

Clapton Community FC is a Community Benefit Society wholly owned and run by our 1500 plus members. We have women's and men's first teams and development teams, open access women, non-binary and youth training, five-a-side teams, youth teams and a cricket team.

# OUR HOME

The Old Spotted Dog Ground, Rear of 212 Upton Lane. Forest Gate, London E7 9NP

The charity Old Spotted Dog **Ground Trust operates the OSD on** behalf of Clapton CFC members.

# HONOURS

# **CLUB**

- > 2021 Lockdown Heroes Award Winners - Football Supporters Association
- > 2023 Community Football Club of the Year - National Game Awards
- > 2023 Grounds Management **Association Volunteer Grounds** Team of the Year

### **MEN'S FIRST TEAM**

- > 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**

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

> 2024 FSA Women's **Trophy winners** 

### **ATTENDANCES MEN'S FIRST TEAM**

- > 1266 vs FC Roast at Stray Dog
- > 1153 vs FC United of Manchester at Old Spotted Dog Ground
- > 909 vs Stonewall FC at Wadham Lodge Stadium
- > 902 vs Kensington Dragons at Old Spotted Dog Ground

### **ATTENDANCES WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM**

- > 1153 vs FC United of Manchester at Old Spotted Dog Ground
- > 775 vs FC St. Pauli at Old Spotted Dog Ground
- > 500 vs Ashford at **Old Spotted Dog Ground**
- > 449 vs Leatherhead at **Old Spotted Dog Ground**

### **APPEARANCES**

150 appearance medals: Dean Bouho. 100 appearance medals: Geoff Ocran. Jack Francis. Noah Adejokun and Lucy Spours. 50 appearance medals: Annie Lyons, Arthur Wright, Bailey Pryce, Carl Paul, Cemal Agdelen, Daniel Anfossy, Emily Link, Fama Sangare, Fionn Glancy, Fred Taylor, James Briggs, Joshua Adejokun, Julian Austin, Lenny Holmes, Li Steiner, Liam

Smyth, Maria Mendonca, Marta Boiro, Marta Casanovas, Mim Chadwick, Polly Adams, Prince Kwakye, Samba Badjana, Sherwin Stanley, Stefan Kilron, Verity Phillips, Charlie Fagan, Teju Callisto, Allana Scoble, Lewis Owiredu, Junia Charlton and James Pavely.

### **COMPETITIVE WINS**

Men's first team: 11-1 vs Hereford Palace 2018 Women's first team: 14-0 vs St Margaretsbury 2023

### **MEN'S FIRST TEAM**

**Southern Counties East Football** League Division One // Essex FA Geoff Ocran - Manager Sham Darr - Assistant Manager Ridhwaan Yusuf - Head Coach Jack Mellors - First Team Coach Matt Bailey - First Team Coach Aqs Hafeji - Data Analyst Kasita Boateng - Physiotherapist

#### **WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM**

**London & South East Regional** Women's Division 1 North // London FA

Jason Murray - Head Coach Brian Bramble - Assistant Manager Sunny Hunjan - Goalkeeper Coach

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# SHAM DARR MEN'S ASSISTANT MANAGER



TODAY WE GIVE A WARM WELCOME to Faversham Strike Force who are currently top of the league after last week's 5-1 win over Meridian VP.

We were really busy over pre-season, holding trials for new players, seven friendlies and the trip to Madrid where we played C.D Independiente De Vallecas, which was a fantastic experience.

Our squad last week vs Greenways FC in our new league the SCEFL Division One saw three new players in the starting line up - Sam Cook, Noah Salama and Ross Broadway. Plus there were three new players on the bench in Louis Brown, Emmanuel Olasehinde (who has graduated from the Men's Development Team) and another youngster Tami Unuefa.

Greenway came with a plan to stop us playing by any means and their goal was living a charmed life, particularly with the goalmouth scramble in the 20th minute. How Deano and Noah A didn't get the ball over the line no-one knows. But we took a deserved lead on 63 minutes, a great team move leading to Cameron Gordon's cross/ shot into the onrushing Fred Taylor at the back post to score.

Last minute of the game Greenway won a free-kick on the edge of Clapton's box. The free-kick took a wicked deflection and wrongfooted Jack Francis. Somehow Jack managed to dive down to his left making an unbelievable save onto the post which led to a goal-line scramble with Jack managing to hold

onto the ball. Full time 1-0.

We deserved the three points as we were the better team, had the lion's share of possession and created most chances. However, we would like to be more clinical In front of goal and see a game out more comfortably.

The biggest cheer came when Clapton made their first substitutions as the league had provided all teams with electronic sub boards for this season. First team Coach Matt Bailey expertly paraded the new sub board with cheers and laughter behind him from the stands.

We have a fantastic home record and want to create a fortress at the OSD this season and are going to be all out for the win today to make it two wins out of two.

