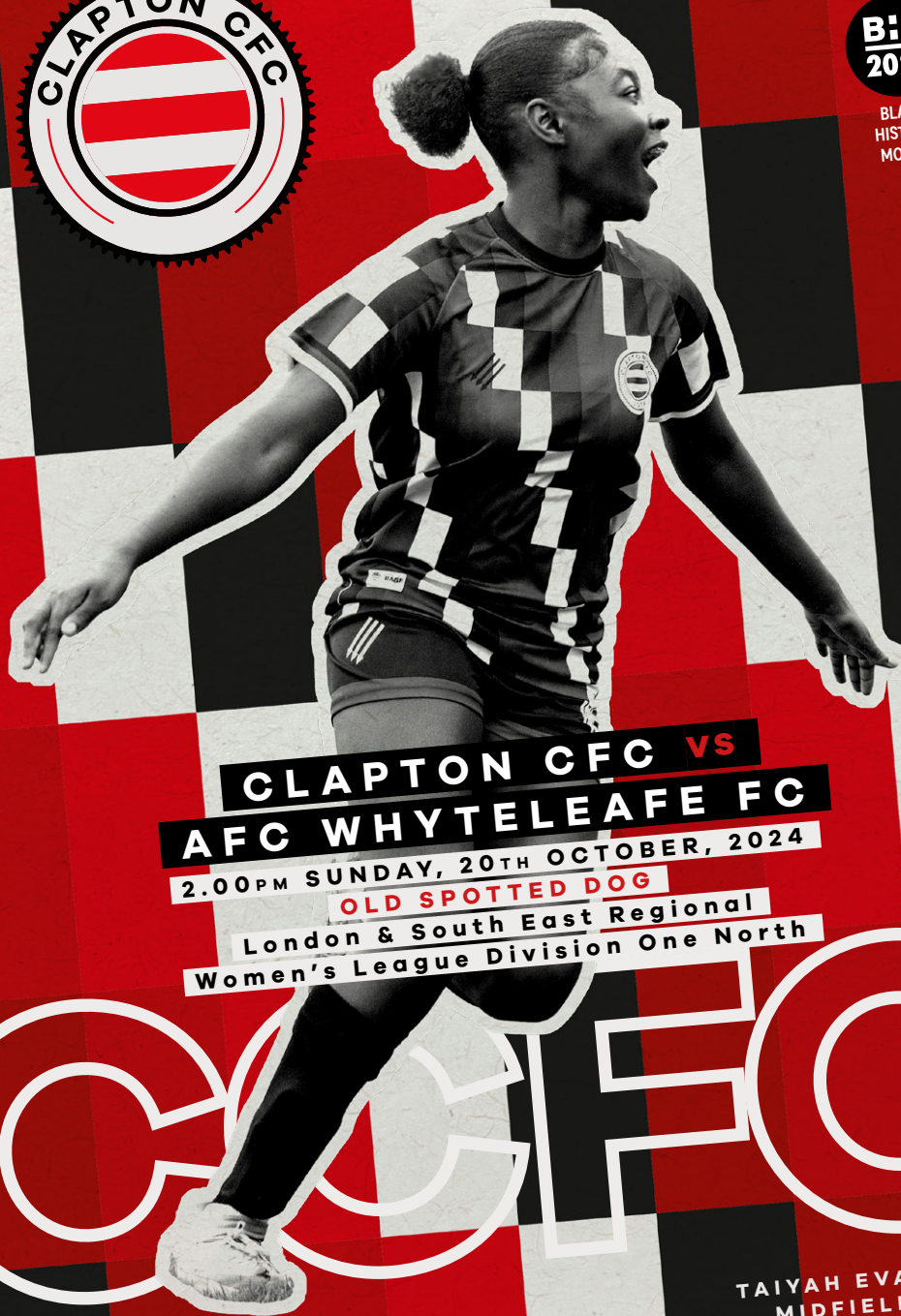




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**2024**

BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH



**CLAPTON CFC VS**

**AFC WHYTELEAFE FC**

**2.00PM SUNDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 2024**

**OLD SPOTTED DOG**

**London & South East Regional**

**Women's League Division One North**

**CLAPTON CFC**

**TAIYAH EVANS**  
**MIDFIELDER**

# CLAPTON COMMUNITY FC

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

- > **2024** FSA Women's Trophy winners
- > **2023** FSA Women's Trophy winners

- > **2022** John Greenacre Memorial Trophy winners

## RECORDS

### 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, Lucy Spours, Maria Mendonca, James Briggs, Emily Link, Li Steiner and Bailey Pryce.

