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Clapton CFC vs Ilford FC
Saturday
October 31st 2026
Kick-off 3pm
Essex Senior Football League

OLD SPOTTED DOG GROUND

WALTER TULL WAY, 212 UPTON LANE, FOREST GATE, LONDON E7 9NP

CLAPTON COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB

Clapton Community FC is a Community Benefit Society (#7768) that is wholly owned and run by our 1500 plus members. We have a women/NB first team, reserves, FTFA team, development team, five-a-side teams and open access training; men's first team, development and over 35s; and many youth teams.

OUR HOME

The Old Spotted Dog Ground, Walter Tull Way, 212 Upton Lane, Forest Gate, London E7 9NP

The charity Old Spotted Dog Ground Trust (charity #1199417) operates the OSD on behalf of Clapton CFC members.

HONOURS

CLUB

- 2026 Non-League Game Award Winners - Football v Homophobia Awards
- 2023 Volunteer Grounds Team of the Year - Grounds Management Association
- 2023 Community Football Club of the Year - National Game Awards
- 2021 Lockdown Heroes Award Winners - Football Supporters Association

MEN'S FIRST TEAM (M1T)

- 2026 Eastern Counties Football League Division One South play-off winners
- 2025 Brian Lomax Trophy winners
- 2025 Southern Counties East Football League Division One Cup winners
- 2023 Middlesex County Football League Premier Division champions
- 2022 Alec Smith Premier Division Cup winners
- 2019 Middlesex County Football League Division One Central & East champions
- 2019 Jim Rogers Presidents Cup winners

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM (W1T)

- 2024 FSA Women's Trophy winners
- 2023 FSA Women's Trophy winners
- 2022 John Greenacre Memorial Trophy winners

FTFA

- 2026 London Saturday Women's Football League Cup winners

RECORDS

M1T ATTENDANCES

Men's First Team

- 2375 vs Rayleigh Town at OSD Ground, May 2026
- 1712 vs FC Romania at OSD Ground, Apr 2026
- 1432 vs Forest Hill Park at OSD Ground, Apr 2025
- 1377 vs Lymore Gardens, OSD Ground, Apr 2026
- 1266 vs FC Roast at Stray Dog, May 2019
- 1242 vs Forest Hill Park at Mayesbrook Park, 2025

W1T ATTENDANCES

- 3585 vs Brentford, Brentford Community Stadium, Sep 2024
- 1153 vs FC United of Manchester at OSD Ground, Jul 2023
- 775 vs FC St. Pauli at OSD Ground, Jun 2023
- 697 vs FC United of Manchester, Broadhurst Park, Aug 2021
- 500 vs Ashford at OSD Ground, Nov 2022
- 478 vs Brentford, OSD Ground, May 2025

APPEARANCES

200 APPEARANCES:

Jack Francis, Dean Bouho

150 APPEARANCES:

James Briggs, Fred Taylor, Lucy Spours, Noah Adejokun, Maria Mendonca, Julian Austin, Li Steiner

100 APPEARANCES:

Charlie Fagan, Emily Link, Marta Boiro, Marta Casanovas, Cemal Agdelen, Bailey Pryce, Junia Charlton, Geoff Ocran, Annie Lyons, Lenny Holmes, Stefan Kilron

50 APPEARANCES:

Jeff Twumasi, Carl Paul, Verity Phillips, Adam Sidky, Allana Scoble, Fionn Glancy, Joel Akuwudike, Mim Chadwick, Liam Smyth, Noora Oikarainen, Sherwin Stanley, Felix Murray, Lewis Owiredu, Arthur Wright, Dan Anfossy, Joshua Adejokun, Khadir Elyas, Louis Brown, Emmanuel Olasehinde, Polly Adams, Prince Kwakye, Fama Sangare, Alice Sharpe, Teju Callisto, Sin Cheung, Cameron Gordon, Seb Hartwell, Elizabeth Atoyebi, Alasdair Gurney, Ross Broadway, Sam Cook, Kaylee Shurety, Tami Onuefa, James Pavely, Egle Trezzi, Korahn Gayle, Ruby Earle, Suleyman Zahmoul, Ana Holmes, Samba Badjana, James Goldring

