



MATCH DAY PROGRAMME



LONDON SENIOR CUP

CLAPTON FC V ERITH TOWN FC

WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2021



TERENCE MCMILLAN STADIUM,
281 PRINCE REGENT LANE, PLAISTOW, E13 8SD



WELCOME TO THE OFFICIAL
CLAPTON FOOTBALL CLUB
OFFICIAL HOME OF THE "TONS"

Good evening and welcome to the Terence McMillan Stadium for our London Senior Cup fixture against our friends from "across the water", Erith Town FC.

Erith have certainly started their season very well and I am sure they come to us in a very confident frame of mind - so we need to be at the top of our game tonight.

We welcome their players, officials and supporters and hope you enjoy your time with us.

Saturday was disappointing when we were knocked out of the FA Vase 2-0 by an in-form Beckenham Town. It was a financial blow to us as well, as a good cup run in the FA Vase (or Cup) generates much needed income from the prize money.

We continue in knock out mode tonight and then it's back to business in the ESL on Saturday when we host Hoddesdon for yet another 6 pointer.

Prize money aside, back-to-back cup matches will have enabled Mike and Leon to mould a team, playing competitive matches without risking much needed league points and we really need to pick up three points on Saturday. Of course, they will be seeking revenge after we knocked them out of the FA Cup earlier in the season!!

Enjoy the game and a safe journey home.

Chris Ottaway
Chairman
Clapton Football Club

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AFFILIATED TO THE ESSEX SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE
AND LONDON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

2021-22

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Stanway Rovers	18	11	3	4	20	36
2	Walthamstow	13	11	1	1	28	34
3	Redbridge	16	10	2	4	17	32
4	Saffron Walden Town	14	10	1	3	23	31
5	Stansted	15	9	4	2	20	31
6	Athletic Newham	14	9	3	2	22	30
7	White Ensign	17	8	4	5	13	28
8	FC Clacton	14	8	1	5	4	25
9	Enfield	14	7	3	4	18	24
10	Takeley	15	7	2	6	3	23
11	West Essex	15	7	2	6	2	23
12	Woodford Town	15	7	1	7	-4	22
13	Cockfosters	15	6	3	6	-4	21
14	St Margaretsbury	16	4	4	8	-8	16
15	Ilford	15	4	3	8	-12	15
16	Little Oakley	12	3	5	4	-1	14
17	Clapton	15	4	2	9	-5	14
18	Hoddesdon Town	15	3	3	9	-14	12
19	Southend Manor	16	2	2	12	-27	8
20	Sawbridgeworth Town	16	1	2	13	-37	5
21	Sporting Bengal United	16	1	1	14	-58	4

FIXTURES 2021-22

O	27/10/21 19:45	Clapton		VS		Erith Town FC
L	30/10/21 15:00	Clapton		VS		Hoddesdon Town
L	06/11/21 15:00	Clapton		VS		Walthamstow
L	09/11/21 19:45	Saffron Walden Town		VS		Clapton
L	13/11/21 15:00	Sawbridgeworth Town		VS		Clapton
L	27/11/21 15:00	Clapton		VS		FC Clacton
L	04/12/21 15:00	Clapton		VS		Stansted
L	10/12/21 19:45	West Essex		VS		Clapton
L	18/12/21 15:00	Clapton		VS		Sporting Bengal United
L	29/12/21 19:45	Clapton		VS		Cockfosters
L	08/01/22 15:00	Redbridge		VS		Clapton
L	15/01/22 15:00	St Margaretsbury		VS		Clapton
L	22/01/22 15:00	Clapton		VS		Athletic Newham
L	05/02/22 15:00	Stanway Rovers		VS		Clapton
L	12/02/22 15:00	Sporting Bengal United		VS		Clapton

ERITH TOWN FC

HISTORY

Formed in 1956 as Woolwich Town, the Dockers attained senior status in 1995-96 upon reaching the London Spartan League Premier Division in 1995-96.

By that time the club had already changed their name to Erith Town, reflecting a move to Erith Stadium.

After one year in the Spartan Premier, the Dockers successfully applied to cross the Pyramid to the Kent League.

After struggling in the lower reaches of the League for three seasons, the Dockers celebrated the new Millennium with a then best seventh place in 1999-2000 and also reached the London Senior Cup Final, losing 5-1 to Bedfont.

In the following seven seasons Erith only once reached such heights again, finishing seventh in 2003-4.

The appointment of former Fisher Athletic player Mark Tompkins as player-manager midway through 2006-7 saw an upturn in fortunes and the following season he led the team to fifth in the Kent League. He also brought the club their first silverware as a senior club as record appearance maker Alan Hanlon lifted the Kent League Cup after a 1-0 win over much-fancied Hythe Town in the Final at Folkestone.

Tommo's departure on the eve of 2008-9 led to the appointment of Steve O'Boyle who took the Dockers back to the Kent League Cup Final for a second season. Despite drawing 1-1 after extra time against Croydon, the Dockers went down 3-1 on penalties.

Tony Russell took over the reins when O'Boyle departed in October 2010 guiding the club to a third successive mid table finish but bringing the Kent Senior Trophy to the club after a 3-1 win over Tunbridge Wells in the Final.

Having achieved a new best of fourth the following season, Russell departed for neighbours VCD Athletic with Erith Town top of the League in November 2012 and after a brief spell with James Collins in charge, Mark Tompkins returned to take the Dockers to new personal best of third spot.