#### 50 appearance medals:

Annie Lyons, Arthur Wright, Carl Paul, Cemal Agdelen, Daniel Anfossy, Fama Sangare, Fionn Glancy, Fred Taylor, Joshua Adejokun,

Julian Austin, Lenny Holmes, Liam Smyth, 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 Owiredo, Junia Charlton, James Pavely, Suleyman Zahmoul and Alice Sharpe.

### 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

Brian Bramble – Caretaker  
Head Coach

Assisted by Jack Francis,  
Alice Sharpe and Egle Trezzi

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A MEMBER**



## BRIAN BRAMBLE CARETAKER HEAD COACH

**TODAY WE WELCOME WHYTELEAFE FC to our beloved OSD. It's a very quick return game as we literally played them last Sunday. Before that game it was important for us to hold a minute's silence in memory of Stephen Jenkins who gave so much to our youth training sessions and Clapton in general. I remember just how well he supported us during our historic FA Cup season.**

We were looking to build on our dazzling football against Richmond Park, but it was never going to be easy on an astro pitch with the kick off delayed to 4.30pm due to a double booking with a youth game. We got on with it and were happy to get the three points and record our first clean sheet of the season with a 4-0 win.

Once again Taiyah Evans scored a brace and put on a POTM performance and Rebekah Higgins also scored two. I should mention Janell Mathurin who on the way to the game had to deal with a bereavement of her own. She insisted

she wanted to play and was able to still put on an outstanding performance, quite remarkable.

As mentioned in the last programme this is the time of year we celebrate **Black History Month** and reflect upon the positive contribution people have made to society. I would like to remember two people. **Kerry Davis** was the first Black female footballer to represent England and is still the third highest goal scorer behind Kelly Smith and Ellen White. At the time she just wanted to play football but didn't think it was anything special but was fortunate to meet a good coach at Crewe Alexandra and the rest is history. As a cycling fan I was intrigued to discover the story of **Major Taylor** who in 1899 was the world sprint champion. He never complained about the difficulties and obstacles he faced, he found a way to succeed and forged a very good career. There are many other inspiring stories out there across all walks of life.

## MEMBER PROFILE: PETER ASHAN



### WHAT IS YOUR FAMILY HERITAGE?

African Caribbean

**WHERE DO YOU LIVE?** Wandsworth

**DAY JOB?** Library Assistant

**WHY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IMPORTANT TO YOU?**

An opportunity to focus on hidden stories from the Black Community

**FAVOURITE CLAPTON CFC/OSD**

**PLAYER:** Walter Tull

**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Brazil

**WHO IS YOUR BLACK**

**FOOTBALLING HERO?** Pele

### WHAT BOOK, SONG, FILM

**SUMS UP YOUR LIFE AS BLACK PERSON IN THE UK?**

The film Burning An Illusion

**WHEN DID YOU START VOLUNTEERING?**

I think 2021 or 2022

**HOW'S IT GOING?** Very tough, as a coach I see a lot of poor practices that I have to challenge

**WHAT IS THE FIFTH SONG IN YOUR MUSIC APP SHUFFLE?** Kind of Blue by Miles Davis

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH – RECLAIMING NARRATIVES



ONE WAY CLAPTON COMMUNITY FC is marking Black History Month (BHM) this year is to amplify the voices of the Black people involved in our club and the local community past and present.

For too long, Black history has been largely limited to slavery and the civil rights movement and told through lenses that often misrepresent, or entirely overlook the diverse stories of Black lives.

This year’s BHM theme of Reclaiming Narratives allows us to start to reverse that by raising awareness of those untold stories and unsung heroes and to celebrate everyday Black lives.

At Clapton Community FC we believe that football can break down artificial barriers. We recognise that many Black people face barriers, discrimination and prejudice in wider society, including in our own Clapton community. That’s why your club membership requires you to own how you act and speak and to listen and reflect when challenged so we can all unlearn our own prejudices.

We recognise that our aim to create a safe and a welcoming environment where everyone can enjoy football requires action behind it, not fine words. Our newly formed Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) group have been working hard to embed the action that has so far been absent. Check out our new EDI policy on our website. And in the coming months, we will be working with our coaches, players, volunteers and members to roll out an action-based EDI strategy which aims for continuous improvement.

