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# FAN-OWNED FOOTBALL

WE CELEBRATE FAN-OWNED football with back-to-back games today. Also up for grabs are two Football Supporters' Association trophies – the Supporters Direct Women's Shield at 2pm then the Brian Lomax Supporters Direct Trophy at 4pm.

**CLAPTON CFC VS  
FC UNITED OF  
MANCHESTER**

**JULY 15, 2023**

**OLD SPOTTED DOG  
2.00PM Supporters**

**Direct Shield**

**4.00PM Brian Lomax**

**Supporters Direct Cup**



**“ADELANTE” IS THE CRY AROUND THE HILLSIDE.  
“NO PASARAN” THE PLEDGE THAT MADE THEM FIGHT.’**

**FOR MEMBERS OF FC UNITED’S London and Southern branch, many a homeward trip from Manchester and the northern shires has been enhanced by a singsong, usually led by the legendary Mickey O’Farrell.**

The lyricist behind several FC United songs, Mickey’s repertoire also includes an impassioned rendition of Viva La Quinta Brigada, Christy Moore’s ode to the Irish volunteers in the International Brigades, who fought in the Spanish Civil War.

It was with great interest then, that FC United followed the launch and success of Clapton CFC’s International Brigades kit in 2018. The following year, it was even spotted at some of our own games.

Understandably, it’s the instinct of some supporters to want to ‘keep politics out of football’. But politics isn’t just about political parties, cronies and vested corporate interests. It’s about how we, as ordinary people, organise ourselves to make a stand for the way we think things should be.

As Pericles apparently stated: “Just because you do not take an interest in politics, it does not mean politics will not take an interest in you.”

FC United’s own history is steeped in similar politics as

our hosts. Perhaps conscious of Pericles’ warning from 2500 years ago (or perhaps not), both sets of supporters campaigned hard against owners, who did not have their best interests at heart.

Both fought hard to establish their own homes. Through their own unique circumstances, both clubs were essentially reborn. These rebirths, as fan-owned clubs, were, in themselves, political acts.

Since then, FC United and Clapton CFC have forged links with their local communities, and established thriving and successful women’s teams. Like the men’s teams, they meet for the second time today. Earlier this year, FC United’s women launched a unique change kit, to celebrate women and their role in football. Its purple, green and white colours are those traditionally associated with the suffragette movement. A proportion of the revenue from kit sales goes to Manchester Women’s Aid.

In our own small ways, both our clubs and our co-owners have said “No Pasaran” to the corporate greed that dominates modern football, and to the indifference to our communities from many professional politicians. So, together, “Adelante”, today, and into 2023-2024.

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**UP FOR THE CUPS**

Clapton CFC men’s first team will be taking part in three cups this season – but alas the FA Vase isn’t one of them. The FA announced a list of teams taking part and none of the teams promoted into our Eastern Counties League Division One South have been included. However, those promoted last season are in, which suggests we will be in next season as long as we stay up. The team will, however, appear in the BBC Essex Premier Cup once again, as well as the Essex Thames-Side Trophy, and the League Challenge Cup. On top of 42 league games, it’s going to be a busy season. There’s no change for the women’s first team. They are in the Women’s FA Cup, the Capital Women’s Cup and the London & South East Regional Women’s League Trophy.

**MERCH**

The new scarves in home and away kit colours, priced at £12 (inc VAT) plus shipping are available to buy at today’s game. Just in time for the summer heatwave!

The first limited run of bucket hats sold out at the FC St. Pauli game. Another small batch of 20 is coming soon. More shirts are also on the way.



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

EVERY PRE-SEASON, WE TRY TO HAVE A marquee friendly. This summer due to all the great work from our volunteers, we’ve been able to host our friends St Pauli women’s team and FCUM at the Old Spotted Dog! The first double header up in Manchester was a day we will never forget and we were all enthused by what can be achieved when fans totally own and run a football club.

Pre season has gone well so far and we’ve been very impressed with the quality of trialists. A draw and a victory against teams higher up the pyramid will always breed confidence but there is still work to be done.

As we start our journey in Step 6 football, there is a lot to be excited about. New grounds, new rivalries and new officials to become best friends with all over again... But today is a chance to celebrate what both clubs have achieved since formation and there is definitely more to come!

#WelcomeBack #WelcomeFCUnited  
#ClaptonFamily #PreSeason #OSD

**SOPHIA AXELSSON  
(OUTGOING) GENERAL SECRETARY**

THERE ARE A LOT OF CHANGES HAPPENING in and around the women’s first and development teams. A lot of familiar faces are leaving. It is easy to feel sad in times like these. But I think it invites a bit of collective nostalgia.

From being the independent women’s team who struggled to get a full squad onto the pitch each Sunday, to history makers with a squad of almost 50 players signed up. It’s been quite the journey. Along the way a lot of people have put in everything they’ve got to push us forward.

