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YORKSHIRE AMATEUR V NORTH FERRIBY  
NCEL PREMIER DIVISION  
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# WELCOME TO THE SOUTHERNS STADIUM



Good afternoon Ammers and travelling Villagers,

Ammers' fortunes, despite positive signs, were yet to turn on a more positive path with the 3-0 defeat away at Barton Town last Saturday.

The visit from the league leaders this afternoon completes the Ammers' collection of fixtures against the current top four, within the previous several weeks.

A 2-1 defeat to Penistone Church was followed by a 5-1 defeat to Winterton Rangers, succeeded by a 3-0 defeat to Garforth Town.

The league leaders, in contrast, are undefeated in nine, winning eight with the only draw coming in their most recent fixture, last Saturday, a 1-1 draw at home to Frickley Athletic.

Enjoy the game!

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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.

## The story continues...

# Squad

## 22/23



Bah



Bajaha



Beetham



Boafo



Boyd



Cazacu



Conde



Diallo



Diallo



Dke



Edjangue



Fernandez



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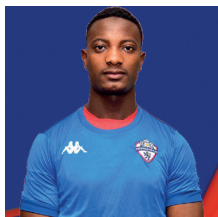
Fisher



Frimpong



Jordan



Juwara



Kongolo



Mannings



Meeson



Morton



Omoruyi



Pickles



Rashid



Stewart



Thornton



Waud



Wilkinson

Managers: Jake Boyd / Casey O'Reilly  
Assistant manager: Emeel Mati  
 GK Coach: Tom Shepherd



# MANAGEMENT



# TEAM TALK

“ Welcome to The Southern's Stadium for a big game against league leaders North Ferriby They've taken the league by storm and shown real quality throughout the season.

Our goal is to continue adding to our process and building towards myself and and Jake's style of play. The lads have been fantastic in the way they've applied themselves through times of adversity.

We are hoping for a solid performance and to take all of the coaching points and focus from training sessions into today's game. We have some bright, young players with a long career in the game and games like these are big occasions against a top side in North Ferriby. We are asking for hard work, dedication and a real togetherness from the lads today. ”

Casey O'Reilly  
Yorkshire Amateur joint-manager.

Fixturelist

22/23



## 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 Replay ..... Charnock Richard 2-0 Yorkshire Amateur  
13/08 | 19:45 NCEL Premier Division ..... Garforth Town 0-1 Yorkshire Amateur  
17/08 | 15:00 NCEL Premier Division ..... Yorkshire Amateur 2-2 Bottesford Town  
20/08 | 15:00 NCEL Premier Division ..... Yorkshire Amateur 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 ..... Silsden AFC 2-1 Yorkshire Amateur  
10/09 | 15:00 NCEL Premier Division ..... Yorkshire Amateur P Penistone Church  
17/09 | 15:00 NCEL Premier Division ..... Knaresborough Town 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  
Welfare

## October 22

01/10 | 15:00 NCEL Premier Division ..... North Ferriby 4-0 Yorkshire Amateur  
05/10 | 19:45 League Cup Second Round ..... Campion 1-0 Yorkshire Amateur  
08/10 | 15:00 NCEL Premier Division ..... Yorkshire Amateur 0-4 Thackley  
12/10 | 19:45 West Riding County Cup First Round ..... Wakefield AFC 4-2 Yorkshire Amateur  
15/10 | 15:00 NCEL Premier Division ..... Handsworth 9-1 Yorkshire Amateur  
22/10 | 15:00 NCEL Premier Division ..... Yorkshire Amateur 1-0 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 ..... Yorkshire Amateur P Garforth Town  
17/12 | 15:00 NCEL Premier Division ..... Bottesford Town P 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 0-3 Penistone Church  
07/01 | 15:00 NCEL Premier Division ..... Hemsworth Miners Welfare 0-1 Yorkshire Amateur  
14/01 | 15:00 NCEL Premier Division ..... Yorkshire Amateur P Frickley Athletic  
21/01 | 15:00 NCEL Premier Division ..... Penistone Church 2-1 Yorkshire Amateur  
28/01 | 15:00 NCEL Premier Division ..... Winterton Rangers 5-1 Yorkshire Amateur