# PLAYER PROFILE: ANDREA CAIO



**FULL NAME: Andrea Mario** Severino Caio PLACE OF BIRTH: Milano (Italy) HEIGHT: 1.82m WHERE YOU LIVE: Homerton **DAY JOB: Marine** Renewable Energy PREVIOUS CLUBS: **Edinburgh University 1s** ALL TIME FAVOURITE PLAYER: Nicolò Barella **FAVOURITE TEAM, APART** FROM CLAPTON CFC: FC Internazionale Milano **BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL:** Any home game at the OSD

LOWEST POINT IN FOOTBALL: Marking Julian or Emman LIKES AND HOBBIES: Photography, surfskating, languages **DISLIKES:** Tories **FAVOURITE COUNTRY VISITED:** Chile and Cape Verde **FAVOURITE FOOD: Ceviche** and Thieboudienne **FAVOURITE FILM:** Argentina, 1985 **FAVOURITE TV:** The Euros 2021 final **FOOTBALLING AMBITION: Lifting** a trophy with the CCFC boys

# MEET THE NEW MEN'S FIRST TEAM SIGNINGS

GEOFF OCRAN AND HIS MANAGEMENT TEAM HAVE BEEN BUSY OVER THE SUMMER, SIGNING SIX NEW PLAYERS AND PROMOTING FOUR OTHERS FROM THE MEN'S DEVELOPMENT TEAM TO THE MEN'S FIRST TEAM. HERE'S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW...

#### JOSHUA BOATENG

A product of the Welling United U18s, 19-year-old goalkeeper Joshua stepped up into senior football last season playing for Letchworth Garden City Eagles in the Spartan South Midlands (step 6), keeping 2 clean sheets in 10 starts.

#### TAMI UNUEFA

Want to feel old? Tami is just 17 so was probably still at primary school when Clapton CFC was founded. The defender represented Barking up to U16 level and then Buckhurst Hill at U18s. Performances in summer suggest this could be his breakthrough season in men's football.

### SAM COOK

The 29-year-old defender and defensive midfielder played sixth and seventh tier football in Germany for SFC Stern 1900 and FC Internationale Berlin, then moved to Haringey Borough in the Isthmian Premier Division. Strictly speaking not a summer signing, as Sam was an unused sub in March away at Benfleet and player of the match in a friendly against Sporting Bengal in February, but it's about time he was properly introduced

### **ROSS BROADWAY**

A player with a solid pedigree in the SCEFL, Ross spent the previous three seasons at our new Division One counterparts, Tooting Bec. A central midfielder, CDM or right back, he netted 4 last season from 13 appearances. Previously he spent four seasons between Risborough Rangers and Amersham Town in the Combined Counties and represented Cambridge University in his student days.

### NOAH SALAMA

Observant spectators at the Spotted Dog may have picked out Noah playing centre-mid for Brimsdown in a narrow win for Clapton last December. A spell with oold friends NW London on his CV as well as Spartan South Midlands side Hadley FC.

### AZARIAH GEORGE-LAWAL

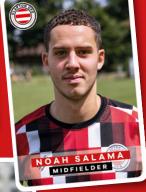
A player well accustomed to the SCEFL division 1, Azariah George-Lawal spent the last 3 years with Forest Hill Park. Playing mostly at fullback, he made 22 appearances last season. Prior to this he represented Dagenham United in the Essex Alliance.

### LOUIS BROWN

30-year-old Louis is an experienced, versatile attacking midfielder and forward who is one of our tallest players at 6ft 3 inches. He has previous experience of Step 4 and 5 football but spent last season at Old Parmiterians of the Southern Amateur Alliance League, where he scored 8 goals in 15 games.













And the four players stepping up from the Men's Development Team...

#### TOBY EMERSON

24-year-old keeper Toby won the Management's Unsung Hero award last season, his first for the Devs. He's since made some friendly appearances for the Men's First Team.

ANDREA CAIO (see player profile)
The 33-year-old Italian-born defender made 16 appearances for the Devs last season, and made his First Team debut in a friendly against Athletic Newham in March. His previous clubs include Edinburgh University.

### SEB HARTWELL

The 24-year-old defender formerly of Brackley Town and Coventry University. He's played a few friendlies including the trip to

Madrid but is still awaiting his competitive debut for the Men's First Team.

### EMMANUEL OLASEHINDE

Forward Emman scored 16 goals in 25 games for the Devs last season, winning two awards in the process. He's still only 17 but there are high hopes he can make a similar explosive impact in the Men's First Team. He made his First Team debut this summer in the Cheshunt Community Cup tie against Harlow Town.



# FAVERSHAM STRIKE FORCE

SOUTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH

A REGISTERED CHARITY, Faversham Strike Force have enjoyed a relatively short but storied rise since founding as a youth team in 1999, so this is their 25th anniversary season.

They're now represented by over 50 teams, including a women and girls pathway from reception through to seniors, as well as disability and walking football. Charlton Athletic striker Matt Gooden started out in the youth set-up and his son is playing there now too. Strike Force only launched a senior men's team in 2012, reaching Step 6 by 2021/22, where they have levelled out with two respectable lower/midtable finishes, punctuated by placing fourth two seasons ago.

Joining the Southern Counties meant leaving their original home, seven miles away in Sittingbourne, to groundshare with fellow SCEFL Division 1 side Rochester United 26 miles away. Two years ago, however, they were able to return home with a groundshare at Faversham Town's Salter Lane.

