

AMMERS

YORKSHIRE AMATEUR V THACKLEY
NCEL PREMIER DIVISION
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WELCOME TO AMMERS

GOOD AFTERNOON ALL FANS, PLAYERS AND STAFF, AHEAD OF YORKSHIRE AMATEUR WELCOMING THACKLEY TO THE SOUTHERNS STADIUM IN THE NCEL PREMIER DIVISION.

WE RETURN TO LEAGUE ACTION AFTER OUR 1-0 DEFEAT TO CAMPION IN THE CUP..

THACKLEY ENTER LEEDS ENJOYING A THREE-MATCH WINNING RUN, BEATING KNARESBOROUGH, FRICKLEY AND MOST RECENTLY A 2-0 VICTORY OVER SWALLOWNEST IN THE CUP..

WE WISH ALL THE THACKLEY PLAYERS, STAFF AND FANS A GREAT DAY AT THE SOUTHERNS STADIUM AND A SAFE JOURNEY HOME.

THE AMMERS.

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CLUB HISTORY

YORKSHIRE AMATEUR AFC WAS FOUNDED IN NOVEMBER 1918 BY KOLIN ROBERTSON, BUT ONLY BEGAN PLAYING MATCHES IN 1919. IN THOSE EARLY DAYS, THE CLUB'S FIXTURES LARGELY CONSISTED OF PLAYING FRIENDLIES AT ELLAND ROAD FOLLOWING THE DEMISE OF LEEDS CITY FC, ON THE ORDER OF THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, AFTER IRREGULARITIES WERE DISCOVERED IN THEIR ACCOUNTS.

HOWEVER, IN 1920, THE CLUB DECIDED THAT THE GROUND WAS NOT SUITABLE FOR THEIR NEEDS AND SOLD THE LEASE TO THE NEWLY FORMED LEEDS UNITED AFC FOR THE SUM OF £250.

THE AIM OF THE AMMERS IN THOSE DAYS WAS TO COMPETE AS A MAJOR FORCE AGAINST THE PROFESSIONAL TEAMS IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND. THIS PROVED NOT TO BE VIABLE AND IN 1920 THE CLUB BECAME ONE OF THE FOUNDER MEMBERS OF THE YORKSHIRE LEAGUE. IN 1922, THE CLUB BECAME THE FIRST BRITISH TEAM TO TOUR IN LATVIA AND ESTONIA. THE CLUB PRODUCED A NUMBER OF LEADING AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS SUCH AS JOE WOODCOCK WHO, AT LEFT-BACK, WAS THE FIRST BRADFORD BORN AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL.

THE 'AMMERS', AS THEY WERE KNOWN, MOVED TO THEIR PRESENT HEADQUARTERS AT BRACKEN EDGE IN 1922 AFTER USING SEVERAL OTHER GROUNDS, INCLUDING SHARING WITH HARROGATE TOWN. THIS PERIOD WAS BY FAR THEIR MOST SUCCESSFUL FOR THE CLUB AND A RECORD CROWD OF 3569 PAID RECEIPTS OF £160 TO

SEE THE 5-2 AMATEUR CUP QUARTER FINAL REPLAY OVER WIMBLEDON. THIS WAS AFTER A 2-2 DRAW AT WIMBLEDON BEFORE A CROWD OF 12,000. THE AMMERS HAD DEMOLISHED THE HOLDERS, WYCOMBE WANDERERS, 4-0 IN THE PREVIOUS ROUND AND THE CLUB'S SIGHTS WERE NOW SET ON A WEMBLEY APPEARANCE. UNFORTUNATELY, MARINE FC HAD NOT READ THE SCRIPT AND TRIUMPHED 2-1 IN THE SEMI-FINAL RELAY PLAYED AT LEICESTER CITY'S GROUND. SUCH WAS THE STRENGTH OF THE SIDE IN THE 1931-32 SEASON THAT GEORGE HUDSON, THE AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL AND CAPTAIN OF THAT SEASON'S FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE XI, COULD NOT MAKE THE AMMERS SIDE AND LEFT THE CLUB IN MID-SEASON TO JOIN FARSLEY CELTIC IN THE HOPE OF GAINING A FIRST TEAM PLACE. THE SAME SEASON SAW THE CLUB FINISH AS RUNNERS-UP TO HUDDERSFIELD TOWN IN THE YORKSHIRE LEAGUE AFTER LOSING 2-1 IN A PLAY-OFF. THE CLUB ALSO REACHED THE FIRST ROUND OF THE FA CUP, LOSING 3-1 AT HOME TO CARLISLE UNITED AFTER DEFEATING DENABY UNITED, ALTRINCHAM AND FRICKLEY ON THE WAY. THE 2007-08 PERIOD SAW JOHN WARD TAKING OVER THE ACADEMY AND BRINGING A WHOLE HOST OF EXCITING YOUNG PLAYERS WITH HIM TO ADD TO THE PLAYERS ALREADY AT THE ACADEMY. SEVERAL YORKSHIRE AMATEUR JUNIOR PLAYERS ALSO MADE THE STEP UP TO THE ACADEMY. THE ACADEMY HAD A VERY GOOD SEASON, FINISHING THIRD PLACE IN THE LEAGUE

