

CLAPTON COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB

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TO YOU AND ME*

OLD SPOTTED DOG GROUND

212 UPTON LANE, FOREST GATE, LONDON E7 9NT



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**Clapton CFC vs
Romford FC**
Tuesday, August 26th 2025.
Kick-off 7.45pm
BBC Essex Senior Cup
First Round

OPPONENTS

ROMFORD FC

Welcome to today's
visiting players, coaches,
supporters and officials

Dating back to 1876, Romford FC have a rich history full of highs and lows. They've been to Wembley twice, playing in front of 93,000 fans in the FA Amateur Cup in 1949 and then in 2024 returned to win the FA Vase. On a sadder note, also had to reform several times and lost their Brooklands home. Since then, they've shared at (deep breath) Hornchurch, Rush Green, Sungate, Aveley, Thurrock, Brentwood Town, East Thurrock United, and now Barking. They survived for a long time in the Isthmian League with no budget but are now back in the Essex Senior League.

Form guide

It was a solid mid-table finish for Kris Newby in his first season as a manager - and it could have been even better without an injury crisis. However, he will no doubt be unhappy with a haul of one win from the first four league games this season.

Player/s to watch

The prolific Harry Honesty has banged in the goals for the likes of Hashtag United, Maldon & Tiptree and Wadham Lodge FC. Fellow striker Christian Adu Gyamfi had a spell at the Old Spotted Dog Ground around a decade ago.

COUNTY CUP RECORD

We have entered an Essex county cup competition every season since the club was formed - and results have been mixed.

For the first five seasons as a step 7 and 8 club, we played in the BBC Essex Saturday Premier Cup. Our best performance and biggest attendance was a semi-final in 2021/22 when Woodford East defeated us 1-3 at Wadham Lodge Stadium in front of 427. Our biggest win was 3-0 against Hullbridge Sports U23 at Wadham Lodge 3G in 2020/21.

Promotion to step 6 meant qualification for the BBC Essex Senior Cup instead, where we have yet to win or score.

Records

	P	W	L	F	A
Premier Cup:	8	4	4	24	21
Senior Cup:	2	0	2	0	6

Leading appearances

9 Bouho, 7 N Adejokun,
6 Sangare, 5 J Adejokun,
Anfossy, Austin, Briggs,
Oshin, Taylor, A Wright

Leading scorers

3 Briggs, 2 J Adejokun,
N Adejokun, Stanley,
Taylor, A Wright

Gary Price

FUNDRAISING AT THE DOG - 145 YEARS AGO

When football first came to the Old Spotted Dog Ground, the season didn't start until the first weekend in October. From April to September each year, it was cricket season.

The Finsbury Cricket Club were the OSDG's summer tenants in the early 1880s. In common with later football teams, they hosted regular charity matches. It was before the NHS, and funds were desperately needed to support local health services.

Thus, towards the

end of August 1880, the 'Finsburys' and another local cricket club, Carlton, wrote a letter to the newspapers asking all cricket clubs playing on Saturday 4 September to make collections for the Hospitals Saturday Fund.

Setting an example, the Finsburys and Carlton confirmed they would be doing just that at the Old Spotted Dog Ground, hoping 'the idea will become general throughout the metropolis'.

Chris Tymkow

GEOFF OCRAN

MEN'S HEAD COACH

It was a routine win in the FA Vase on Saturday in the end against an Enfield Borough side who are better than their league position suggests.

As expected, they were a young side with lots of individual quality and played the right way but were just lacking that bit of experience through the spine of the team and we deserved the 4-1 victory.

We wanted not just to win but also to raise the performance levels after the penalty shoot-out defeat against AS London in the League Cup last Tuesday night.

While we are trying different combinations with the team, it's vital we just keep finding different ways to win. I was happy that we scored a couple of goals from midfield on Saturday as it is we need players to chip in with goals across the team.

There will be a bit more squad rotation against Romford tonight as we have two big league games on Saturday against Southend Manor and then Tuesday night against the early league leaders Lymore Gardens, both here at the Old Spotted Dog Ground.

However, tonight is an opportunity at home to progress in this cup and add more minutes in the tank for the squad.

#EssexCup #OSD #WeGoAgain

ABOUT US

Clapton Community FC is a Community Benefit Society wholly owned and run by our members. The charity Old Spotted Dog Ground Trust operates the ground on behalf of Clapton CFC members.

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

Geoff Ocran - Manager

Sham Darr - Assistant Manager

Jack Mellors - First Team Coach

Aqs Hafeji - First Team
Coach/Data Analyst

Robin Philpott - Goalkeeper Coach

Kasita Boateng - Physiotherapist

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MEN'S FIRST TEAM



GOALKEEPERS

Toby Emerson
Jack Francis
Chris Mathers
Robin Philpott

DEFENDERS

Dean Bouho
Andrea Caio
Junia Charlton
Sam Cook
Charlie Fagan
Alasdair Gurney
Seb Hartwell
Bailey Pryce
Adam Sidky
Tami Unuefa
Will Wright

MIDFIELDERS

Cemal Agdelen
Gabriel Akuwudike
Joel Akuwudike
Julian Austin
James Briggs
Ross Broadway
Nathan Cook
Azariah George-Lawal
Pete Jamieson
Felix Murray
James Pavely
Enzo Pina
Jeffrey Twumasi

FORWARDS

Louis Brown
Nico Bunduku
Korahn Gayle
Cameron Gordon
Andre Odeku
Flavien Stierlen
Fred Taylor
Jacob Wintour

ROMFORD FC

Christian Adu Gyamfi
Owen Bellamy
Darnell Bromfield
Lewis Browne
Fabio Co
Joe Damrell
Bradley Davison
Qamil Dervishaj
Teddy Desmond
Ellis Devereux
Harry Elsey
Harrison Georgiou
Jake Gordon
Harry Honesty
Malakai Hyman
Harry Markatis
Guy Norton
Onyemaechi
Ogedi-Uzokwe
Nicholas Reynolds
Dhillon Sandhu-Nelson
Sonny Shilling
Olu Shobowale
Olakunmi Sosanya
Ezra Yeboah-Agyiri

**NEXT GAME HERE AT THE
OLD SPOTTED DOG GROUND**

**Saturday at 3pm - CCFC Men's First Team
vs Southend Manor**

OFFICIALS

Referee

Mungo Prior

Assistant Referees

Jordan Harris
Ashley Lockhart



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