

WELCOME TO THE SOUTHERNS STADIUM

Good afternoon Ammers and everyone travelling from Penistone Church this afternoon.

Our headache at Ammers comes from the late defeat to Silsden in our previous fixture, rather than from new years celebrations.

Similar fortunes have resulted in our previous fixtures also, losing by the single goal in four of our last five fixtures, 3-2, 2-1 and 3-2 to Goole, Eccleshill and Hallam respectively. The 2-0 defeat at Maltby Main though also was confirmed in the final minutes...

Given this record, Ammers sit bottom of the NCEL Premier, currently.

Penistone currently lie 7th following a seven-match unbeaten run, including six victories.

Bottesford, Parkgate, Handsworth, Albion Sports, Silsden and Maltby are the teams to have been beat during Penistone's run - Emley recovering a 4-0 deficit to finish level in their most recent fixture.

Enjoy the game and happy new year!

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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 aime 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 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 afrer using several other gorunds, 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 midseason 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, losng 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.

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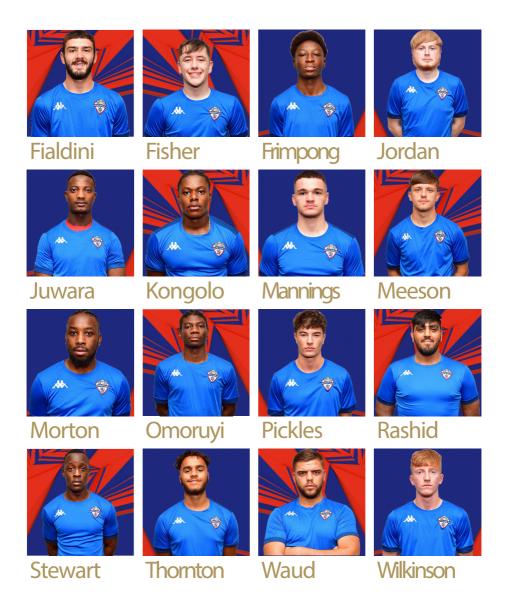
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Good Evening Ammers and travelling Penistone fans, staff and players,

Performances are improving. As a group we know what we are capable of achieving.

We know the areas where we need to improve and those are what we've worked on in training.

We've proven we're a difficult unit to break down, we're well organised and that's down to the styke of play we've worked towards.

We have had a tendency to switch off at set-pieces which have cost us too often of late.

Improving this, we hope we can continue to be strong defensively to begin to turn results more positive.

Regards,

Yorkshire Amateur management team.

