

## East London Summer League Cup @ the David Beckham Academy



Under 16 league champions Beaumont Athletics reached the finals easing off Newham FC 8-3. Beaumont FC were looking to double up playing the under dogs Mile End United FC in the Under 16 category. Mile End United had it a bit more difficult as they battled past the League Runners up Locksley FC. However, it was totally different in the final which saw the much improved Mile End who finished second from bottom take the early lead and then doubling it. However, the mighty Beaumont refused to give up and soon fought hard and scored a goal 15 minutes from the break and equalised minutes before the half time whistle. Second half Mile End had to raise their game again and this is exactly what they did as they went ahead 10 minutes into the half with a brilliant goal on a Mile End counter attack. This did not last as the game went on Mile End United were defending desperately. It was the heavy attack made by Beaumont which saw Mile End outnumbered at the back and Beaumont squared it up again scoring five minutes from time. Unfortunately, Beaumont came second best as they lost on penalties.

In the under 14 category, recently crowned league champions Clichy FC also reached the League cup finals beating Mile End East on penalties after drawing the game 2-2. Their opponents were London Tigers the West London team who defeated ACE FC. In the final both team started cautiously and Clichy FC were not cautious enough as they found themselves 1-0 down ten minutes into the game. Clichy FC were shaken a little but were calm enough to resume their play. This paid off as they scored soon after and followed up by another three goals to go 4-1 up at the interval. They came on second half and scored another goal to make it 5 and soon made it 6 with London Tiger then scoring a consolation goal to make it a 6-2 at fulltime.

We would like to convey a special thanks to Zakir Khan, Community Affairs Manager at Canary Wharf Group Plc sponsorship of the East London Summer League. We would also like to thank Ted Hale, Head Coach of the David Beckham Academy for hosting the cup final and London Borough of Tower Hamlets for the use of their facility for the league games. We hope we can make this a sustainable relationship and hope all involved will support this league for the years to come.

Finally, we would like to thank all the teams for participating and making this event worthwhile and of course all the Osmani Trust staff and volunteers for making this a smooth and successful project.

### **EAST LONDON SUMMER LEAGUE 2008 Awards**

#### **Under 14 League**

Winners – Clichy FC  
Runners-up - ACE FC

#### **Under 16 League**

Winners - Beaumont Athletic FC  
Runners-up - Locksley FC

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#### **Under 14 Cup**

Winners Clichy FC  
Runners-up London Tigers FC

#### **Under 16 Cup**

Winners Mile End United FC  
Runners-up Beaumont Athletic FC

Overall Fair Play Award - Clichy FC