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Clapton CFC vs Hoddesdon Town FC Saturday, Oct 11th 2025. Kick-off 3pm

Thurlow Nunn Eastern Counties Football League Division One South



OPPONENTS

HODDESDON TOWN FC

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

Hoddesdon Town was established in 1879 and started playing at its current Low Field ground in 1882. The highlight of the club's history must be winning the FA Vase at Wembley in front of 9500 spectators in the competition's first ever season, 1974/75. In recent seasons they've flitted between the Essex Senior League and the Spartan South Midlands League but were relegated to the Eastern Counties League Division One three seasons ago.

Form guide

Having finished just outside the play-offs in eighth last season, and with pretty much the same team this team around, it's been a mysteriously poor start to the season with Hoddesdon sat bottom of the table. They have fared better in the cups, including beating Burnham Ramblers who beat us.

Previous meetings

Two seasons ago, a 0-0 draw at the Old Spotted Dog Ground was followed by a 1-0 win away, thanks to Noah Adejokun's goal. Last season we met in the FA Vase, which finished 2-2 before we edged it on penalties in front of a crowd of 577.

Player/s to watch

Top scorer Connor Bolton bagged 22 last season from midfield. Meanwhile Blue Gallagher scored a hat-trick in the county cup last week.

MAKING THE OSP ACCESSIBLE

Over the past few years there have been some big improvements at the Old Spotted Dog Ground - however, it still isn't fully accessible. Narrow, uneven paths mean people in wheelchairs or with mobility needs can struggle to reach key areas like the seated stand and the toilet block.

So the Old Spotted
Dog Ground Trust plans
to create flat, durable
walkways along the
southern (Ham Park
Road) edge and eastern

(Walter Tull Way) edge of the pitch. At the same time they will install a secure perimeter pitch fence made from recycled scaffold poles.

To save money, the work will be carried out by volunteers, so if you would like to get involved in the project, please contact trust@ oldspotteddog.org.

However, we also need to raise £10,000 to make it happen - so please donate to the crowdfunder if you can.



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MEN'S HEAD COACH

After no home games for a month, we now have two in the space of four days. We are looking to maintain the momentum of the last two away wins, starting with Coggeshall Town last Saturday. It was a game we looked at and thought 'a good win here could kickstart our season again'. Yes, we still have plenty of games in hand, but we were in danger of slipping down the table, and the pressure to win those games would become more imperative.

Our away form has been really good to date in comparison to last season as we have a more resilient mindset. That continued in midweek with another big win in the London Senior Trophy at Rising Ballers Kensington. It wasn't an easy place to get to after work on a Tuesday night but credit to the whole squad and the fans for making the journey.

Squad wise, the injuries are mounting up so we have signed a couple of new players to bolster us, including David Makisi who has made an instant impact to our attack including a goal at Kensington.

Regardless of where Hoddesdon Town are in the league right now, they are one of the big names in the division and will be a danger. We have no time for complacency as we need to get back into the play-off positions and close the gap on the teams right at the top of the table.

Time to get our home form in order.

#WeGoAgain #OSD #Step6 #ClaptoNFamily

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
Fionn Glancy
James Goldring
Pete Jamieson
Felix Murray
James Pavely
Enzo Pina
Jeffrey Twumasi

FORWARDS

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

HODDESDON TOWN FC

Jimmy Agnew Connor Bolton Harrison Cage Daniel Calin Connor Casey Bailey Eden Tommy Edwards Jonah Evans Oliver Finch Blue Gallagher Ethan Gannon Jack Gibbs Joshua Howard Arnis Lala Freddie Wilkinson Liam Nugent Prince Sanyang Hadley Richards Jack Riddle Emarie Smith

NEXT GAME HERE AT THE OLD SPOTTED DOG GROUND

Tuesday at 7.45pm -

CCFC Men's First Team vs Rayleigh Town

OFFICIALS

Referee

Steve Tovey

Assistant Referees

Dan Goodman Garry Roberts



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