AND HAVING A GOOD RUN IN THE FA YOUTH CUP. THE 09-10 SEASON SAW FURTHER CHANGES MADE WITH THE RESERVES ENTERING THE LANCASHIRE LEAGUE WHICH WILL BE A BETTER STANDARD OF FOOTBALL THAN THE LEAGUE THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY IN, WHICH WILL HOPEFULLY BETTER PREPARE PLAYERS FOR THE DEMANDS OF THE NCEL.

IN 2007, THE CLUBHOUSE WAS REDECORATED AS WELL AS THE ADDITION OF A SEPARATE CHANGING ROOM FOR FEMALE OFFICIALS AND A NEW DANCE FLOOR WAS INSTALLED. AMMERS WERE FORCIBLY RELEGATED FROM THE NPL EAST AT THE END OF THE 21/22 SEASON DUE TO GROUND GRADING ISSUES, DESPITE A 10TH PLACED FINISH.

SUBSEQUENTLY, THE CLUB WAS TAKEN OVER IN THE SUMMER OF 2022, BRINGING AN END TO NATHAN CARTMAN'S REIGN AS MANAGER. AN ENTIRELY NEW PLAYING SQUAD WAS ASSEMBLED, CONSISTING MAINLY OF ACADEMY PLAYERS, WITHIN THREE WEEKS OF THE START OF THE 22/23 SEASON.

YORKSHIRE AMATEUR APPOINTED THEIR PERMANENT MANAGER MARK MASPERO ON THE 17TH AUGUST AND HE COLLECTED HIS FIRST POINT LATER THAT SAME EVENING, AGAINST BOTTESFORD TOWN.

MASPERO HAS SINCE GUIDED THE AMMERS TO THEIR FIRST VICTORY OF THE SEASON, 3-2 AWAY AT FRICKLEY, ADDED LIAM WILLINGHAM AS HIS ASSISTANT AS WELL AS SIGNING SEVERAL EXPERIENCED NCEL PLAYERS.

SQUAD

22/23



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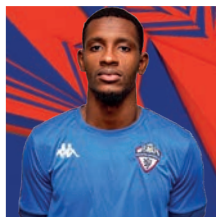
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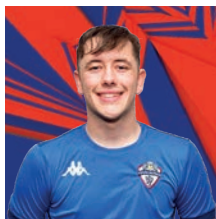
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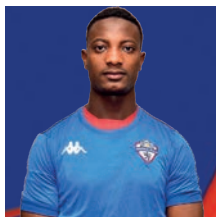
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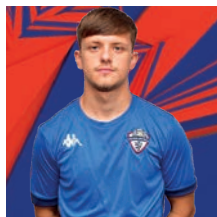
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KONGOLO



MANNINGS



MEESON



MORTON



OMORUYI



PICKLES



RASHID



STEWART



THORNTON



WAUD



WILKINSON





MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Good evening Ammers and travelling Thackley supporters, players and staff.

Its been a tough 10 days since our last home game. In that time we have travelled to the league leaders of both the NCEL Premier league and Division One, in North Ferriby and Campion respectively, competing well but ultimately coming up short in both games.

We look to turn around our fortunes this afternoon despite a number of injuries to regular first team players. But this has given the opportunity for several younger players to make their debuts.