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OPPONENTS

ILFORD FC

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

The original Ilford FC was founded in 1881 and were one of the leading lights of London non-league football, winning the FA Amateur Cup twice and reaching the final four more times including its last season in 1974. Losing its historic Lynn Road ground, the club merged to form Leytonstone/Ilford in 1979 then merged again to form Redbridge Forest in 1989 and then finally merged once more to become Dagenham & Redbridge by 1992. Ilford was first resurrected as its own entity in 1987, moving into Cricklefields Stadium in 1994, after a few false starts joined the Essex Senior Football League in 1996. They were promoted twice to reach Step 3 before dropping back to the ESFL in 2013 where they've played since.

Form guide

Having finished just one place outside of the play-offs last season, The Foxes are once again in the promotion mix. They've won 4 out of 5 away from home too.

Previous meetings

None.

Player/s to watch

Experienced striker Greg Akpele, goalkeeper Wilkinson Boateng and midfielder Andy Greenslade are among several Ilford players who are no strangers to the Old Spotted Dog Ground, having played here regularly in the pre-CCFC days.

PRE-GAME PUB GUIDE UPDATE

Three years ago, we printed a guide to great independent pubs within a walkable radius of the Old Spotted Dog Ground, including the Forest Gate Hotel, the Bay Tree and the Rising Sun.

In last Saturday's programme we covered The Buccaneer, Ye Olde Black Bull and The Blakesley Arms. Here are another four suggested independent pubs for a pre- or post-game drink.

The Black Lion

Distance from OSD: 0.9 miles
Closest station: Plaistow

A Plaistow icon, The Black Lion's long benches, low ceiling and narrow bar calls back to an old East End communal atmosphere, where (warning!) conversations with people you didn't arrive with may be encountered. The pub is full of strange angles and corners - you almost have to go behind the bar to get into the back room - while there are screens for sport and numerous taps.

Freaks & Geeks

Distance from OSD: 0.9 miles
Closest station: Stratford

F&G is a computer games pub, which has a more local and craft beer selection than any of its neighbours and is openly LGBTQI+ friendly. Unsurprisingly, there are lots of screens with consoles linked up. Getting from the pub to the OSD is a zig-zag walk, hugging the perimeters of Stratford Park, then West Ham Park.

The Cart & Horses

Distance from OSD: 1.1 miles
Closest station: Maryland

The birthplace of Iron Maiden is now fully themed around the band with memorabilia everywhere, a solid heavy metal playlist and a new venue built in the basement. The pub's drink selection is slightly more on the premium side while food is largely burgers and hotdog-based drinking fuel.

William The Conqueror

Distance from OSD: 1.5 miles
Closest station: Manor Park/Woodgrange Park

Once a major commercial route to Essex, Romford Road used to be littered with Victorian-era inns every few hundred yards. Among the few to survive is this old boozer with cocktail bar aspirations - wooden ceiling beams, under-lit by disco lights. Suspect this pub gets better the later you stay, although the beer options are the standard Burton-on-Trent line-up.

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GEOFF OCRAN

MEN'S FIRST TEAM MANAGER

Last Saturday here against Benfleet saw a much needed three points after three defeats in a row - and to be honest we would have taken a draw and a clean sheet before the game.

That makes it three wins out of our last four at home with three clean sheets so our home form isn't the major cause for concern. However, we must start replicating that level of performance and resilience away from home.

Andre Odeku has hit a great spell of form like he did last season but we do need to start seeing different names on the scoresheet if we want to improve our goal difference with the league as tight as it is.

We also don't want to be hovering over the relegation zone from an aesthetics point of view so we can't just live off this victory, we need to build on it.

Chris Davis the Ilford manager was also part of the Clapton CFC set up when we started the club in 2018. I know Chris will set his team up to play today and so we will have to match them all afternoon to get a positive result. Both Ilford today and Barking next week are experienced Essex Senior League sides so they will be two good tests to see where we are.

But ultimately that's why we wanted to get promoted, for games like this afternoon as we continue to find our feet at this level on a consistent basis.