# FORM GUIDE

Strike Force finished in 11th place last season and then enjoyed a decent pre-season where they beat Hollands & Blair 4-3, Metrogas 4-1 and Stansfeld 2-1 and lost 3-0 to Deal Town, 2-0 to Minster and 2-1 to town rivals Faversham Town.

# PREVIOUS Meetings

None.

# PLAYERS TO WATCH

Forward Tom Barton netted 19 and assisted 7 from 23 starts. Barton has been part of the club since 2016, from U-16's level, and is a testament to Faversham's youth development and dedication to providing playing opportunities.





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# **UPCOMING FIXTURES**

### MEN'S FIRST TEAM DATE TIME COMP OPPONENTS/VENUE

Aug 17	3pm	SCEFL	(A) Sporting Club Thamesmead (at Bayliss Ave, Erith Town FC
Aug 24	3pm	SCEFL	(A) Halls Athletic (at Erith Sports Centre)
Aug 26	3pm	SCEFL	(H) Soul Tower Hamlets (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Aug 31	3pm	SCEFL	(A) Welling Town (at Mayfield Place, Phoenix Sports FC)
Sen 07	3nm	SCEEL	(A) Croydon (at Croydon Sports Arena)

### **WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM**

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Aug 11	2pm	Friendly	(H) Sport London E Benfica (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Aug 18	2pm	LSEWRFL	(H) Actonians Reserves (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Aug 25	3pm	LSEWRFL	(A) Dulwich Hamlet Reserves (at St. Saviour's & St. Olave's)
Sep 01	2pm	WFAC	First qualifying round
Sep 08	2pm	LSEWRFL	(H) Leatherhead (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)

## **RESULTS - LAST FIVE GAMES** ......

### MEN'S FIRST TEAM

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DATE	COMP	OPPONENTS	RESULT	
Aug 03	SCEFL	CCFC vs Greenways	1-0 💌	
Jul 27	Friendly	CCFC vs Camden & Islington United	3 - 0 👿	
Jul 23	Friendly	CCFC vs Fisher	1-6	
Jul 20	CCC	Cheshunt vs CCFC	4 - 2	
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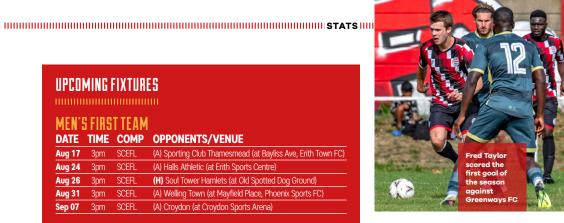
### WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

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**FIRST TEAM** 

WOMEN'S



## 2023/24 SEASON FINAL STATS

### TOP GOALSCORERS

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### **MEN'S FIRST TEAM**

17	Noah	Ade	iokun

10 Julian Austin

6 Fred Taylor

5 Arthur Wright, James Briggs, Sherwin Stanley, Taylan Gul

4 Joel Akuwudike, **Cameron Gordon** 

### **WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM**

22	Teju Callisto
14	Emily Link
13	Marta Casanovas,
	Maria Mendonca

8 Egle Trezzi

5 Lucy Spours

## TOP APPEARANCES

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### **MEN'S FIRST TEAM**

44 Jack Francis

39 Noah Adejokun, Dean Bouho, **Bailey Pryce** 

38 James Briggs, Jeff Twumasi

37 Junia Charlton

35 Charlie Fagan

### **WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM**

28 Li Steiner, Maria Mendonca

27 Marta Casanovas

26 Verity Phillips, Lucy Spours

25 Marta Boiro

24 Emily Link

# MANAGER

**GEOFF OCRAN** 

## GOALKEEPERS

JOSHUA BOATENG TOBY EMERSON JACK FRANCIS ROBIN PHILPOTT

### DEFENDERS

ADIL ALI
DEAN BOUHO
ANDREA CAIO
JUNIA CHARLTON
SAM COOK
CHARLIE FAGAN
JOSHUA GEORGE
ALASDAIR GURNEY
SEB HARTWELL
STEFAN KILRON
BAILEY PRYCE
ADAM SIDKY
GUS STEELE
TAMI UNUEFA

### MIDFIELDERS

CEMAL AGDELEN
JOEL AKUWUDIKE
JULIAN AUSTIN
JAMES BRIGGS
ROSS BROADWAY
SHAM DARR
AZARIAH
GEORGE-LAWAL
FIONN GLANCY
JAMES GOLDRING
GEOFF OCRAN
JAMES PAVELY
NOAH SALAMA

JEFFREY TWUMASI

# FORWARDS

NOAH ADEJOKUN
TERRY AMOAFO
LOUIS BROWN
CAMERON GORDON
TAYLAN GUL
FELIX MURRAY
EMMANUEL
OLASEHINDE
LEWIS OWIREDU
SHERWIN STANLEY
FRED TAYLOR
SULEYMAN

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# FAVERSHAM STRIKE FORCE

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ADAM BENFIELD
ZAC BENFIELD
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