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CLAPTON CFC VS
HARWICH &
PARKESTON FC

7.45 PM TUESDAY, 1st OCTOBER, 2024

OLD SPOTTED DOG
BBC Essex Senior Cup

CLAPTON CFC

JEFFREY TWUMASI
MIDFIELDER





THE ESSEX CUP 1885

IN A YEAR THAT SEES THE 150th anniversary of the opening of West Ham Park, we look at one of the Essex Senior Cup's earliest matches, played on a pitch in the park shortly before Christmas 1885.

That season saw local club Upton Excelsior join the Essex FA and enter its Challenge Cup. One of eight teams using West Ham Park for their home games, Upton Excelsior were given a bye in the first round before being drawn at home to Ilford in the second.

Ilford were starting to make a name for themselves as a force in Essex football, and the game drew a crowd of between 1 – 2,000. In a close contest Ilford won 1-0 with a late goal by Barclay. At least three of the Upton Excelsiors had previously played for a rival local outfit, Upton Rangers. Those three had other things in common: they were all Engine Fitters at the Great Eastern Railway's huge works in Stratford, and they lived locally in streets just to the east of the railway works such as Gurney Road and Windmill Lane.

After the cup game in the park there was likely to have been a good crowd in the Bay Tree, Upton Excelsior's headquarters. The pub is still there at the other end of Ham Park Road from Upton Lane.

Chris Tymkow

CCFC IN THE COUNTY CUP(S)

COMPARED TO our successful performances in other competitions, we have found the county cups more challenging, with a semi-final our best performance.

Hutton provided our first opposition in the BBC Essex Premier Cup in 18/19. The Stray Dog witnessed a thriller but we lost 5-4, with Sherwin Stanley scoring our first ever cup goal.

In 19/20 we exited at the first stage at Runwell Sports. The game - which we won 2-1 - had to be

replayed after roll-on, roll-off subs were incorrectly used. The replayed game saw a 1-2 defeat, notable for Cemal Agdelen's only goal so far and defender Ashley Headley playing in goal.

We finally registered our first win in 20/21, 3-0 against Hullbridge Sports U23's on the Wadham Lodge 3G. There was to be no further progress as Covid curtailed the season.

In 21/22, we beat Leigh Town (5-3 away), Leigh Ramblers (4-2

home) and Manford Way (3-1 home) to progress to a semi final at Wadham Lodge Stadium. However, Woodford East deservedly won 3-1.

We experienced another early exit in 22/23 as Beacon Hill Rovers beat us 3-4 on the Wadham Lodge 3G.

With promotion to the Eastern Counties League last season we stepped up to the BBC Essex Senior Cup. Our first floodlit cup tie at The Old Spotted Dog ended in defeat as Little Oakley beat us 0-3, the only time we have failed to score in 18 home games in all cup competitions.

OVERALL RECORD

	P	W	D	L	F	A
BBC Essex Premier Cup	8	4	0	4	24	20
BBC Essex Senior Cup	1	0	0	1	0	3
Total	9	4	0	5	24	23

TOP SCORERS:

- 3 James Briggs, Fred Taylor
- 2 Josh Adejokun, Noah Adejokun, Sherwin Stanley, Arthur Wright



MOST APPEARANCES

- 8 Dean Bouho
- 6 Noah Adejokun, Fama Sangare
- 5 Josh Adejokun, Dan Anfossy, James Briggs, Paul Oshin, Arthur Wright

BIGGEST WIN:

12/12/21 BBC Essex Premier Cup Hullbridge Sports U23's 0-3 CCFC

HIGHEST ATTENDANCE:

5/3/22 427 BBC Essex Premier Cup CCFC 1-3 Woodford East

Gary Price



GEOFF OCRAN MEN'S TEAM MANAGER

WE DON'T WANT TO GET KNOCKED OUT of another cup at the first stage in the BBC Essex Senior Cup tonight but with injuries mounting up we will need to rotate the squad. However, that creates another great opportunity for the squad players to stake a claim so it's important they grab it. We don't want to be over-reliant on the same key players to bail us out.

It's a shame we couldn't build on the momentum from the FA Vase game in last Tuesday's disappointing SCEFL Challenge Cup defeat against Bridon Ropes but we lacked creativity so we can have no complaints about that defeat.

The positives of the goalless draw against Canterbury City in the league on Saturday were the clean sheet and the better organisation at set pieces which had been a problem for the last couple of games. We started well for the first 25 minutes but our intensity dropped and it allowed them to get a foothold in the game.

It shows how we are still adjusting to the tempo of the new league which is younger, more agile and fitter than the Eastern Counties League. We are still finding our feet in the new league but in the second half of the season I expect we will use our knowledge and be much better at counteracting the teams we face.

It's a shame we don't have a game on Saturday although we may arrange a friendly to get some more minutes in the legs where needed.

A special welcome to Harwich & Parkeston, who are top of the table in their league, as it's a long way to come on a Tuesday night. The reward for the winners is another home game, against Benfleet or FC Clacton. It's a funny cup because the big Essex teams enter after that and you may end up playing the likes of Southend United or Colchester United. So the incentive is there to go on a run.

