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**CLAPTON CFC VS  
AFC WHYTELEAFE**

**2.00PM SEPTEMBER 08, 2023**

**OLD SPOTTED DOG**

**London & South East Regional  
Women's League Division One North**

## NEW MEETS OLD

WELCOME TO  
London's oldest  
football ground the  
Old Spotted Dog to  
supporters new and  
old for the first home  
game of the new  
season. A particular  
welcome to the new  
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## AFC WHYTELEAFE

LONDON & SOUTH EAST  
REGIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
DIVISION ONE NORTH

AFC WHYTELEAFE WAS FORMED in 2021, to fill the void left by the loss of Whyteleaf FC which folded as a result of an Ian Rush-related property scheme.

Last season we did the double over the Leafe women's team, starting with a 3-1 away win in September. That was followed up with a superb performance in a 3-0 home win at the Old Spotted Dog Ground in March. Midfielder Ciara Monahan scored in both those games.

However, those two games didn't tell the full story of Whyteleaf's season. Their defeat at the OSD was their only loss in a 14-run spell. They were undefeated against eventual champions Dorking Wanderers twice - winning away, drawing at home. Meanwhile striker Abigail Woollvin was among the top scorers in the division with 18 goals.

Whyteleaf finished seventh last season, but just four points behind us in fourth. Ahead of this season's start, they've appointed Dulwich Hamlet Reserves manager Jack Badu to the top job.



## CAPTAINS FOR NEW SEASON

Every season, players hold a vote as to who should be their captains and vice-captains.

Verity Phillips has been chosen as first team captain with her fellow centre-back Annie Lyons as the deputy.

For the devs, Noora Oikarainen will be captain with Elizabeth Atoyebi as the deputy.

For our Open Access team, we'll have two co-captains - Lisa Henderson and Jenni Whitaker. Congratulations and thanks to all.



## TWO TEAMS IN SATURDAY LEAGUE

The London Women's Saturday Football League has expanded north of the Thames and so there's no more trips to Clapham or Tooting!

And Clapton CFC will be fielding not one but two teams, with games on Saturday mornings or early afternoons at Hackney Marshes every fortnight.

The CCFC development team,

managed by Neil Day, are in the new LWSFL Division One North while the CCFC Open Access (women/NB) 11s will be in Division Two North, coached by Ellie Guedalla with assistant coach Johanna Kuosa.

The new league season will begin in September, fixtures to follow soon, support always welcome.

## NEW POINTS DEDUCTION RULE

As well as the change in injury time rules you'll be familiar with already, there's also a new points deduction rule at our level in the women's pyramid (though not for the men's team).

The FA will

introduce point deductions for teams if their players or coaches commit repeated offences of serious misconduct. This could include acts of discrimination and assault or attempted assault, and

physical contact or attempted physical contact against a match official. Deductions will range from three to 12 points depending on the amount and severity of offences committed within a 12-month period.

## VERITY PHILLIPS FIRST TEAM CAPTAIN



WELCOME BACK TO THE FIRST W1T home game of the season at our Old Spotted Dog ground. It's been a hell of a summer for both Women's Squads, taking on many new players as well as two new Coaches, so I hope you enjoy welcoming them all to our home ground.

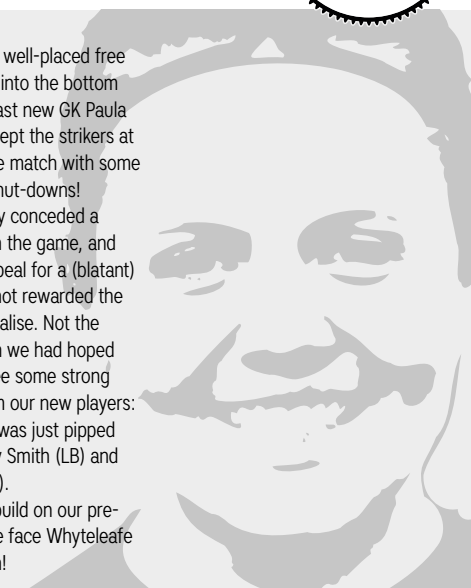
We started our season last Sunday as we travelled from East to West London to take on Sports E Benfica. This has always been a tight fixture for us with both teams very evenly matched, however we took the lead through some fantastic build up play with Teju Marta Casanovas to slot it home.

