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CLAPTON CFC

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7TH 2026

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE

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EDITOR'S CORNER
Barking V Clapton CFC

Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to Lawtech Stadium for this Essex Senior League tie against Clapton CFC!

After two impressive victories against Woodford Town and league leaders Frenford we were bought back down-to-Earth last Saturday with a late goal leading to a 1-0 defeat against Hullbridge Sports. Reports for both games as well as historical information about previous fixtures on this day are in today's programme.

We would also like to wish all fans and players of Clapton CFC as well as the officials and any neutrals a safe journey home from Lawtech Stadium today.

Come on you Blues!

Penned by programme editor Trevor Gilbert

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London League Premier - Champions	1920/21
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FA Non-League Team of the Year	1978/79
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London Senior Cup - Winners	1911/12, 1920/21, 1926/27, 1978/79
Essex Senior Cup – Winners	1893/94, 1895/96, 1919/20, 1945/46, 1962/63, 1969/70, 1989/90
East Anglian Cup - Winners	1937/38, 1953/54 (Shared)
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Dylon Shield Winners	1979/80
Essex Senior League Reserve Division – Champions	2011/12

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Essex Elizabethan Trophy, Essex Intermediate Cup, East Anglian Cup, South Essex League, Leyton & District League, London Charity Cup/ Eastern Floodlight Cup, Essex Floodlight Cup, Mithras Cup and the Premier Midweek league.

HULLBRIDGE SPORTS 1-0 BARKING FC

Saturday 31 October 2026 – Essex Senior League – Report by Trevor Gilbert



Barking were unable to capitalise on last week's success against league leaders Frenford as they travelled to Hullbridge Sports and were defeated by a late goal and saw them slip to fifth and the final play-off spot in the table.

The Yellows had the first shot on target after five minutes as Josh Gruby saw his bobbling shot from a narrow angle saved by Hullbridge stopper Bobby Mason.

Hullbridge were the better side in the first half after that and went close quickly after with former Barking player Kieran Jones shooting wide. Harvey Simson made an excellent save tipping over from a powerful effort just after the ten-minute mark as a Hullbridge striker skipped in-between McQueen and Matangi before finding space in the box. Simson could do nothing ten minutes later but pray as another effort did beat him but it smacked the base of the post before he gratefully collected the ball. The last chance of the first half did fall to Barking at the half hour mark as Ryan Pickles' shot from just outside the box crept wide of the post.

Hullbridge started the second half stronger but the Yellows forced Mason into his first save of note 16 minutes in as he tipped over Dixon's high shot. Simson was called into action five minutes later making an important save from a powerful effort that came in from a narrow angle. Gruby saw another shot from a narrow angle saved by Mason but as the game went on Barking struggled to release the pressure and had Charlie Thomson to thank after 82 minutes as he made a vital block after a cutback followed an incisive counterattack. As the game entered the final stages it seemed that Hullbridge would get one final chance with the Yellows inability to keep the ball in the attacking phase and so it showed in the 87th minute as they split the Barking defensive line to set Fred Agyemang through on goal who slotted low under Simson to secure the three points for the home side.



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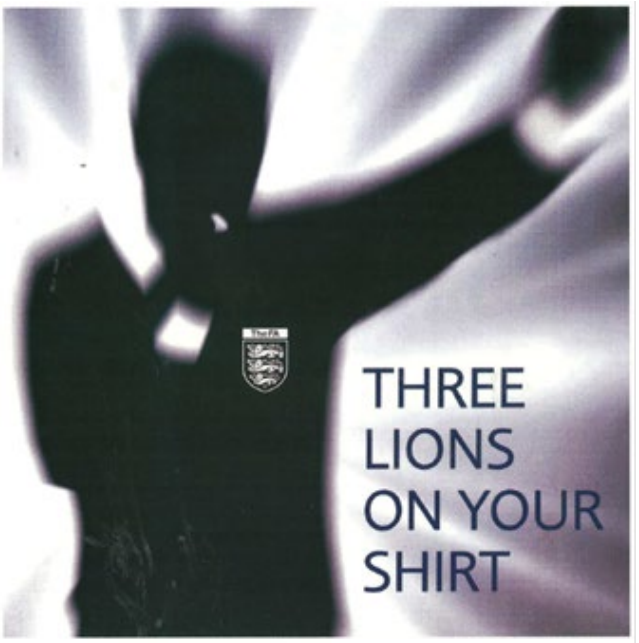
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MATCH CENTRE