Thackley are another well established team who have a couple of players in goal scoring form. So we will have to be disciplined in defence and try to find the goals that we have been missing in the recent games.

I wish our visitors and their supporters a safe journey home.

Mark.

FIXTURE LIST

22/23

JULY 22

30/07 15:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur 0-1 Goole AFC

AUGUST 22

06/08 11:5:00

FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round..... Yorkshire Amateur 2-2 Charnock Richard

09/08 11:9:45

FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round Replay..... Charnock Richard 2-0 Yorkshire Amateur

13/08 11:9:45

NCEL Premier Division Garforth Town 0-1 Yorkshire Amateur

17/08 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur 2-2 Bottesford Town

20/08 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur 1-2 Winterton Rangers

27/08 11:5:00

FA Vase First Round Qualifying Yorkshire Amateur 6-1 Longridge Town

SEPTEMBER 22

03/09 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Frickley Athletic 2-3 Yorkshire Amateur

06/09 11:9:45

NCEL Premier Division Silsden AFC 2-1 Yorkshire Amateur

10/09 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur P Penistone Church

17/09 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Knaresborough Town 3-1 Yorkshire Amateur

21/09 11:9:45

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur 1-3 Maltby Main

24/09 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur 0-1 Barton Town

28/09 11:9:45

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur 0-3 Hemsworth Miners Welfare

OCTOBER 22

01/10 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division North Ferriby 4-0 Yorkshire Amateur

05/10 11:9:45

NCEL League Cup Campion 1-0 Yorkshire Amateur

08/10 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Thackley

15/10 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Handsworth v Yorkshire Amateur

22/10 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Golcar United

29/10 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Emley AFC v Yorkshire Amateur

NOVEMBER 22

05/11 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Albion Sports

12/11 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Hallam

19/11 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Eccleshill United v Yorkshire Amateur

26/11 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Goole AFC v Yorkshire Amateur

DECEMBER 22

03/12 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Maltby Main v Yorkshire Amateur

10/12 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Garforth Town

17/12 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Bottesford Town v Yorkshire Amateur

27/12 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Silsden AFC

JANUARY 23

07/01 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Hemsworth Miners Welfare v Yorkshire Amateur

14/01 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Frickley Athletic

21/01 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Penistone Church v Yorkshire Amateur

28/01 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Winterton Rangers v Yorkshire Amateur

FEBRUARY 23

04/02 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Knaresborough Town

11/02 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Barton Town v Yorkshire Amateur

18/02 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v North Ferriby

25/02 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Thackley v Yorkshire Amateur

MARCH 23

04/03 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Handsworth

11/03 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Golcar United v Yorkshire Amateur

18/03 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Emley AFC

22/03 11:9:45

NCEL Premier Division Albion Sports v Yorkshire Amateur

APRIL 23



THE DENNYBOYS

THACKLEY AFC IS KNOWN AS "THE CLUB IN THE WOODS" BECAUSE OF ITS IDYLIC SETTING IN THE HEART OF THE BRADFORD COUNTRYSIDE. THACKLEY IS A PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND A TRUE COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB BECAUSE ITS LOCATION AND STANDING PUT IT AT THE HEART OF A BUSY AND GROWING RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY. THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING THE GROUND IS USED EXTENSIVELY AS A LEISURE AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY THAT ATTRACTS LARGE NUMBERS OF OUR VILLAGE TO USE THE RURAL AMENITIES FOR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS DOG WALKING, BIRD WATCHING, HORSE RIDING AND RAMBLING.

THE CLUB WAS FOUNDED IN 1930 BY THE YOUNGER MEMBERS OF THACKLEY WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH WHICH FOLLOWS THE TREND OF CHURCH AFFILIATION SET BY BOLTON WANDERERS, MANCHESTER CITY AND ASTON VILLA AMONG OTHERS. IT IS RUMOURED THAT YOUNG MEN WERE ENCOURAGED, BY CHURCHES, TO TAKE UP FOOTBALL AND THUS REFRAIN FROM FREQUENTING PUBLIC HOUSES.