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ABOUT US

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MEN'S 1st 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

TOP SCORERS

5	Andre Odeku
2	Fred Taylor
1	Julian Austin, Noah Adejokun, Junia Charlton, Cameron Gordon, Okwute Izuchukwu, Lewis Owiredu, Enzo Pina, Adam Sidky, Flavien Stierlen

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MATCH REPORT

24.10.26 – CLAPTON CFC M1T

1-0 Clapton CFC win against **Benfleet**

Clapton CFC secured a dramatic three points thanks to in-form Andre Odeku's strike deep into stoppage time.

In front of a hardcore 317 who braved the strong winds and rain, both sides looked to play football from the off but chances were at a premium.

Goalkeeper/captain Jack Francis was called into action early on, when Benfleet striker Andrew Adegbite won the ball and tried his luck from distance. Francis just managed to backpedal and palm away the shot which was heading for the top corner.

At the other end, Adam Sidky headed over the bar from a corner delivered by Fred Taylor. Meanwhile Clapton's best chance of the half came from a cross by Andre Odeku to the back post, where Korahn Gayle couldn't get the touch needed to roll it past the keeper.

Benfleet should also have taken the lead before half-time when striker Tommy Sykes beat the offside trap but put his shot wide as Francis closed him down.

The visitors started the second period on the front foot and had the ball in the back of the net, only to be ruled out for offside.

Minutes later, a Benfleet midfielder tried his luck from fully 30 yards out, which Francis needed to tip on the crossbar.

Into added time and it looked increasingly like the game would finish in a hard-fought goalless stalemate - a result manager and players alike would probably have taken after three defeats in a row.

However, deep into the 95th minute, the Old Spotted Dog Ground erupted. Emmanuel Olasehinde drove forward down the left flank and pulled off a pinpoint cutback into the danger area. Odeku, showing ice cold composure, met the ball and slotted it home to spark wild celebrations.

Benfleet's frustration at going home empty-handed boiled over at the final whistle with a red card being shown to one of their coaching staff.

Clapton can now chalk this up as a third win in four games at home and will look to continue that streak when Ilford visit the OSD today.







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MEN'S FIRST TEAM

GOALKEEPERS

Jack Francis
Chris Mathers
Robin Philpott

DEFENDERS

Daniel Adjei
Tiere Beaupierre
Dean Bouho
Andrea Caio
Junia Charlton
Sam Cook
Charlie Fagan
Seb Hartwell
Okwute Izuchukwu
Emmanuel Olasehinde
Tevis Panariti
Bailey Pryce
Adam Sidky
Tami Unuefa

MIDFIELDERS

Joel Akuwudike
Julian Austin
Samba Badjana
James Briggs
Ross Broadway
Nathan Cook
Azariah George-Lawal
James Goldring
Pete Jamieson
Felix Murray
Enzo Pina
Adam Sokhal
Gideon Ssonko
Jeff Twumasi

FORWARDS

Matthew Abebrese
Tylla Addai
Noah Adejokun
Bernardino Andeme
Louis Brown
Nico Bunduku
Korahn Gayle
Cameron Gordon
David Makisi
Rafael Da Mata
Will Miller
Andre Odeku
Lewis Owiredu
William Rodrigues
Samir Sedaoui
Flavien Stierlen
Fred Taylor
Jacob Wintour
Miftau Yusuf

ILFORD FC

Timothy Adewale-Banks
Michael Adu
Greg Akpele
Aseel Albrek
Joel Appiah
Olusesan Ayodele
Anderson Baro
Wilkinson Boateng
Abdul Fujah
Yousupha Gaye
Andy Greenslade
Mohamed Habib
Yussif Hamisu
Alfie Harris
Daniel Izekor
Shaike Kamara
Isaac Nkosi
Adejola Odumosu
Patrik Ohakwe
Michael Okafor
Muamar Osman
Abdul Rahman
Abubakar Sadiq Mohammed
Ben Szubski

OSD

NEXT GAME HERE AT THE OLD SPOTTED DOG GROUND

Next Saturday, November 7th at 12 noon -

CCFC FTFA vs Comets

OFFICIALS

Referee
Jerome Francourt

Assistant Referees
Mark Poulter
Chris Hockett

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