DATE	OPPONENTS	COMP	SCORE	ATT	GOAL SCORERS
1 Aug 26	**Sporting Bengal**	**ESL**	**4-2**	**78**	**Dixon x3, Attrill**
8 August 26	Buckhurst Hill	FAC EPR	0-2	201	
12 Aug 26	White Ensign	ESL	3-3	84	Gruby, Svarqa, Luzolo
15 Aug 26	**Marcelona FC**	**FAV 1QR**	**4-1**	**68**	**Mansaray, Gruby, Pickles, Clark**
19 Aug 26	White Ensign	ESC 1R	1-2	71	Bowden
28 Aug 26	Woodford Town	ESL	1-1		Dixon
31 Aug 26	Heybridge Swifts	ESL	1-3	235	Okafor
5 Sept 26	**Ilford**	**ESL**	**4-1**	**88**	**Svarqa, Okafor, Gruby, Pickles (pen)**
12 Sept 26	**Hullbridge Sports**	**FAV 2QR**	**0-2**	**68**	
18 Sept 26	Hutton	ESL	6-4	94	Mansaray, Pickles x3, Gruby, Bateki
22 Sept 26	**White Ensign**	**ESL**	**2-0**	**64**	**Gruby, Bowden**
26 Sept 26	**Hackney Wick**	**ESL**	**3-0**	**72**	**Bowden, Poku, Pickles (pen)**
3 Oct 26	Halstead Town	ESL	4-1	356	Thomson
6 Oct 26	**Watford**	**LSC 2R**	**2-4**	**92**	**Dutton, Pickles**
10 Oct 26	Norwich United	FAV 1R	1-1 (3-4 pens)		Bowden
17 Oct 26	West Essex	ESL	0-0	128	
20 Oct 26	**Woodford Town**	**ESL**	**3-1**	**64**	**Pickles x2, Dixon**
24 Oct 26	**Frenford**	**ESL**	**2-0**	**68**	**Pickles (pen), Dixon**
31 Oct 26	Hullbridge Sports	ESL	0-1	150	
7 Nov 26	**Clapton Community**	**ESL**			
11 Nov 26	Benfleet	ECC 1R			
14 Nov 26	Great Wakering Rovers	ESL			
17 Nov 26	**Harwich & Parkeston**	**ESL**			
21 Nov 26	**Basildon United**	**ESL**			
28 Nov 26	**Saffron Walden Town**	**ESL**			
5 Dec 26	Benfleet	ESL			
12 Dec 26	Ilford	ESL			
19 Dec 26	**Hutton**	**ESL**			
26 Dec 26	Romford	ESL			
2 Jan 27	**Sporting Bengal**	**ESL**			
9 Jan 27	Hackney Wick	ESL			
16 Jan 27	**SOUL Tower Hamlets**	**ESL**			
23 Jan 27	**Great Wakering Rovers**	**ESL**			
30 Jan 27	Basildon United	ESL			
6 Feb 27	**Halstead Town**	**ESL**			
13 Feb 27	**Heybridge Swifts**	**ESL**			
20 Feb 27	Clapton Community	ESL			
27 Feb 27	**Hullbridge Sports**	**ESL**			
6 Mar 27	Harwich & Parkeston	ESL			
13 Mar 27	**Benfleet**	**ESL**			
20 Mar 27	Saffron Walden Town	ESL			
27 Mar 27	**Romford**	**ESL**			
3 Apr 27	SOUL Tower Hamlets	ESL			
10 Apr 27	**West Essex**	**ESL**			
17 Apr 27	**Frenford**	**ESL**			

BARKING 2-0 FRENFORD

Saturday 24 October 2026 – Essex Senior League – Report by Trevor Gilbert

Barking made it back-to-back wins with an impressively comfortable 2-0 victory over table toppers Frenford thanks to second half goals from Ryan Pickles and Michael Dixon.



Frenford were dealt an early blow as Steven Carvell was forced off nearly immediately with a hamstring injury and the early moment was with the Blues as they regrouped – Teddy Bowden nodding a header over after rising highest from a corner after eight minutes.

The game struggled to get going in the torrential rain that didn't relent throughout the game and it took 25 minutes for the first shot on target as Ryan Pickles saw his edge of the box shot palmed away by Frenford keeper Dominic Alexandru with Ali Mansaray unable to take advantage from the rebound.

The rest of the first half saw little action for either side but each side had a chance ten minutes into the second half – firstly Pickles seeing his free kick saved before a minute later Barking keeper Harvey Simson was called into action on 55 minutes as he saved with his feet at his near post after a low cutback from the left wing. The save proved prescient as Phillip Hayford was brought down in the box two minutes later with the referee pointing to the spot after discussion with his assistant. **Ryan Pickles** duly stepped up and dispatched the penalty into the bottom right corner of the net with Alexandru diving the wrong way.

The Blues defended excellently and they were rewarded nearly twenty minutes later as they punished Frenford for their own poor defending – their central defenders and goalkeeper failing to defend a long Teddy Bowden ball under pressure from Pickles with the bouncing ball falling kindly to **Michael Dixon** on the edge of the box who on the half-volley smashed the ball home.