We want to create a welcoming club that better reflects the diversity of our local community. We can only achieve this if everyone involved in our club accepts that we need to up our game and commits to playing their part in making positive changes.

But for now, let’s focus on the many stories Black people throughout football have to tell. Let’s give a space to the rich culture and stories of our Black players, coaches and supporters. Let’s make our club a space where we embrace furthering our mutual understanding and respect for all people and are all comfortable in challenging discrimination.



## WALTER TULL'S ENDURING LEGACY

WALTER TULL'S STORY is one of extraordinary courage, resilience, and pioneering achievements in the face of racial and societal challenges.

Born on 28 April 1888 in Folkestone, Kent, Tull’s life was marked by early hardship. Orphaned by age nine after the deaths of his mother, Alice, and his father, Daniel, Tull and his brother Edward were sent to a Methodist orphanage in London. These formative years of adversity forged Tull’s resilience, which would later define his trailblazing careers in both football and the military.

### A FOOTBALL PIONEER

Tull’s football journey began playing for an amateur club based in East London, playing at the Old Spotted Dog Ground, Tull quickly made a name for himself,

helping the team win several amateur trophies, including the London Senior Cup and the FA Amateur Cup. His skill on the field did not go unnoticed, and soon he was signed by Tottenham Hotspur, one of the top clubs in English football at the time.

At Tottenham, Tull faced considerable racial abuse from fans, but his talent and professionalism shone through. Despite the prejudice he endured, Tull consistently demonstrated his integrity both on and off the field. After a brief stint with Spurs, he transferred to Northampton Town in 1911, where he flourished under manager Herbert Chapman. His time at Northampton Town further cemented his status as one of the first black professional footballers in the United Kingdom.

**MILITARY SERVICE AND HEROISM**

When World War I erupted in 1914, Tull enlisted in the British Army, joining the 17th (1st Football) Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment, a unit composed of professional footballers. His military career was as groundbreaking as his football career. Tull quickly rose through the ranks to become a sergeant and saw action on the Western Front, including the Battle of the Somme.

Tull's most remarkable achievement came in May 1917 when he became one of the first black officers in the British Army, commanding white British troops—a direct challenge to military regulations of the time that restricted officer status to men of “pure European descent.” His leadership and bravery on the battlefield were widely recognized, especially during his service on the Italian front, where he was mentioned in dispatches for his “gallantry and coolness” under fire.

**THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE**

Walter Tull's life was tragically cut short during the Spring Offensive on 25 March 1918, near the village of Favreuil in France. He

was just shy of his 30th birthday. Tull's body was never recovered, but his name is inscribed on the Arras Memorial, a testament to his service and sacrifice. His death was a profound loss, but his groundbreaking achievements in football and the military left an enduring legacy.

**A LASTING LEGACY**

Walter Tull's story is a symbol of the fight for racial equality in Britain. His achievements on the football field and in the military broke down barriers and challenged the deeply entrenched prejudices of early 20th-century Britain. Today, Tull is honored through memorials, including a statue at Northampton Town's Sixfields Stadium, and a road named after him in Northampton. His story is also an integral part of the British educational curriculum, teaching future generations about the importance of resilience, equality, and perseverance.

Walter Tull's legacy, from the football grounds here at the OSD and Tottenham Hotspur to the battlefields of France, is an enduring reminder of the power of dignity and determination. His life continues to inspire, serving as a beacon of hope for a more inclusive and equitable world.



**AFC WHYTELEAF FC**

**WELCOME TO TODAY'S VISITING PLAYERS, COACHES, SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS**

**AFC WHYTELEAF WAS FORMED IN 2021, TO fill the void left by the loss of Whyteleaf FC which folded as a result of an Ian Rush-related property scheme. Whyteleaf finished fifth last season, one place below us, and seventh the season before.**

They are managed by Jack Badu, formerly of Dulwich Hamlet Reserves. Their men's team won the Southern Counties East Football League Division One last season - the same division that our own Men's First Team were moved into this season.

**FORM GUIDE**

It's been a slow start to the season for Whyteleaf as they await their first win. However, it's full marks for entertainment – the match against Denham United finished an astonishing 9-6 and overall their games are averaging about eight goals.

**PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

We won our first three games against Whyteleaf – 3-1, 3-0 and 2-0 – but then lost the next one away 1-0. However, last weekend we met at Whyteleaf's Church Road home with the result being 4-0 to us.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH**

Leen Winner Ekwo has scored in all four appearances this season – nine in total, including all six in last week's mad game against Denham. It puts the former Schalke 04 and Dulwich Hamlet striker third in the division's top goalscorer charts.



School students picket outside the Old Bailey in 1982 during the six week trial of the **Newham 8**. Image Ilona Aronovsky



## EMBRACING THE HISTORY OF RADICALISM

NOWADAYS BLACK HISTORY MONTH in Britain has become a celebration of pioneering individuals, who by having been the first quite rightly win recognition, but also in some cases the establishment’s embrace as ‘national treasures’. The intention was, however, always far wider. As the Institute of Race Relations said a decade ago, Black History Month was meant to “redress the significant racial imbalance in the interpretation of history” that was far more radical and more often curtailed and criminalised by the state than is routinely portrayed.

Many of these stories are largely forgotten: how in **1980**, Black and Asian youths marched to Forest Gate police station following the racist murder of Akhtar Ali Baig in East Ham, formed the ‘Newham Youth Movement’ and called for mass demonstrations that led to numerous arrests. Or how in **1982**, after Little Ilford school ignored the racist abuse of Asian pupils, **eight Asian youths were arrested** while escorting children home, after

defending themselves from an attack by three white men who it turned out were police officers. When the ‘Newham 8’ were put on trial at the Old Bailey, **500 school children went on strike to picket the trial**. Or how thousands marched in **1996** following Ibrahima Sey’s death in police custody, the first fatality resulting from police use of CS spray. Or how in **2006**, **thousands more marched demanding justice** following the policing shooting (thankfully not fatally) of an innocent man during a bungled anti-terrorism raid in Forest Gate.

This resistance was invariably coordinated by **Newham Monitoring Project (NMP)**, an anti-racist

“CLAPTON COMMUNITY FC CAN LEARN MUCH FROM NMP AND FROM BLACK AND ASIAN STRUGGLES”

community group that for 35 years organised campaigns, offered casework support and ran an emergency helpline in east London. Few now remember NMP also helped set up **Anti-Fascist Action in 1985** or that from **1989-1995**, it mobilised against the British National Party in its then heartland in the south of the borough, organised patrols at the request of Black families and had volunteers injured and arrested for defending themselves against fascist violence.

Clapton Community FC can learn much from NMP and from Black and Asian struggles: about standing with vulnerable people under attack, focusing on practical solidarity and recognising our commitment to anti-fascism is impossible to separate from our opposition to inequality, injustice and institutionalised racism, especially by the police. **These are our values too.**

There are few communities with a longer radical tradition than right here on our doorstep in Newham. That’s why it is so important that CCFC chooses to embrace that history of radicalism in all its future work.

Kevin Blowe

## UPCOMING FIXTURES

### WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

**DATE TIME COMP OPPONENTS/VENUE**

<b>Oct 27</b>	2pm	LSEWRFL (A)	Ashmount Leigh (at Meadowbank Stadium, Dorking)
<b>Nov 10</b>	2pm	LSEWRFL (H)	Bromley (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
<b>Nov 17</b>	2pm	LSEWRFL (H)	Brentford (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
<b>Dec 01</b>	1.30pm	LSEWRFL (H)	Aylesford (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
<b>Dec 08</b>	1pm	LSEWRFL (A)	Leatherhead (at Fetcham Grove)

### MEN'S FIRST TEAM

**DATE TIME COMP OPPONENTS/VENUE**

<b>Oct 22</b>	7.45pm	SCEFL (A)	Meridian VP (at Meridian Sports & Social Club)
<b>Oct 26</b>	3pm	SCEFL (A)	FC Elmstead (at Lower Road Ground, Sutton Athletic)
<b>Nov 02</b>	3pm	SCEFL (A)	Greenways (at Rochester United Sports Ground)
<b>Nov 09</b>	3pm	SCEFL (H)	Halls Athletic (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
<b>Nov 16</b>	3pm	SCEFL (H)	Staplehurst Monarchs (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)

## RESULTS - LAST FIVE GAMES

### WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	COMP	OPPONENTS	RESULT
<b>Oct 13</b>	LSEWRFL	AFC Whyteleaf vs CCFC	0 - 4 <span style="color: green;">W</span>
<b>Oct 06</b>	LSEWRFL	Richmond Park vs CCFC	1 - 5 <span style="color: green;">W</span>
<b>Sep 29</b>	LSEWRFL	Brentford vs CCFC	7 - 0 <span style="color: red;">L</span>
<b>Sep 22</b>	LSEWRFL	CCFC vs Ashmount Leigh	6 - 3 <span style="color: green;">W</span>
<b>Sep 15</b>	LSEWRFL	Denham United vs CCFC	2 - 3 <span style="color: green;">W</span>

### MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	COMP	OPPONENTS	RESULT
<b>Oct 12</b>	SCEFL	Bridon Ropes vs CCFC	2 - 3 <span style="color: red;">L</span>
<b>Oct 01</b>	ESC	CCFC vs Harwick & Parkeston	0 - 3 <span style="color: red;">L</span>
<b>Sep 24</b>	SCEFL	CCFC vs Canterbury City	0 - 0 <span style="color: grey;">D</span>
<b>Sep 28</b>	SCEFLCC	CCFC vs Bridon Ropes	1 - 3 <span style="color: red;">L</span>
<b>Sep 21</b>	FAV	CCFC vs Hoddesdon Town (after penalties)	2-2 (5-4) <span style="color: green;">W</span>



Taiyah Evans four goals so far this season

## TOP GOALSCORERS

### WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 6 Rebekah Higgins
- 5 Emily Link
- 4 Taiyah Evans
- 3 Aimee Shaw, Egle Trezzi
- 1 Julia Moulton, Kaylee Shurety, Maria Mendonca, Marta Casanovas

### MEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 5 Noah Adejokun
- 4 Fred Taylor
- 3 Cameron Gordon, Joel Akuwudike, Julian Austin
- 1 Adam Sidky, Arthur Wright, Bailey Pryce, Fionn Glancy, Lewis Owiredu, Louis Brown, Sam Cook

## TOP APPEARANCES

### WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 10 Kaylee Shurety
- 8 Chloe Owen, Emily Link, Lucy Spours, Maria Mendonca, Marta Boiro, Marta Casanovas, Rebekah Higgins
- 7 Aimee Shaw, Alice Sharpe, Chelsie Sparks, Egle Trezzi, Eva van der Vliet, Julia Moulton, Taiyah Evans
- 6 Li Steiner, Mim Chadwick

### MEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 14 Jack Francis
- 13 James Briggs, Joel Akuwudike, Noah Adejokun, Ross Broadway
- 12 Bailey Pryce, Jeff Twumasi
- 11 Fred Taylor, Julian Austin
- 10 Junia Charlton, Tami Unuefa

## TABLES

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE TO VIEW

### MEN'S FIRST TEAM



### WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM



# CCFC

## 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

## AFC WHYTELEAF

HILARY AKEGNAN  
RHIA BENJAMIN  
CATHERINE CAMPBELL  
SHEREECE  
DUNCAN-POND  
LEEN WINNER EKWO  
ZAINAB EL-MOUDEN  
BROOKE FRIEND  
ELLA GREENAWAY  
SAPPHIRE MCINTOSH  
ELLIE MOON  
CHLOE NICHOLSON  
OLIVIA PARKER  
AMY READER  
EVIE-MAY ROGERS  
CHLOE SCOBLE  
CEREN TEMUR  
JANNAH TWEED  
ANNA WOOLDRIDGE

## OFFICIALS

REFEREE  
**ZOE WHEELER**  
ASSISTANT  
REFEREES  
**GEORGE  
DONNIE  
AND  
CHARLES  
STEPHENSON**

## CCFC RESERVES UPDATE

The recently formed Clapton Community FC Reserves team is making itself at home in the Greater London Women's Football League. Head Coach Amii Griffith gives an update on the season so far...

After racking up 8-0, 9-0 and 10-0 wins in our first three games, we faced our first big challenge against the well-established Alexandra Park. They came from behind twice to inflict our first loss.

It was back-to-back top of the table clashes as we then played London Galaxy who are prolific in front of goal. We pulled out a 3-1 win to get back to winning ways.

With Edgware & Kingsbury beating Alexandra Park,



we were back top of the table, but we faced them next. Not to let that top spot slip again we won 11-3, though three goals either side of half-time rocked the team before we steadied the ship.

It is still early days and many hard opponents to face, but the work rate we're seeing from Reserves in training and on the pitch has been a pleasure to watch. In a short few months, we have seen players grow in confidence, in skill and technical ability and each week the team goes from strength to strength. I can't wait to see how far we can go because this is only the beginning.

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