July 22				
30/07 15:00	NCEL Premier Division	Yorkshire Amateur	0-1	Goole AFC
August 22				
06/08 15:00	FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round	Yorkshire Amateur	2-2	Charnock Richard
09/08 19:45	FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round Repla		2-0	Yorkshire Amateur
13/08 19:45	NCEL Premier Division		0-1	Yorkshire Amateur
17/08 15:00	NCEL Premier Division	Yorkshire Amateur	2-2	Bottesford Town
20/08 15:00	NCEL Premier Division		1-2	Winterton Rangers
27/08 15:00	FA Vase First Round Qualifying	Yorkshire Amateur	1-6	Longridge Town
September 22				
03/09 15:00	NCEL Premier Division	Frickley Athletic	2-3	Yorkshire Amateur
06/09 19:45	NCEL Premier Division		2-1	Yorkshire Amateur
10/09 15:00	NCEL Premier Division		Р	Penistone Church
17/09 15:00	NCEL Premier Division		3-1	Yorkshire Amateur
21/09 19:45	NCEL Premier Division	Yorkshire Amateur	1-3	Maltby Main
24/09 15:00	NCEL Premier Division	Yorkshire Amateur	0-1	Barton Town
28/09 19:45	NCEL Premier Division	Yorkshire Amateur	0-3	Hemsworth Miners
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October 22				
01/10 15:00	NCEL Premier Division		4-0	Yorkshire Amateur
05/10 19:45	League Cup Second Round	Campion	1-0	Yorkshire Amateur
08/10 15:00	NCEL Premier Division		0-4	Thackley
12/10 19:45	West Riding County Cup First Round		4-2	Yorkshire Amateur
15/10 15:00	NCEL Premier Division		9-1	Yorkshire Amateur
22/10 15:00	NCEL Premier Division			Golcar United
29/10 15:00	NCEL Premier Division	Emley AFC	2-1	Yorkshire Amateur
November 22				
05/11 15:00	NCEL Premier Division	Yorkshire Amateur	0-6	Albion Sports
12/11 15:00	NCEL Premier Division	Yorkshire Amateur	2-3	Hallam
19/11 15:00	NCEL Premier Division	Eccleshill United	2-1	Yorkshire Amateur
26/11 15:00	NCEL Premier Division	Goole AFC	3-2	Yorkshire Amateur
December 22				
03/12 15:00	NCEL Premier Division	Maltby Main	2-0	Yorkshire Amateur
10/12 15:00	NCEL Premier Division		Р	Garforth Town
17/12 15:00	NCEL Premier Division	Bottesford Town	Р	Yorkshire Amateur
27/12 15:00	NCEL Premier Division	Yorkshire Amateur	1-2	Silsden AFC
January 23				
02/01 15:00	NCEL Premier Division	Yorkshire Amateur	v	Penistone Church
07/01 15:00	NCEL Premier Division			Yorkshire Amateur
14/01 15:00	NCEL Premier Division		V	Frickley Athletic
21/01 15:00	NCEL Premier Division		v	Yorkshire Amateur
28/01 15:00	NCEL Premier Division		v	Yorkshire Amateur
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18/02 15:00	NCEL Premier Division		V	North Ferriby
25/02 15:00	NCEL Premier Division		v	Yorkshire Amateur
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March 23				
04/03 15:00	NCEL Premier Division			Handsworth
11/03 15:00	NCEL Premier Division	Golcar United		Yorkshire Amateur

Penistone

In the early 1900's football in Penistone was being played by Penistone Juniors Football Club.

In 1906 the Juniors amalgamated with players from Penistone Church Choirboys and a new team was formed under the name of Penistone Church F.C. The newly formed club played their games on the local park. In 1908 we were the first winners of the Sheffield League Cup and, on their return from the cup final, the players were met at the train station by over 2000 people who carried them shoulder high to the then headquarters, The Spread Eagle public house. We won this cup again in 1938.

It was in 1949 that the Hinchliffe farming family donated the present day land to the Penistone community in memory of the dead from the two World Wars. Mr Hinchliffe did stipulate that the ground must be called the Memorial Ground and that it could only be used for the community of Penistone to play sport.

For many years the teams played in the old Penistone league, winning both the league and cup (the cup is in the trophy cabinet to this day, the league shield has gone missing). They then joined the Hatchard league which they won and also the County Senior league. When these leagues amalgamated in 1982, Penistone Church were founder members with both their teams being accepted into the league and where our reserves play to this day. Our first team played in this league until 2014/15 season when they were promoted to the Northern Counties East League. In our first season we finished a respectable 9th and in our second season 5th enabling us into the play-off semi final which we narrowly lost to AFC Emley.

Our third season in the NCEL (2016/17) was our most successful ever, as we won promotion to the Premier Division by beating AFC Emley in the Play-off Semi Final and Grimsby Borough in the final. We finished the season off by winning the Northern Counties East League Cup against Bridlington Town in the final at Bramall Lane. Our first season at NCEL Premier Division level has been another successful one including finishing 7th in the league and reaching the Sheffield & Hallamshire Senior Cup final for the first time in our history where we were narrowly beaten by Shaw Lane. We also had our best ever run in the FA Cup reaching the first qualifying round where we were knocked out by Harrogate Town. In our second season in the Premier Division (2018/19) yet again we had another successful season being top of the league for a time before a strong finish from Worksop Town saw them crowned champions and us finishing 2nd. Our highest ever position in our history. For most of the 2019/20 season we were in the top 3 promotion positions only for the season to be cut short by the unfortunate pandemic. We exited the FA Cup after a replay in the extra preliminary round and despite getting a bye into the first round of the FA Vase we fell at that stage.