## February 23

04/02 | 15:00 NCEL Premier Division ..... Yorkshire Amateur 5-0 Knaresborough Town  
07/02 | 19:45 NCEL Premier Division ..... Yorkshire Amateur 0-3 Garforth Town  
11/02 | 15:00 NCEL Premier Division ..... Barton Town 3-0 Yorkshire Amateur  
18/02 | 15:00 NCEL Premier Division ..... Yorkshire Amateur v North Ferriby  
25/02 | 15:00 NCEL Premier Division ..... Thackley v Yorkshire Amateur

## March 23

04/03 | 15:00 NCEL Premier Division ..... Yorkshire Amateur v Handsworth

# THE VILLAGERS



Although there's evidence that football had been played within the village since the turn of the century, it's not until after the great war we can establish for certain that North Ferriby Football Club had been formed.

Sadly, there's no record of how the club started, most likely an informal meeting of like-minded gents in a smoke-filled corner of the local pub. The first published record is of participation in the East Riding Intermediate Cup on November 6, 1919. A further Hull Daily Mail report in January 1920 revealed North Ferriby had played consecutive fixtures on Christmas Day (won 8-2), Boxing Day (won 3-2) and December 27 (won 2-0).

An auspicious start for the club and perhaps a precedent for future success, although one doubts that teams nowadays would, or even could play three in three. One of the earliest successes was in reaching the final of the South Howdenshire Cup in 1921 against Howden.

The game was played at Howden in front of a crowd of 1,500, an "unprecedented assemblage including a large number of Ferriby supporters" according to the HDM, who further reported that each set of fans were "gaily bedecked with their club's colors". Unfortunately, Harry Thomas, the Ferriby captain, had to be satisfied with a runners-up medal as the team eventually went down 2-1 having finished the game with just ten men following the loss of scorer Arthur Kirby through injury at half time. No substitutes in those days.

On April 28, 1923 North Ferriby hosted the final of the South Howdenshire Cup between Melton and Willerby. One can start to imagine the immense pride of the clubs committee and volunteers as they busily prepared their pitch on the outskirts of the village.

Fast forward to January 2020 and Ferriby stalwarts are again filled with pride as news was broken their Dransfield Stadium has been nominated to host an England U18 International against Scotland on Thursday, April 9.

Who would have thought that might be possible for a tiny village back in the day.

No one's certain what happened to North Ferriby FC during the early 1930's, but in 1934 the second element of this incredible trilogy began with the formation of North Ferriby United, a village club extraordinaire.

In their very first season, NFU were runners up in the East Riding Church League Division One, but also went on to win the League Cup in that inaugural season. Astonishingly, by the time of its demise in March 2019, NFU had achieved no less than 64 major honors, including eight promotions and appearances in both National Stadiums.

The first Wembley visit was in the 1997 FA Vase Final when the team went down to a strong Whitby Town side in the shadow of those famous white towers, but that disappointment was put firmly behind supporters when in 2015, North Ferriby completed the giant killing of giant killings by overcoming "full time" Wrexham in the final of the FA Trophy beneath the iconic arc of the new Wembley Stadium.

Between 1934 and 1954 football was played on several sites within the village. Humber Road, Corby Park and Pickering's Field are all listed locations. Significantly, in 1954 Sir Arthur Atkinson stated at the opening ceremony that it was very rare for a Village to have "such splendid facilities". The clubs then committee and volunteers had acquired unwanted bricks from a disused building and constructed in their own time and at their own expense a brick pavilion. So good was the quality of construction, the building is still in situ and used by the cricket club today.

But the urge to progress was like a baton being passed on and on and by 1969 the need to move again had been determined after club officials decided the best way forward lay within the wider bigger world of the then Yorkshire League. To meet requirements, a new pitch was needed and so eyes turned to a veritable wilderness that lay between the playing field and the railway. An area of land originally designated for allotments after the Second World War, but subsequently laid unused.