Everything Alice, Ciara, Emily and Phoebe for leading the change from Stoke Newington to East London, to Claudio, Brian and Jack for taking charge of the most successful period of our history. And all the committee members, volunteers, matchday goers, photographers...

For me personally, Clapton Community FC has been life changing. I’ve found my London family, and a career. So, this is an invitation to get involved. Women’s football is where the future is, and together we can be a force for good.

**OPPONENTS**



**FC UNITED OF  
MANCHESTER**

SUPPORTERS DIRECT  
SHIELD // BRIAN LOMAX  
SUPPORTERS DIRECT CUP

FC UNITED ARE THE trailblazing fans-owned club who set themselves up in 2005 as a reaction to the take-over of Manchester United by the Glazer family.

They have risen rapidly through both the men’s and women’s football pyramids, while off the pitch they’ve built their own stadium that’s become a vital community hub.

These games are the

reverse fixtures of our visit to Broadhurst Park in August 2021, when hundreds of CCFC fans made the journey up despite no trains running.

The first game was a comfortable 9-0 home win. At half-time in the second game, CCFC were unbelievably leading 2-1 through Arthur Wright and Noah Adejokun before FCUM triumphed 5-2.

The FCUM teams are both

three levels above their CCFC counterparts so will be strong favourites to take home the two trophies.

The women’s team were promoted as champions last season. However, like our women’s team, theirs are in a transition period. James Mulvihill quit as FCUM manager in late June while our own Claudio Gomes departed CCFC after last month’s FC St. Pauli friendly.

# WOMEN'S TEAMS

## CCFC

SOPHIA AXELSSON  
MARTA BOIRO  
NOORA OIKARAINEN  
ALLANA SCOBLE  
MARIA MENDONCA  
DEYNA MESURIA  
LARISSA VIEIRA  
JULIET JACQUES  
CIARA MONAHAN  
MARTA CASANOVAS  
RUBY EARLE  
ALICE BEX  
LAUREN CASEY  
HARRIET PLOWS  
LI STEINER  
BAINDU LAHAI  
MARTA RODRIGUEZ  
CAITLYN QUARTEY  
LIRIAN SANTOS  
TAMMY HYMAS

## FCUM

NEVE BIRTWISTLE  
KIRSTY CHAMBERS  
LIBBY DIXON  
SOPHIE DONALD  
CHELSEA FLANAGAN  
ASH HAYES  
ELLIE KELLY  
EVE KENNERLEY  
EMILY MARSH  
CORIE MATHER  
KATIE O'GARA  
CERI OGDON  
CHELSEA PATIENT  
CHANEECE REEVES  
ELLIE RIGBY  
OLIVIA SMITH  
PAIGE STOPFORD

# MEN'S TEAMS

## CCFC

JACK FRANCIS  
BAILEY PRYCE  
JUNIA CHARLTON  
CHARLIE FAGAN  
CARL PAUL  
DEAN BOUHO  
JAMES PAVELY  
JAMES BRIGGS  
FIONN GLANCY  
PRINCE KWAKYE  
CEMAL AGDELEN  
ARTHUR WRIGHT  
JULIAN AUSTIN  
MUHAMMAD MIKAEEL  
FRED TAYLOR  
NOAH ADEJOKUN  
SULEYMAN ZAHMOUL  
LEWIS OWIREDU

## FCUM

GUY HALL  
DECLAN MCGLOUGHLIN  
MICHAEL DONOHUE  
JAY FITZMARTIN  
PAUL ENNIS  
LUKE GRIFFITHS  
ELLIOTT MORRIS  
MATTY VAN WYK  
ETNA VAUGHAN  
CHARLIE MUNRO  
KEEGAN HARTLEY  
CHARLIE OLIVER  
JAN PALINKAS  
DONTAI GABIDON

## UPCOMING FIXTURES

### WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

Aug 20 SEASON BEGINS

### MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE
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Jul 22	4pm	Friendly	(A) Woodford East (at Mayesbrook Park, Barking)
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Jul 29	3pm	ECLD1S	(A) Wormley Rovers (at Wormley Sports Club)
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Aug 1	7.45pm	ECLD1S	(A) Newbury Forest (at Oakside, Redbridge FC)
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Aug 9	7.45pm	ECLDC	(A) Hutton FC (at New Lodge, Billericay Town)
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### MEN'S DEVELOPMENT TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE
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Jul 22	3pm	Friendly	(A) Sporting Hackney (at Wadham Lodge 3G, Walthamstow)
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Aug 06	10.30am	Friendly	(H) The Gun (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
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Aug 13	10.30am	Friendly	(N) FC Nyva (at Hackney Marshes)
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**All fixtures are subject to change, even at short notice.**

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



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