We went into half time 1-0 up, however our opponents then piled

on the pressure. A well-placed free kick snuck its way into the bottom left hand corner past new GK Paula Griffin - who had kept the strikers at bay throughout the match with some fantastic 1-on-1 shut-downs!

We unfortunately conceded a second goal late in the game, and despite a huge appeal for a (blatant) penalty, we were not rewarded the opportunity to equalise. Not the start to the season we had hoped for, but great to see some strong performances from our new players: Paula Griffin (who was just pipped to POTM) (GK), Lily Smith (LB) and Coco Briden (DCM).

Now we aim to build on our pre-season work as we face Whyteleaf - come on Clapton!



## PLAYER PROFILE: LORA PETKOVA



PLACE OF BIRTH: Sofia, Bulgaria

DAY JOB: Tech sales

ALL TIME FAVOURITE PLAYER: Kaká

FAVOURITE TEAM, APART FROM

CLAPTON CFC: Chelsea

BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL:

Actually being able to play football

LOWEST POINT IN FOOTBALL: Injuries

LIKES AND HOBBIES: Music, gigs, TV,

films, chatting about everything and

anything, gym

FAVOURITE FOOD: Pizza, banitsa,

salad, cheese, tomatoes

FOOTBALLING AMBITION: Always

improve and be better than before

(and win stuff!!)



## GOALKEEPERS

PAULA GRIFFIN  
CHELSIE SPARKS

## DEFENDERS

ELIZABETH ATOYEBI  
COCO BRIDEN  
MIM CHADWICK  
RUBY EARLE  
LENNY HOLMES  
ANNIE LYONS  
VERITY PHILLIPS  
ALLANA SCOBLE  
LILY SMITH

## MIDFIELDERS

ANA HOLMES  
LI STEINER  
MARTA BOIRO  
LESLEY MCGOWAN  
CIARA MONAHAN  
LUCY SPOURS  
LARISSA VIEIRA  
RHIANNE WRIGHT

## FORWARDS

TEJU CALLISTO  
MARTA CASANOVAS  
JULIET JACQUES  
EMILY LINK  
MARIA MENDONCA  
HARRIET PLOWS  
LIRIAN SANTOS  
MOZAIEN TAK

## AFC WHYTELEAF

- > Hilary Akegnan
- > Poppy Anderson
- > Echo Barrett
- > Emily Bevan
- > Olianna Bishop
- > Rheanna Byfield-Arscott
- > Catherine Campbell
- > Terri Cranstoun
- > Lucy Gooding
- > Dulcie Gray
- > Abigail Igbavboa
- > Isata Kamara
- > Rebecca Keyte
- > Kaitlyn Lewis
- > Rochelle Mayne
- > Kamsi Nwosu-Damian
- > Aisha Riley
- > Mary Robinson
- > Chloe Scoble
- > Rayan Slater
- > Anna Tilley
- > Molly Turner
- > Daisy Warren
- > Megan Webster
- > Alex White
- > Bethany Wilson
- > Anna Wooldridge

## 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

### WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE
Sep 10	2pm	FAC	(H) St Margaretsbury (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Sep 17	2pm	LSERFL	(H) Camden & Islington United (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Sep 24	2pm	LSERFL	(A) Dulwich Hamlet Reserves (at Dulwich Health Club)
Oct 08	2pm	LSERFLC	(A) Welling United (at Park View Road)

### MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE
Sep 09	3pm	ECL	(H) Hoddesdon Town (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Sep 13	7.45pm	ECL	(A) Barkingside (at Cricklefields)
Sep 16	3pm	ECL	(A) Basildon Town (at Rookery Hill, East Thurrock United)
Sep 23	3pm	ECL	(A) Brimsdown (at Wormley Sports Club)
Sep 30	3pm	ECL	(H) Cannons Wood (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)

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