. Sadly the 2020/21 season was also badly affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. We again exited the FA Cup in the extra preliminary round narrowly losing 3-2 at Skelmersdale. In the FA Vase we beat Prestwich Heys on penalties after drawing the 1st qualifying round game and went on to beat Wythenshawe Amateurs in the 2nd qualifying round. In the first round proper we beat AFC Liverpool and after drawing our second round game at Longridge Town lost on penalties. With the league again being abandoned the final standings were decided on a points per game average over the past two curtailed seasons. We were not high enough to gain promotion.

In September 2021 long term manager Ian Richards left the club to take up a new position elsewhere and after a reshuffle former first team goalkeeper and reserve team manager Stephen Lenthall took over with help from another former first team player John Whitehead as assistant. This brought about a transformation of the team's fortunes, after a poor start under Richards, and they rose from 18th in the table to at one point being in the promotion race before eventually finishing 6th.

Over the last 110 years many sports have been played at the Memorial Ground including Tennis, Archery, Ladies Hockey, Cricket and Football.

In 1998 further land was obtained from Barnsley Council to enable the Club to build an all weather floodlit sport playing area, provide car parking and a further playing area to accommodate a mini junior playing area.

In 2010 Penistone Footpath Runners & Athletic Club joined the Club made it their headquarters.

The Club is very proud of the achievements made over its long history and, as of today, has 6 adult teams and 10 junior sides from under 7 years old to under 18's. Ladies football started at the Club in 2017 and we now have many girls & ladies teams playing under the name of Penistone Church Football Club in official leagues.

Registered Players

Chris Snaith
Harry Ambler
Ryan Johnson
Tom Charlesworth
Cameron Simpson
Tom Brennan
Brett Lovell
James Young
Wayne Hughes
Danny Howes
Ash Ellis

Callum Lee Charlie Shepherd Eddie Newsome Kieran Ryan Nathan Keightley Reece High Alfie Broughton Jack Roberts Leon Hurles-Brook Josh Brown Alfie Bakes Thomas Luty

Management

Manager: Stephen Lenthall

Assistant:
John Whitehead

Player Coach:
Brett Lovell

Physio: Ruth Tomlinson



League table 12/2/23

#	Team	Pl	W	d	I	F	Α	pts	+/-
1	North Ferriby	21	17	1	3	49	23	52	26
2	Winterton Rangers		13	2	6	43	34	41	9
3	Garforth Town		11	7	3	50	25	40	25
4	Silsden		13	1	7	42	29	40	13
5	Emley AFC		11	6	2	49	24	39	25
6	Hemsworth Miners		10	5	6	38	29	35	9
7	Penistone Church	20	11	1	8	39	31	34	8
8	Barton Town	18	9	6	3	30	13	33	17
9	Hallam	22	10	2	10	39	37	32	2
10	Handsworth	22	9	3	10	38	36	30	2
11	Knaresborough Town	21	9	2	10	31	34	29	-3
12	Eccleshill United	21	8	4	9	32	41	28	-9
13	Maltby Main	21	7	5	9	31	41	26	-10
14	Golcar United	22	7	4	11	32	35	25	-3
15	Frickley Athletic	21	7	3	11	30	31	24	-1
16	Albion Sports	21	6	4	11	27	33	22	-6
17	Thackley	20	6	4	10	35	42	22	-7
18	Bottesford Town	21	4	4	13	21	46	16	-25
19	Goole AFC	21	4	3	14	19	51	15	-32
20	Yorkshire Amateur	21	2	1	18	19	59	7	-40

Next Home Game





Yorkshire Amateur v Frickley Athletic NCEL Premier Division 14th January 2023 K.O. 15:00



Founded: 1918

Years in NCEL: 1982-2021, 2022-

Nickname: The Ammers

RegisteredName:YorkshireAmateurs

Football Club Limited

Home Colours: White/Blue/Blue

Alternate Colours: Blue & Red/Blue/

Blue

Midweek Matchday: Wednesday

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Manager: Mark Maspero

Club Secretary: Will Bowler

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