THACKLEY HAS A TRADITION OF BEING ADMINISTERED BY RESIDENTS OF THE IMMEDIATE LOCALITY. ONE OF THE ORIGINATORS OF THE CLUB IN THE 1930'S WAS ARTHUR HYLTON WHO LIVED ALL HIS LIFE LESS THAN A MILE FROM THE GROUND. HE WAS ASSISTED BY HIS BROTHER, LESLIE, IN BUILDING UP A THRIVING AND SUCCESSFUL CLUB THAT USED THE VILLAGE YOUTH FOR THEIR PLAYING MEMBERS. ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, AT THIS TIME, LIVED WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE GROUND AND THIS TRADITION HAS BEEN MAINTAINED TO THE PRESENT DAY. OUR AMBITIOUS

YOUNG CHAIRMAN, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS SPENT ALL HIS LIFE AS A THACKLEY RESIDENT AND THE COMMITTEE IS LARGELY MADE UP OF PEOPLE LIVING AND WORKING WITHIN A STONE'S THROW OF THE CLUB.

THACKLEY'S DEVELOPMENT AS A THRIVING FOOTBALL CLUB HAS BEEN STEADY AND CONSISTENT. PROGRESSING FROM THE BRADFORD MUTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LEAGUE TO THE COUNTY AMATEUR LEAGUE BY 1939 THACKLEY HAS SEEN A CONSTANT RISE THROUGH THE LEAGUE SYSTEMS, THE WEST YORKSHIRE LEAGUE, THE YORKSHIRE LEAGUE (IN 1967) AND THE NCEL WHEN IT WAS FOUNDED IN 1982. THACKLEY AFC HAS RETAINED A PREMIER DIVISION PLACE IN EVERY SEASON SINCE (THE ONLY CLUB TO HAVE DONE SO). THERE HAVE BEEN MANY SUCCESSES DURING THACKLEY'S EXISTENCE; COUNTY AMATEUR LEAGUE WINNERS FIVE TIMES, WEST RIDING CHALLENGE CUP 1964 AND 1967, WEST RIDING COUNTY CUP 1974 AND 1975 AND THE BRADFORD AND DISTRICT SENIOR CUP 13 TIMES (A COMPETITION RECORD).

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE; IN THE 2010-11 SEASON THACKLEY REACHED THE FINAL OF THE WEST RIDING COUNTY CUP BUT LOST IN EXTRA TIME TO GUISELEY HAVING TWICE HELD THE LEAD. THACKLEY WON THE TOOLSTATION NCEL CUP IN TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS 2011-12 AND 2012-13. THACKLEY'S NICKNAME "THE DENNYBOYS" REFERS TO OUR GROUND DENNYFIELD WHICH IS NAMED AFTER OUR LONG SERVING GROUNDSMAN GEORGE DENNY WHO LIVED NEARBY.

OUR CLUBHOUSE IS NAMED AFTER ARTHUR HYLTON WHO WAS SECRETARY OF THACKLEY DURING THE FORMATIVE YEARS FROM THE 1940'S UNTIL THE

1970'S. ARTHUR'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THACKLEY FOOTBALL CLUB WAS GREATLY INFLUENTIAL. BORN AND RAISED IN THACKLEY HE REMAINED A LOYAL AND REGULAR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE CLUB UNTIL HIS DEATH. THACKLEY HAS A HISTORY OF LONG SERVING SECRETARIES. STEWART WILLINGHAM, WHO HAS NOW RETIRED FROM THE POST AND IS NOW CLUB PRESIDENT, TOOK UP HIS RESPONSIBILITIES IN 1973 AND WAS STILL GOING STRONG UNTIL 2016, A TOTAL OF 43 YEARS AT THE HELM OF A CLUB AT THIS LEVEL! STEWART WAS ABLE TO SUSTAIN THIS COMMITMENT BECAUSE OF THE SUPPORT HE RECEIVED FROM HIS BETTER HALF, JUNE, NOW SADLY, NO LONGER WITH US. THE HOSPITALITY SUITE IN THE CLUBHOUSE IS NAMED IN HONOUR OF STEWART AND JUNE, THE WILLINGHAM SUITE. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON STEWART RECEIVED A LONG SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED BY THE FA FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO GRASS ROOTS FOOTBALL AND THACKLEY IN PARTICULAR.

