS SHAM DARR FIONN GLANCY PRINCE KWAKYE REGGIE NELSON GEOFF OCRAN JIMI OSHIN LOUIS RENE ARTHUR WRIGHT

FORWARDS

JOSH ADEJOKUN NOAH ADEJOKUN REECE BARTHOLOMEW GREG MOORSE LEWIS OWIREDU BOGDAN PANESCU SHERWIN STANLEY FRED TAYLOR SULEYMAN ZAHMOUL

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» Dennis Aware » Najib Armanazi » James Baker » Ibraima Balde » Alexander Bushe y Jack Clarke » Lucas Cole » Khyber Khan » Jehmeil Lemonius » Thomas Lombard » Meyer Meytar » Coltrane Morley-Williams » James Motley » Ryan Murray » Patrick Paisley » Zachary Passmore » James Purdon » Oliver Rabie » Pablo Rodriguez » Michael Sholly » Adam Turner » Marek Vavra » Georgios Volis « George Watmough » Daniel Whitehouse » Spencer Withrington » Angus White

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.

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UPCOMING FIXTURES

MEN'S FIRST TEAM						
DATE	TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE			
Aug 13	3pm	MCFL	(H) Shepherd's Bush (Wadham Lodge 3G)			
Aug 20	3pm	MCFL	(H) PFC Victoria (Wadham Lodge 3G)			
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ug 27	3pm	MCFL	(H) Larkspur Rovers (Wadham Lodge 3G)
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WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

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DAIE	TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE
Aug 14	2pm	Friendly	(H) Enfield Town Development (at Old Spo

Aug 21	3pm	LSERFL	(A) Brentford (at Bedfont Sports)
Aug 28	2pm	LSERFL	(A) Denham United (at The Den, Uxbridge)
Sep 04	2pm	LSERFL	(A) Dulwich Hamlet Res (at Griffin Sports Ground)

All fixtures are subject to change, even at short notice, particularly while we try to get the Old Spotted Dog Ground ready for competitive football.

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