



WALTER TULL WAY

Earlier this year. Clapton CFC members voted to name the alley between Disraeli Road and Upton Lane as Walter Tull Way. Walter one of the first Black players in England - started his football career at the Old Spotted Dog Ground in 1908.

New road signs went up in March and a plaque is being installed before today's game with Walter's great nephew Ed Finlayson and biographer Phil Vasili present.





CUP FINAL NEWS

WOMEN'S TEAM CUP FINAL

The CCFC Women's First Team cup final on Sunday, May 25 against **Dulwich Hamlet Reserves will now** take place at Maidstone United's Gallagher Stadium. Kick off is 2pm.

The game was originally scheduled for Dorking Wanderers' Meadowbank Stadium but we applied for it to be switched due to the stadium's 'no noise on a Sunday' rule and the two hour travel time.

We found three similar stadiums within the TFL travel zone that were happy to host instead. While we were unable to agree any of those with our opponents, the league has stepped in and decided to switch it. The venue is slightly nearer for both teams, while

we have been assured that noise including drums - will be allowed. Further details, including ticket information, to follow when we know.

This will be our second final at Gallagher Stadium, having played there against Ashford United in April 2023 in the final of the same competition, London & South East Regional Women's Football League Trophy.



MEN'S TEAM **CUP FINAL**

the Men's First Team cup final versus Forest Hill Park is next Saturday, May 10 at Barking's Mayesbrook Park. Tickets need to be booked in advance, there's no pay on the day - scan QR Code to buy tickets.

NEW BOOK FEATURES WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

Matt Coughlan, author of 'Groundhopper: Tales from the Footballing Equivalent of Trainspotting', writes: "One of the more minor benefits of football's return to the OSD was that I got to feature an early Clapton CFC Women's

First Team game at the ground in a chapter of my new book. This is all about how I immersed myself into the subculture of football fans who like to tick off new grounds. and bring my tally up to a respectable number.

"Much of what I write about the club will be well known to

fans, so it will be chapters on other local teams that may be of more interest, with potential Clapton



awaydays, along with a random assortment of grounds further afield. You can expect inept opposition scouting, historic grounds, postponements,

and plenty of puns. Groundhopper is out now through Pitch Publishing.

ALICE SHARPE WOMEN'S HEAD COACH

WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY this season, and our last home match at the Old Spotted Dog Ground gives us a chance to reflect on that growth. Last time we met Brentford in the league I ended the game having a pint in the stands. We can only hope I can do the same today.

While today is a celebration of football, community, and everything we've built together, it's impossible to ignore the troubling changes looming over our game. Recent rulings by the Supreme Court have emboldened institutions to strip away fundamental protections for the trans community, and the FA's current stance risks pushing trans women out of the sport we all love. This is not the football we believe in.

At Clapton CFC, we stand in solidarity with our trans siblings. Football is for everyone, without

exception. We reject any policy that seeks to exclude, marginalise, or erase. Our pitch will always be a safe space, our club will always fight for inclusion, and we will continue to challenge these harmful decisions.

I personally welcome the FA to the OSD to undertake player observations. They will have an afternoon of excellent football played by 16 women. And a long and detailed talk from myself (and I am sure several members of the scaffold) of just how wonderful football can be, if you would just stop being transphobic arseholes.

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PHYSIO PROFILE: KAS BOATENG



PLACE OF BIRTH: North London

HEIGHT: 5'3
WHERE YOU LIVE:

South London

DAY JOB: Sports Therapist

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Staines

BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL: When Clapton wins!

LOWEST POINT IN FOOTBALL: When anyone gets injured: (

LIKES AND HOBBIES:

Travelling, spending time with family & friends

DISLIKES:

Not getting enough sleep FAVOURITE COUNTRY VISITED: U.S.A FAVOURITE FOOD: Pizza

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FAVOURITE FILM: Colombians
FAVOURITE TV: Anime
FOOTBALLING AMBITION:

To own my own Med Spa/Injury Clinic



GOALKEEPERS

JANELL MATHURIN CHELSIE SPARKS

DEFENDERS

MARTA BOIRO MIM CHADWICK FI FNA DIANA LENNY HOLMES **ANNIE LYONS** JULIA MOULTON NOORA OIKARAINEN **ALLANA SCOBLE** ALICE SHARPE **KAYLEE SHURETY FVA VAN DER VLIET**

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TAIYAH EVANS ANA HOLMES TAMMY HYMAS **CHLOE OWEN LUCY SPOURS** LI STEINER **FGLE TREZZI** RHIANNE WRIGHT

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- Niamh Cashin
- Beckie Currivan
- Sofia Harris
- **Annie Hewitt**
- Liana Horwood Rebecca Horwood
- Chelsea-Rose Keary
- Rachel Keightley Jenny Nagle Elizabeth Rose

- **Phoebe Smith**
- Joanne Torr



BRENTFORD FC

WELCOME TO TODAY'S VISITING PLAYERS. COACHES, SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS

Brentford Women began in 1990, reaching the London & South East Regional Women's Division One North four seasons ago. Manager Karleigh Osborne and his side have gone agonisingly close to promotion several times. However, if The Bees win today's game, they will seal the title and with it promotion at last. Crowds have risen at their Bedfont Sports home while a total of 17,161 attended their four games at the Gtech.

FORM GUIDE

19 wins out of 19 in the league this season, a goal difference of plus 115, retaining the Capital Cup for a second year in a row in a penalty shoot-out last weekend... Brentford have had almost a perfect 2024/25.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

....... Brentford have won 5 of our 7 meetings, most recently the 7-0 thrashing at the Gtech in September in front of a 3585 crowd. Our one draw was 2-2 at home last season which ended up contributing to The Bees missing out on promotion. Our only win was in 2020/21, 3-1 on a very muddy Stray Dog pitch in Walthamstow.

...... Brentford's strike force in particular is formidable. Strikers Ashley Cheatley (55) and Chloe Logie (45) are the top scorers in the division. Four more players are in double figures. Then there's the defence who have only conceded 11 goals...

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM FIXTURE

DATE TIME COMP OPPONENTS/VENUE

May 25 2.00pm LSERWFLT (N) Dulwich Hamlet Res (at Gallagher Stadium, Maidstone Utd)

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(N) Forest Hill Park ((at Mayesbrook Park, Barking FC)

OPPONENTS/VENUE

May 14 7.30pm Friendly (H) Coppermill Swifts (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)

SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

May 17 at Old Spotted Dog Ground

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