

## CLAPTON CFC VS HALLS ATHLETIC FC 7.45PM TUESDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 2025

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OLD SPOTTED DOG Southern Counties East Football League Division One Cup Quarter-Final

CHARLIE FAGAN DEFENDER

#### **ABOUT THE CUP**

Tonight's game is in the SCEFL Division One Cup, an extra competition launched last season to increase matches for teams in this division, which only has 18 teams.

In the second round we beat Sporting Club Thamesmead 4-0, having received a bye in the first round.

#### **QUARTER-FINAL DRAW**

Faversham Strike Force vs **Canterbury City** Clapton CFC vs Halls AFC Lewisham Borough vs Forest Hill Park Meridian VP vs **Rochester United** 

Last season Lewisham Borough beat promoted Larkfield & New Hythe 3-2 in the final, which was held on a Tuesday night at a neutral venue, Corinthians FC's ground in Longfield in Kent.

#### AGM UPDATE

At last week's AGM, around 50 members attended in person, with 20 more online. Key proposals passed included restructuring the League Liaison Committee, implementing an ED&I strategy, and installing a community notice board. The alley between Disraeli Rd and Upton Lane will be named "Walter Tull Way." The men's Over 35s team affiliation was approved. Craig Foster, Ric Prescod, and Archie Mboto were elected unopposed as Club Secretary, League Rep, and Treasurer, respectively.



### PLAY-OFF DETAILS

The details have been released for the 2024/25 play-offs for the Southern Counties East Football League Division One, in which the Clapton Men's First Team play.

At the moment, CCFC are outsiders for the play-offs. but with a good end to the season can still make it in.

The teams finishing in positions 2, 3, 4 and 5 will take their place in the play-offs with the semi-finals being a one off knockout at the home of the team finishing highest in the table.

The two semi-final winners will

then play in the final, which will be held at the home of the highest finishing team in the table.

The final day of the normal league season is Saturday, April 26, when we play Forest Hill Park at home.

Semi-finals will take place in midweek, week commencing Monday, April 28.

- 2nd place v 5th place
- 3rd place v 4th place

The play-off final then takes place on Saturday, May 3.

The winners of the final will then be promoted to Step 5. In Clapton's case it would either mean going into the Essex Senior League, or possibly the SCEFL Premier.

Last season we lost to Wormley Rovers in the Eastern Counties League play-off semi-final before being laterally transferred to the SCEFL.



Join us at the OSD Clubhouse from 7pm tomorrow for an evening of building solidarity and links between our communities in London and Palestine. You'll hear from visiting Palestinians plus members of

Newham Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC), Camden Abu **Dis Friendship Association** (CADFA) and members of Clapton CFC, followed by a Q&A session. Entry is free and no sign up is required.

## GEOFF OCRAN MEN'S TEAM MANAGER

IT WAS NOT A VINTAGE performance on Saturday but a second win on the bounce was vitally important to keep us within the play-off picture.

Meridian competed well but we didn't really feel under any pressure until they started throwing numbers forward in the last 10 minutes and we had failed to put the game to bed with numerous opportunities.

The win takes us up to the last play-off position in 5th, though it's so close things will change every week. There are still eight or nine teams who would think mathematically they are still in the race. That means the pressure is shared with many others in the league which is a good thing. Focus now shifts to the Division One Cup and a quarter-final. A home tie gives us a great opportunity to progress to the semi-final and keeps the potential of silverware this season alive. Regardless of the previous games with Halls this season, it's a midweek game and availability for teams at our level can often change. We will approach the game with an air of caution as well as confidence on the back of the last two victories.