THE SEASON 2016-17 SAW A RECORD POINTS HAUL FOR THE DENNYBOYS – 78 POINTS – AND RESULTED IN 5TH PLACE FINISH IN THE LEAGUE. THIS SUCCESS WAS SHORT LIVED, IN THE 2017-18 AND 2018-19 SEASONS THACKLEY FINISHED BELOW MID-TABLE IN 15TH POSITION. 2019 -20 WAS INCOMPLETE WITH THACKLEY, ONCE AGAIN IN THE LOWER HALF OF THE TABLE WHEN GAMES WERE SUSPENDED.

THACKLEY CONTINUED LAST SEASON, 2021-22 VERY MUCH IN THE VEIN OF THE PREVIOUS THREE FINISHING IN A DISAPPOINTING 17TH POSITION. ALTHOUGH THEY WENT OUT OF THE TWO NATIONAL CUP COMPETITIONS EARLY, THEY ACHIEVED SOME SUCCESS IN THE COUNTY CUP AND REACHED THE QUARTER FINAL OF THE LEAGUE CUP.

THACKLEY HAS A TRADITION THAT PROVIDES PLAYING FACILITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THIS SEASON WE RETAIN OUR LADIES' TEAM WHICH MAKES AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO FOOTBALL BOTH AT THE CLUB AND IN THE SURROUNDING CATCHMENT AREA

REGISTERED PLAYERS

MATTHEW ALLISON
PRINCE ATTAKORAH
RYAN BASI
CONNOR BELL
AMIR BERCHIL
AIDAN CHIPPENDALE
JOSHUA COE
STEPHEN CRAWFORD
THOMAS GREAVES
BEN GRECH-BROOKSBANK
KIERAN HAIGH
KRISTIAN HARGREAVES
BRADLY LONGHORN

NOCHOLAS MATTHEWS
PATRICK MCGUIRE
OWEN MURPHY
DECLAN PARKER
SIMON POOLE
TOM ROSE
JOSH SHEFFIELD
FRANKIE SINFIELD
JASON ST JUSTE
KIERAN SUDDARDS
JOE TATE
OLIVER TAYLOR
DANIEL VINTEN
LEWIS WADDINGTON

LUKE WILSON

CLUB DIRECTORY

MANAGER

PAT MCGUIRE

PHYSIO

JOE TAIT / CARL CLIFFORD

CHAIRMAN

BEN OLIVER



LEAGUE TABLE 22/23

#	TEAM	PL	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	+/-
1	NORTH FERRIBY	10	8	1	1	22	6	25	13
2	EMLEY AFC	11	6	4	1	27	11	22	16
3	BARTON TOWN	11	6	4	1	14	5	7	9
4	ECCLESHILL UNITED	11	6	1	4	10	22	19	-2
5	PENISTONE	10	6	0	4	20	14	18	6
6	GARFORTH TOWN	11	4	5	2	17	14	13	3
7	HANDSWORTH	10	5	2	3	17	14	17	0
8	WINTERTON RANGERS	9	5	1	3	19	15	16	4
9	SILSDEN AFC	10	5	1	4	17	15	16	2
10	THACKLEY AFC	10	4	3	3	19	18	15	1
11	MALTBY MAIN	11	4	3	4	16	17	15	-1
12	HEMSWORTH MINERS WELFARE	10	4	2	4	20	15	14	5
13	GOLCAR UNITED	12	4	2	6	14	17	14	-3
14	FRICKLEY ATHLETIC	11	4	1	6	16	16	13	-0
15	ALBION SPORTS	10	3	3	4	11	11	12	0
16	KNARESBOROUGH TOWN	10	3	1	6	11	17	10	-6
17	HALLAM	11	3	1	7	14	21	10	-7
18	BOTTESFORD TOWN	11	3	2	7	11	24	8	-13
19	GOOLE AFC	8	1	2	5	4	15	5	-11
20	YORKSHIRE AMATEUR	11	1	1	9	10	26	4	-16

NEXT HOME GAME



YORKSHIRE AMATEUR V GOLCAR
NCEL PREMIER DIVISION

26TH OCTOBER 2022
K.O. 7:45PM



YORKSHIRE AMATEUR FC - CLUB

Founded: 1918

Years in NCEL: 1982-2021, 2022-

Nickname: Ammers

Registered Name: Yorkshire
Amateurs Football Club Limited

Home Colours: White/Blue/Blue

Alternate Colours: Blue & Red/Blue/
Blue

Midweek Matchday: Wednesday

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