Frenford went close a few minutes later with a quick cross from a corner being headed well over the bar but it was Barking who next went closest to scoring as Mansaray's far post cross was headed towards goal by Josh Gruby who saw his effort saved but fall to the feet of Bowden who saw his goal bound effort blocked away by a retreating defender.

Frenford were reduced to long range shots and a six-minute injury time period lacked urgency from the away side and any panic for the home side as Barking kept another clean sheet alongside their three points and kept them in third place in the table.



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For the 2026/27 season, our Women's First Team are in the London & South East Women's Regional Football League Division One North (tier 6).

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Today is our first senior meeting with Clapton CFC - below are details of our only other meeting compiled by Terry Gilbert

February 22nd 2020 - Friendly Match
Barking 3 (Charlie MacDonald, Charlie Heatley, Trialist)
Clapton CFC 1

ON THIS DAY

A selection of Barking games from this day in the past by Terry Gilbert

November 7th 2017 - Isthmian League North Division
Barking 1 (Theo Ola Penalty)
Ware 0

November 7th 2015 - Essex Senior League
Barking 5 (Junior Appiah 2, Joe Pearman 2, Kieran English)
Enfield 1893 1

November 7th 2009 - Essex Senior League
Barking 1 (Lee Pyne Penalty)
Eton Manor 1

November 7th 2006 - Essex Senior Cup Third Round
Waltham Forest 0
Barking 2 (Carl Bruce, Paul Carr)

November 7th 1998 - FA Vase
Newmarket Town 2
Barking 2 (John O'Sullivan Penalty, Micky Rogan) - *After Extra Time*

November 7th 1992 - Isthmian League Division One
Barking 1 (Jeff Wood)
Croydon2

November 7th 1987 - Isthmian League Premier Division
Barking 0
Bromley 1

November 7th 1981 - Isthmian League Premier Division
Sutton United1
Barking 1 (Charlie Hillman)

November 7th 1978 - Hitachi Cup Third Round
Barking 3 (Barrett, Ironton, Opponent)
Leytonstone 1

November 7th 1972 - Isthmian League
Barking 2 (Steve Shorey, Bobby Page)
Walthamstow Avenue 3

November 7th 1968 - Isthmian League
Barking 2 (Neville Fox 2)
Tooting & Mitcham United 1

November 7th 1959 - Isthmian League
Leytonstone 1
Barking 0

PHOTO REVIEW: HULLBRIDGE SPORTS 1-0 BARKING FC

Saturday 31 October 2026 – Essex Senior League –Photos by Terry Gilbert











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PHOTO REVIEW: BARKING FC 2-0 FRENFORD

Saturday 24 October 2026 – Essex Senior League – Photos by Terry Gilbert











ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE TABLE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Heybridge Swifts	11	10	1	0	27	31
2	Frenford	13	10	1	2	15	31
3	Hullbridge Sports	12	8	2	2	16	26
4	Ilford	14	8	2	4	8	26
5	Barking	13	7	3	3	10	24
6	Halstead Town	13	6	2	5	2	20
7	West Essex	11	5	4	2	8	19
8	Saffron Walden Town	12	6	1	5	-3	19
9	Romford	13	5	3	5	-3	18
10	Hutton	13	4	4	5	2	16
11	White Ensign	12	5	1	6	1	16
12	SOUL Tower Hamlets	10	5	1	4	-1	16
13	Benfleet	13	5	1	7	-3	16
14	Basildon United	13	5	1	7	-7	16
15	Clapton Community	13	4	1	8	-7	13
16	Great Wakering Rovers	11	3	3	5	-3	12
17	Harwich & Parkeston	13	2	6	5	-5	12
18	Woodford Town	12	3	2	7	-4	11
19	Hackney Wick	13	1	1	11	-24	4
20	Sporting Bengal United	11	1	0	10	-29	3


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Amadeus Addotey	2.	Junia Charlton
Shaye La-Rose	3.	Emmanuel Olasehinde
Liam Boxall	4.	Okwute Izuchukwu
Jack McQueen	5.	Adam Sidky
Charlie Thomson	6.	Azariah George-Lawal
Uziel Bateki	7.	Fred Taylor
Alimamy Mansaray	8.	Adam Sokhal
Ryan Pickles	9.	Julian Austin
Michael Dixon	10.	Korahn Gayle
Josh Gruby	11.	Andre Odeku
Teddy Bowden	12.	Jeff Twumasi
Daniel Thompson	14.	Ross Broadway
Sonny Dutton	15.	Tylla Addai
Celeany Filho	16.	Samba Badjana
Raymond Poku	17.	Felix Murray
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