#CupGame #Step6 #OSD #WeGoAgain #ClaptonFamily

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## MEMBER PROFILE: STEVEN TURK

PLACE OF BIRTH: Glasgow, Scotland WHERE YOU LIVE: Clapton, Hackney DAY JOB: I keep the telly working FAVOURITE PAST AND CURRENT CLAPTON CFC PLAYERS: Too many to name, but I'll try: Eliot, Emily, Jack, Li, Lucy, Julian, Annie, Mim, Josh, Polly, Dan, Vlad... FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: The only team in Glasgow, Partick Thistle FOOTBALL AMBITION: My two fan-owned teams competing at least one league higher, operating successfully and showing a better way forward for the game.



**BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL:** CCFC 6-5 The Curve. When our outside chance of winning the

league in our first season changed to an unbelievable run of results. PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO STAND AT A GAME WITH: All the melts in the Scaffold WHEN DID YOU START VOLUNTEERING? I helped to run the club started by the Clapton Ultras, Downs FC. As that wrapped up, I chipped in where I could with CCFC. HOW'S IT GOING? Chaired the AGM. No fights broke out. Happy with that. WHAT IS THE FIFTH SONG IN YOUR MUSIC APP SHUFFLE: Franz Ferdinand - Take Me Out

# CCFC

#### GOALKEEPERS

JOSHUA BOATENG TOBY EMERSON

IG 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 FELIX MURRAY BAILEY PRYCE ADAM SIDKY GUS STEELE TAMI UNUEFA

#### MIDFIELDERS

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

#### FORWARDS

NOAH ADEJOKUN TERRY AMOAFO LOUIS BROWN CAMERON GORDON TAYLAN GUL ANDRE ODEKU EMMANUEL OLASEHINDE LEWIS OWIREDU SHERWIN STANLEY FRED TAYLOR JACOB WINTOUR ARTHUR WRIGHT SULEYMAN ZAHMOUL

#### HALLS ATHLETIC FC

Mark Adofo / Junior Amusan / Muriano Banjoko / James Bayford / Thomas Cecil / Alfie Clark / George Clark / Troy Copeland / Yokow Crankson / Ryan Golding / Luke Kimberley / Ashwin Mahill / Zack Manning / Gergo Petrovics / Elliott Rayment-Johnson / Harry Sheridan / Daniel Smithers / Dekklund Wallace

#### **OFFICIALS**

Ref: Jack Smith Assitants: Ronald Albert / Martin Bullock

## HALLS ATHLETIC FC

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

Our hosts were formed in 1919 as a works team by J&E Hall and played on the site of the current Dartford FC stadium at Princes Park. They are playing at their highest level to date, following two promotions in the last three seasons. Nowadays they are run by a charity and are looking to move back to Dartford, as part of a proposed Atlas Park development. Former Ireland striker Tony Cascarino is among their former players.

## FORM GUIDE

It's been either feast or famine for Halls, starting with two wins, then nine straight defeats, then five wins and a draw out of six, then three straight defeats. They've only had one draw all season.

#### PREVIOUS Meetings

Earlier in the season, we came away from Halls' current home at Erith Sports Ground with a 4-0 win thanks to goals from Fred Taylor, Joel Akuwudike, Louis Brown and Noah Adejokun. The



#### PLAYERS To Watch

Zack Manning has 12 goals, including against us last month. However, they've also signed Ryan Golding who has 3 in 6 games for Halls, having bagged 8 goals for Welling Town. Golding scored twice against us earlier in the season.

#### **UPCOMING FIXTURES**

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#### MEN'S FIRST TEAM date time comp opponents/venue

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Feb 22	3pm	SCEFL	(A) Faversham Strike Force (at The Mount)
Mar 01	3pm	SCEFL	(H) Bridon Ropes (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Mar 08	3pm	SCEFL	(H) Tooting Bec (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Mar 15	3pm	SCEFL	(H) FC Elmstead (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)

#### WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE
Feb 23	1pm	LSERWFL	(A) Bromley (at Hayes Lane)
Mar 02	2pm	LSERWFLT	(H) Hackney (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Mar 16	2pm	LSERWFL	(H) Brentford (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Mar 23	1.30pm	LSERWFL	(A) Leatherhead (at Fetcham Grove)

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