The local Parish Council were approached and the outcome was the granting of a lease, the proceeds of which would support the Parish's obligations for maintenance of the playing fields. A winwin all round and an enduring arrangement still in existence today, albeit at a significantly higher contributory level from the football club.

The jungle was levelled, the access track (now Grange Lane) was improved, a car park dug-out and covered. Two condemned pre-fabs were acquired from Beverley Borough Council and daily sweepings of cement were taken from Earls Cement. Finally, posts and rails were bought for £40 from Hull Brunswick and the foundations of the now Dransfield Stadium had begun.

Unfortunately, the club couldn't afford to connect drains to the main sewer that lay 400 meters away under Church Road, so a cesspit was dug inside the ground under the entrance car park. When the day came for the big opening a large crowd gathered to witness arrival of the first Tetley delivery. The dray wagon swept majestically into the ground and immediately collapsed into the cesspit where it remained for several days until a JCB eventually pulled it out. It has been said many times, there's an easy way, a hard way and then the Ferriby way.

Following a progressive building programme lasting over 20 years between 1994 and 2014, all necessary to keep pace with ground requirements associated to progress on the pitch, the now Dransfield Stadium has developed beyond comprehension to those early days. But not before the third and final part of this trilogy would emerge.

In March 2019 the unthinkable happened. After a three year decline in fortunes, two relegations and irresponsible financial management, North Ferriby United was wound up in the Hull courts. Gone forever. Or so was thought. On 1 April 2019, yes April Fools Day, North Ferriby Football Club rose from the ashes like a phoenix. Within six short months 18 teams had been formed. Men, women and nearly 200 children all brought together to once again ensure the great Ferriby tradition continues.

North Ferriby were promoted to the NCEL Premier Division via the play offs. After finishing runners up they beat Rossington Main and Harrogate Railway to secure promotion.

"Up the Villagers".

## PLAYING SQUAD

Jordan Douglas  
Lewis Exall  
Niall Tilsley  
Louis Kirk  
Danny Buttle  
Danny East  
Tom Corner  
Danny Emerton  
Joel Shortland  
Danny Clarke  
Jason Mycoe  
Adam bolder

OLI DONALD  
DANNY EARL  
JOSH MORRALL  
T'NIQUE FISHLEY  
AMIR BIRCHIL  
TOM CLAISSE  
RINALDS JURKSTIS

## MANAGEMENT

MANAGER:  
CHRIS BOLDER

ASSISTANT:  
PAUL ROBSON





# League table 22/23

#	Team	Pl	w	d	l	F	A	pts	+/-
1	North Ferriby	26	21	2	3	63	26	65	37
2	Winterton Rangers	27	19	2	6	62	37	59	25
3	Garforth Town	28	15	7	6	65	38	52	27
4	Penistone Church	27	16	1	10	53	39	49	14
5	Emley AFC	25	13	9	3	57	29	48	28
6	Hemsworth Miners Welfare	29	13	5	11	50	42	44	8
7	Barton Town	23	12	7	4	41	19	43	22
8	Silsden AFC	26	14	1	11	47	43	43	4
9	Knaresborough Town	30	13	2	15	43	49	41	-6
10	Hallam	26	12	3	11	46	41	39	5
11	Handsworth	29	11	4	14	49	49	37	5
12	Maltby Main	27	10	7	10	42	50	37	-8
13	Golcar United	27	10	5	12	48	39	35	9
14	Thackley	27	10	4	13	53	55	34	-2
15	Eccleshill United	25	8	6	11	36	48	30	-12
16	Albion Sports	25	8	5	12	31	36	29	-5
17	Frickley Athletic	28	7	6	15	37	49	27	-12
18	Goole AFC	28	7	4	17	26	65	25	-39
19	Bottesford Town	27	5	5	17	29	64	20	--35
20	Yorkshire Amateur	28	2	1	25	21	81	7	-60

# Next Home Game



Yorkshire Amateur v Handsworth  
NCEL Premier Division

4th March 2023  
K.O. 3:00pm





# YORKSHIRE AMATEUR FC

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

Ground Details:  
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Manager: Casey O'Reilly / Jake  
Boyd

Club secretary: Will Bowler



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