**#WeGoAgain #ClaptonCFC #Step6
#LeagueCup #ClaptonFamily**

MEMBER PROFILE: DAWUD ISLAM



PLACE OF BIRTH: Edware

WHERE YOU LIVE:

Peterlee, Co. Durham

DAY JOB: Company Director

FAVOURITE PLAYERS YOU'VE SEEN AT THE OLD SPOTTED DOG: Jason Spiteri and Chris Blakeborough. All the current squad are heroes in their own way.

FAVOURITE TEAM, APART FROM

CLAPTON CFC: Watford

FOOTBALL AMBITION:

For CCFC – a return to the Isthmian League – our true home

BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL:

Oddly, Bath City FC avoiding relegation

on the final day at Worcester City in 2001/02 (I was Head of Operations there at the time)

PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO

WATCH A GAME WITH: If still alive, Graham Taylor

WHEN DID YOU START VOLUNTEERING?

1987 (programme editor and commercial manager at the OSD).

There's life in the old dog yet - just started a new role this season as Club Secretary at Redcar Athletic FC

WHAT IS THE FIFTH SONG IN YOUR MUSIC APP SHUFFLE? I'm way too old to have one of those!

GOALKEEPERS

JOSHUA BOATENG
TOBY EMERSON
JACK FRANCIS
ROBIN PHILPOTT

DEFENDERS

ADIL ALI
DEAN BOUHO
ANDREA CAIO
JUNIA CHARLTON
SAM COOK
CHARLIE FAGAN
JOSHUA GEORGE
ALASDAIR GURNEY
SEB HARTWELL
STEFAN KILRON
BAILEY PRYCE
ADAM SIDKY
GUS STEELE
TAMI UNUEFA

MIDFIELDERS

CEMAL AGDELEN
GABRIEL AKUWUDIKE
JOEL AKUWUDIKE
JULIAN AUSTIN
JAMES BRIGGS
ROSS BROADWAY
SHAM DARR
AZARIAH GEORGE-LAWAL
FIONN GLANCY
JAMES GOLDRING
GEOFF OCRAN
JAMES PAVELY
NOAH SALAMA
JEFFREY TWUMASI

FORWARDS

NOAH ADEJOKUN
TERRY AMOFAO
LOUIS BROWN
CAMERON GORDON
TAYLAN GUL
FELIX MURRAY
EMMANUEL OLASEHINDE
LEWIS OWIREDU
SHERWIN STANLEY
FRED TAYLOR
ARTHUR WRIGHT
SULEYMAN ZAHMOUL

HARWICH & PARKESTON

Brad Cook / Alfie Eldridge / Harry Tuck /
Brad James / Charlie Canham / Will Crisell
/ Luke Mayhew / Gareth Heath /
Louis Bloom / Liam White / Danny Garrad
/ Dan Keeble / Idrees Namisi /
Greg Rodger / Tyler Sullivan

OPPONENTS



HARWICH & PARKESTON FC

BBC ESSEX SENIOR CUP

FORMED IN 1877, THE SHRIMPERS HAVE PLAYED at the wonderful Royal Oak Ground since 1898. They have won the Essex Senior Cup twice, and been runners-up ten times. They've also been finalists of the Amateur Cup twice, including playing in front of 100,000 at Wembley, and have reached the FA Cup first round seven times.

They were founder members of the Eastern Counties League in 1935, where they are back again now. However, they spent several decades riding high in the Isthmian League from the 1970s, and also dropped down to the Essex & Suffolk Border League in the 2010s.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None.

FORM GUIDE

Harwich top the table in the Eastern Counties League Division One North (the same level as us) with 9 wins out

of 10 so it's a daunting task. However, they did lose in the league cup, so perhaps are concentrating on the league.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Striker Danny Garrad is averaging more than a goal a game so far. That puts him just ahead in the charts of Luke Mayhew, who bagged 27 goals last season making him the fifth top scorer in the division.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE
Oct 12	3pm	SCEFL	(A) Bridon Ropes (at Meridian Sports & Social Club)
Oct 19	3pm	FAV	(A) Stansted (at Hargrave Park)
Oct 22	7.45pm	SCEFL	(A) Meridian VP (at Meridian Sports & Social Club)
Oct 26	3pm	SCEFL	(A) FC Elmstead (at Lower Road Ground, Sutton Athletic FC)
Nov 02	3pm	SCEFL	(A) Greenways (at Rochester United Sports Ground)

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE
Oct 06	2pm	LSEWRFL	(A) Richmond Park (at Tolworth Sports Ground)
Oct 13	3.30pm	LSEWRFL	(A) AFC Whyteleafe (at Church Road)
Oct 17	7.45pm	LSEWRFL	(H) Hackney (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Oct 20	2pm	LSEWRFL	(H) AFC Whyteleafe (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Oct 27	3.30pm	LSEWFL	(A) Ashmount Leigh (at Meadowbank, Dorking Wanderers)