Tommo repeated the feat in 2013-14 before departing and a turbulent 2014-15 saw three managers and a Houdini style escape from relegation under Martin and Joe Ford. Seven points adrift with three games remaining the Father and Son team saw their young side win the final three games to climb off the foot of the table.

Two further seasons of struggle followed before the summer takeover by local businessman Mark Deveney, immediately appointing former owner Albert Putnam as President for his work as player, manager and Chairman in over 50 years with the club.

Mark moved quickly to bring in Adam Woodward from SCEFL Division One Champions Glebe, expanded the club committee as well as made strides to take Erith back to their own town.

2017-18 on the field saw a 17th place League finish but a return to the Stadium in 2018-19 inspired the Dockers to an excellent ending position of 6th.

2019/20 ended early, due to Coronavirus, as did the following campaign so The Dockers now go into 2021/22 looking to continue our progression both on and off the field.





ERITH TOWN FC

SQUAD

Taylor McDonagh
Steadman Callender
Jason Goodchild
Sam Bailey
Jude Jeffery
Joel Thompson

Dan Nash
Alfie Eldridge
Ryan Mahal
Dan Palfrey
Andy Walker

Tom Ash
Fred Obasa
Emmanuel Oduguwa
Danny Phillips
Harry Gamble

Michael Power
Malik Nosike
Jack Moore
Danny Gannon
Tolulope Jonah

FOOTBALL MANAGEMENT TEAM

Manager: Adam Woodward
Assistant Manager: Dean Lee & Russell Bedford
Coach: Nelson Alves
Physio: Alex Mills

KIT COLORS

Home: Red/Black Stripes, Black Shorts, Black Socks
Away: Blue/Black Stripes, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks
GoalKeeper: Yellow Shirt, Yellow Socks, Yellow Socks

CLAPTON FOOTBALL CLUB

The history of Clapton is very much that of a club which has a history and reputation unparalleled in nonleague football. Founded in 1878 as Downs FC in Downs Rd Hackney, the club moved to its present site in 1888 and changed its name to Clapton Football Club in the same year.

Clapton in 1894 became founder members of the Southern League (Dr Martins) along with Luton Town, Millwall, Reading, Southampton, and Swindon. Arsenal were prime movers but left to join the football league whilst Tottenham Hotspurs application was rejected!! The club was one of the original founder members of the Isthmian League in 1905 which was then and up until the early 70s one of the most important semi-professional leagues in the county.

Clapton's reputation and history are tied to the early days of this league and the prestigious FA Amateur Cup and were twice winners of the league and five times winners of the Cup.

In 1956 Clapton played in the first floodlit game for an amateur side against Barking at Upton Park in front of 5,000 people. Their best ever FA Cup run was during this time with a 1-1 draw against QPR in 1957 before losing the reply away 1-3 in front of 14,000.

With the introduction of the Premier Division, Clapton had a brief change of fortune and won the Division Two title in 1982-83 as well as the Essex Senior Cup in 1983-84 beating Southend Utd. The Essex Thameside Trophy was won in 1983-84 and retained the following year. Relegation to the newly formed Division 2 North followed in 1984-85. Still the club rallied to win the Essex Senior Trophy in 1988 and lost in the final of the London Senior Cup the same year 0-1 to then conference side Fisher Athletic.

However, a 7th place finish in 1988-1989 saw a mass exodus of players at the end of the season and two seasons later Clapton were in Division 3 (now Div 2) upon reorganisation of the league. The club now plays in the Essex Senior League.

Today with Chairman, Christ Ottaway and Chief Executive, Vince McBean at the helm, the club is continuing to develop the foundations for the future based on a long-term structure. Since 2012, through the continued drive of management and the development team, the club again starting to make strides again up the league table. Clapton finished in 7th place in 2015-16 and were winners of the Gordon Braested Memorial Trophy in the same year. The 2016-17 season saw the Tons maintain a strong position in the standings of the Essex Senior League, eventually finishing in 2nd place overall.

After a short spell ground sharing with Southend Manor FC in 2019, the Tons have made a new home at the Terence McMillan Stadium in Plaistow, E13 8SD, since 2020-21.

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CLAPTON FOOTBALL CLUB

KIT COLORS

Home Kit: Red & white shirts, red shorts, red socks
Away Kit: Blue & yellow shirts, blue & yellow shorts, blue & yellow socks
Goal Keeper: Royal Blue / Light Grey

FOOTBALL MANAGEMENT TEAM

Manager: Michael Walther
Assistant Manager: Leon Lewis



OFFICIALS

William Donnelly
Mark Tweed
Simon Crowley



CLAPTON FC

SQUAD

Graham Loki	Joseph Ogege	Harry Baker	Kynan Kirlaw-Wright
Bright Idafum	Timmy Moncur	Daniel Emovan	Guy Kiangbeni
Tim Okello	Karl Kayembe	Simeon Beckford	Terry Amofo
Marty Gage	Mohammed Raza	Rujorn Tuitt	Warren Kayembe



PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

With football back on the agenda, we are looking forward to hosting matches throughout 2021 (subject to any imposed restrictions).

We have a number of advertising and sponsorship options to promote your business and at the same time provide valuable support to the club.

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We must keep on protecting each other.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

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**WITH EVERY DAY THERE ARE MORE
RESTRICTIONS COMING INTO FORCE.
HELP US TO KEEP FOOTBALL BEING PLAYED.**

PLEASE WEAR MASKS

PLEASE USE SANITISERS

STAY 1-2 METRES APART

ENJOY THE MATCH

STAY SAFE



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