



**B:IM**  
**2024**

BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH



**CLAPTON CFC VS**  
**HACKNEY WFC**

**7.45PM THURSDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 2024**

**OLD SPOTTED DOG**

**London & South East Regional**  
**Women's League Division One North**

**CLAPTON CFC**

**JANELL MATHURIN**  
**GOALKEEPER**



**Brian Bramble**  
Caretaker Head Coach

## CHANGE AT THE TOP

Since our last home game, Head Coach Jason Murray has departed the club along with his backroom team, First Team Coach Kevin Watts and Goalkeeper Coach Sunny Hunjan.

Jay joined us in January when the team were in a bit of a slump in the bottom half of the table. His tenure started with a 6-0 away victory and six wins in his first eight league games fired us up the table to an impressive fourth-placed finish. This pre-season was a huge success, with eye-catching wins against higher division opponents, including lifting the FSA Women's Shield with a win at Enfield Town. His time with the club ended in grand style, playing at Brentford's Gtech Stadium in front of 3585 spectators.

Jay, Sunny and Kevin depart with the best wishes of everyone connected with the club and we wish them good luck juggling their other commitments. Long-standing Assistant Manager Brian Bramble is in caretaker charge, with help from Jack Francis, Egle Trezzi and Alice Sharpe. Meanwhile the Women's First Team committee decide on the next steps.

## RIP STEPHEN JENKINS

Tragically Clapton CFC youth coach and fervent supporter Stephen Jenkins died last week aged just 37.

Stephen was a wonderful coach who spent the last five years getting the youth training project off the ground. He came to us as a volunteer and worked hard gaining experience, getting his badges and becoming one of our longest serving coaches. He was instrumental in setting up the first youth team four years ago, and played a key role in getting the girls sessions started on Saturdays.

He was a massive supporter of the club generally and many will know him from games at the Old Spotted Dog Ground, or for his social media posts from that amazing



Women's FA Cup run.

The proud Welshman was originally from Carmarthenshire but had settled in Walthamstow with his family. We will miss Stephen very much and we send our love and condolences to his loved ones.



## WELCOME BACK ANNIE

372 days ago Annie Lyons broke her ankle in the warm-up for the midweek home game against Hackney. So it was a poignant moment to finally see her return to the field last weekend. Shine bright, Annie Lyons!

## CUP COMPETITIONS

Clapton CFC Women's First Team will play Aylesford in the second round of the London & South East Regional Women's League Cup. The Kent-based side play at the same level as us in the L&SERWFL Division South where they are currently in second place. The tie takes place at the Old Spotted Dog Ground on Sunday, December 1. Kick off is 1.30pm. The winner will travel to Barking or AFC Whyteleafe in the third round while the loser enters the L&SERWFL Trophy.

In other cups, our draw for the Capital Women's Cup is not yet out, while we were knocked out of the Women's FA Cup on penalties at Hutton, who are still going strong in the competition.



## BRIAN BRAMBLE CARETAKER HEAD COACH

SINCE OUR LAST HOME GAME AGAINST Ashmount Leigh, a lot has happened. The historic fixture at Brentford was an incredible experience. We would have liked to have had better form going into the game but behind the scenes things were unravelling. We are never happy to lose especially so heavily but nevertheless we had fantastic support with over 3,500 fans there. The Clapton supporters sang their hearts out for 90 minutes creating a special atmosphere. We should always remember how lucky we are to have such amazing fans, and I for one had goosebumps.

This proved to be the last match for the management team. The committee decided to say farewell to Jay, Sunny and Kevin as it felt a new direction was needed and we wish them all the best.

After their departure the new set up with myself, Alice Sharpe, Jack Francis and the captains have been tasked with steadying the ship.

The next match away at Richmond Park heralded the return of Annie Lyons almost a year after her injury. We also saw Elena Diana make her debut and there was a first start for Chloe Owen. This was an excellent game for us, winning 5-1, and in particular for Taiyah Evans who scored her first two competitive goals. You can only beat what's in front of you but our second half was impressive and it was great to see the players full of smiles.

This is the time of year we celebrate **Black History Month** and reflect upon the positive contribution people have made to society. In Sunday's programme notes I'll tell you about two people who have inspired me.

## PLAYER PROFILE: TAIYAH EVANS



**PLACE OF BIRTH AND FAMILY HERITAGE:** London - Black Caribbean  
**WHERE YOU LIVE:** East LDN  
**WHY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IMPORTANT:**

It's important to me as we as a community get an understanding of the contribution, struggles and achievements that black peoples have faced over the years

**WHO IS YOUR BLACK FOOTBALL HERO:**  
 Lauren James

**FAV TEAM:** Liverpool  
**BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL:** Scoring goals!  
**BIGGEST CHALLENGE YOU HAVE FACED AS A BLACK WOMAN IN FOOTBALL:** Not being able to fit in  
**LIKES AND HOBBIES:** Music and football : )  
**DISLIKES:** Spiders and moths  
**FAV COUNTRY VISITED:** Jamaica  
**FAV FOOD:** Lasagna  
**FOOTBALLING AMBITION:** To be able to make it to the WSL



## HACKNEY WFC

LONDON & SOUTH EAST REGIONAL  
WOMEN'S LEAGUE DIVISION ONE NORTH

### GOALKEEPERS

JANELL MATHURIN  
CHELSIE SPARKS

### DEFENDERS

MIM CHADWICK  
DAISY DAVIS  
ELENA DIANA  
LENNY HOLMES  
ANNIE LYONS  
JULIA MOULTON  
NOORA OIKARAINEN  
CHLOE OWEN  
ALLANA SCOBLE  
ALICE SHARPE  
KAYLEE SHURETY  
EVA VAN DER VLIET

### MIDFIELDERS

MARTA BOIRO  
TAIYAH EVANS  
REBEKAH HIGGINS  
ANA HOLMES  
LUCY SPOURS  
LI STEINER  
EGLE TREZZI  
RHIANNE WRIGHT

### FORWARDS

MARTA CASANOVAS  
CLAIRE HUGGINS  
EMILY LINK  
MARIA MENDONCA  
AIMEE SHAW  
SOPHIE UGUR

### HACKNEY WFC

Lucy Batikyan / Lauren Besser /  
Lucy Browning / Francesca Cagetti /  
Ruth Caney / Renee Dela Cruz /  
Danielle Duggan / Kea Felix / Fae Fulconis  
/ Sarah Garrick / Eden Gill / Natasha  
Hippolite / Megan Kapadia / Helen King /  
Rebecca McCready / Connie Montiel  
McCann / Amy Nicholson / Sasha  
Pendleton / Sarah Shao / Zoe Stubbs /  
Lizzie Tucker / Natalie White

**Hackney WFC was the first totally women-run team and the first out lesbian team in the country. It currently has around 100 players across its three teams.**

Their kit includes the club's slogan, 'Playing with Pride since 1986', on the sleeve along with the progress flag and the black triangle which has been reclaimed by lesbians as a feminist symbol of pride and solidarity.

### PREVIOUS MEETINGS

We have 3 wins and 2 defeats from our games so far. Last season we won 3-1 at the Old Spotted Dog Ground in the Women's First Team's first midweek night game but lost the return game 4-2 on the Wadham Lodge 3G. We also won 1-0 there

in the Capital Women's Cup. The season before we won 2-0 at their then home at the Douglas Eyre Centre in Walthamstow but lost the return game 2-1 at the OSD.

### FORM GUIDE

It's been a decent start to the season for Hackney, who are still in the FA Cup after wins against Southminster United and Wootton Blue Cross. They've also won two away games in the league, at AFC Whyteleafe and Richmond Park.

### PLAYERS TO WATCH

Last season's top scorers Lizzie Tucker (13 goals), Natalie White (8, including a hat-trick against us) and Amy Nicholson (7) are all still at the club.

### UPCOMING FIXTURES

#### WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE
Oct 20	2pm	LSEWRFL	(H) AFC Whyteleafe (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Oct 27	2pm	LSEWRFL	(A) Ashmount Leigh (at Meadowbank Stadium, Dorking)
Nov 10	2pm	LSEWRFL	(H) Bromley (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Nov 17	2pm	LSEWRFL	(H) Brentford (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Dec 01	1.30pm	LSEWRFL	(H) Aylesford (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)

#### MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE
Oct 19	3pm	FAV	(A) Stansted (at Hargrave Park)
Oct 22	7.45pm	SCEFL	(A) Meridian VP (at Meridian Sports & Social Club)
Oct 26	3pm	SCEFL	(A) FC Elmstead (at Lower Road Ground, Sutton Athletic)
Nov 02	3pm	SCEFL	(A) Greenways (at Rochester United Sports Ground)
Nov 09	3pm	SCEFL	(H) Halls Athletic (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)