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YORKSHIRE AMATEUR V GARFORTH TOWN
NCEL PREMIER DIVISION
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WELCOME TO THE SOUTHERNS STADIUM



Good afternoon Ammers and all Garforth Town fans, players and staff.

Yorkshire Amateur' are immediately back in action after Saturday's 5-0 defeat to Knaresborough Town.

Prior to this fixtures, Ammers' new management team had got off to positive starts in both their opening fixtures, taking the lead against Penistone and Winterton respectively, ultimately lbeing beaten by the current 4th and 2nd-placed NCEL Premier sides.

These results leave us 15 points from safety, currently.

Garforth, instead, are chasing the four points needed to move into the promotion places..

Their three wins in their previous four has them doing the right things.

The most recent victory, 3-2 over Golcar, follows a 3-1 victory over Handsworth. The sole defeat in those four fixtures came at table-toppers North Ferriby, 2-0, having beaten Barton town 3-2.

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



Fialdini



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

“Good afternoon Ammers and The Miners,

As the weeks go by, we are instilling more and more stability into the squad. I am confident this will be evident this evening as we play for another valuable 3 points.

Tonight is a game where we can put our new signings to use. I'm excited to see the new lads and for us to cause problems to any team in this league.

Enjoy the game everyone,
Casey O'Reilly.

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 v Garforth Town
11/02 | 15:00 NCEL Premier Division Barton Town v 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 MINERS



Garforth Town were originally formed in 1964 as the Miners Arms, a local pub team taking their name from the hostelry where they were based. Formative years were spent in the Elmet Sunday League and then the Leeds Sunday Combination League in 1972. Having no ground of their own and none available in Garforth, matches had to be played on a council pitch in nearby Swillington. Following several years of league and cup success, the club decided to step up into Saturday Football and joined the West Yorkshire League, at the same time acquiring their own ground at Brierlands Lane, by transforming a former council rubbish tip.

In 1977 Garforth made an application to join the Yorkshire League, however they were advised that pub teams were ineligible to compete so they changed the team's name to Garforth Miners and were duly elected. At the start of the 1981/82 season they became founder members of the Northern Counties East League, which was an amalgamation of the old Yorkshire and Midland League. In 1985 came the name change to the present one of Garforth Town.

The 1986/87 season saw Town produce their best ever cup run when they reached the quarter-finals of the FA Vase, eventually bowing out to Essex based side Collier Row.

1991 saw the clubhouse erected at Brierlands Lane and in 1995 floodlights were installed following a campaign, which included the handing over to local councillors of a petition in favour of lights going up which was signed by several hundred people.

The appointment of Dave Parker as manager in 1994 after the departure of the previous manager and nearly all the first team players started what is undoubtedly Town's best period in the NCEL.

The 1996/97 season brought a NCE Division One runners-up spot as well as a cup final win when Town lifted the Wilkinson Sword Trophy by defeating Eccleshill United over two legs. In 1997/98 Town won the NCE Division One Championship in style, 18 points clear of the second placed team - their first ever major league victory - and also completed the double by winning the West Riding County Cup, beating Premiership side Liversedge 2-0 in the final.

For the 1998/99 season Town moved into their brand new purpose built stadium, Wheatley Park. That season saw Town reach the final of the NCEL President's Cup, eventually losing over two legs to North Ferriby United and in their first season in the Northern Counties East Premier Division - although topping the table to Christmas - finish a very creditable mid-table position. In the 1999/2000 season, despite a poor league finish, Town proved to be a cup winning side. They won the West Riding County Cup, beating Eccleshill United 2-0, as well as the Northern Counties East League Cup with a 3-1 victory over First Division side Glapwell in the final at Ossett Albion's ground. Success that season was not confined to the first team. Town's Under 18 side won the Leeds & District Championship at their first attempt and several of the side also made their debut for the first team.

Dave Parker retired as manager following the League Cup final after six years at the helm. He was the best and most successful manager Town has ever had. His successor was Dave Harrison who had been Parker's assistant for the previous three years. His time in charge at Town saw him having to guide a young and inexperienced side through difficult times before being replaced towards the end of the 2001/02 season by Dave Holmes. Despite the hopes for better, as the previous season's young squad had more experience and had also been augmented with experienced players, in the 2002/03 season Town finished bottom of the NCEL Premier Division and were relegated to Division 1.

Simon Clifford who ran the Brazilian Soccer Schools then took over as owner of the club and after a shaky start to the 2004/05 season took over as manager, guiding Garforth to promotion back to the NCEL Premier - the first step of his ambition to take Town all the way up the football pyramid. The season also saw the Miners take the national limelight with former Brazilian international Socrates making his Garforth Town debut, alongside former Manchester United player Lee Sharpe. Clifford went on to achieve the club's then highest ever finish in the 2005/06 season of 11th in the Northern Counties East League. In 2006/07 Clifford led Garforth to his second promotion in three years.

For the first time in the club's history Garforth reached step four of the National League System and entered the newly formed UniBond Division One North. Seasons 2008/09 & 2009/10 saw Town's league position stabilize, however they were more successful in cup competitions, being victorious in the West Riding County Cup in both seasons. The 2010/11 season had a famous victory in the last game of the season over 1st Division North Champions Chester in front of a record crowd of 2428. 2011/12 saw Town under manager Steve Nichol reach their highest league finish when a final day victory over Skelmersdale Utd resulted in a 5th place finish and a trip to Curzon Ashton in the play-offs. However, despite being the better side, Town bowed out on penalties.

A disappointing season followed in 2012/13 with the resignation of Nichol and disbanding of the first team squad resulting in Town being relegated back to the NCEL Premier Division. 2013 saw new management in charge which led in the following season - the club's 50th Anniversary year - to a consortium led by current owners Brian Close and Craig Bannister taking over and bringing in much needed sponsorship and providing a firm footing to take the club forward once more.

Graham Nicholas was Town's manager during these seasons until he left to take over at Ossett Town halfway through the 2015/16 season and was replaced for the rest of the season by Adie Costello before he left to take up a job with the FA.

Rob Hunter, who was Adie's assistant, took over as manager and contributed to a period of stability for the club on and off the field. After three years at the helm Hunter left in October 2019 and was replaced by former Pickering Town, Tadcaster Albion and Harrogate Railway boss Paul Marshall. His first couple of seasons were interrupted by the coronavirus pandemic, but in the first that was completed, 2021-22, Garforth reached the final of the NCEL League Cup and came third in the Premier Division.

PLAYING SQUAD

Toby Wells
Jamie Hassell
Sam Denton
Jamie Barkway
Liam Woods
Callum Brown
Sam Leach
Alex Zachariou
Daniel Omosobi
Fraser Hansen
Dan Coupland
Nick Thompson

DANNY GIBBONS
DEXTER BALL
SAM BARKER
RINOR EJUPI
LEE TURNER
LUIS DA SILVA
CHARLIE MARSHALL
MATT ANTCLIFF
JOE STAMP
DUKE WITTER
TOM DUGDALE
JAMES BURGESS

MANAGEMENT

MANAGER:
PAUL MARSHALL

ASSISTANT:
MARK SMITHERINGALE

COACH:
MICHAEL REYNOLDS

PHYSIO:
PAUL CAVELL



League table 22/23

#	Team	Pl	w	d	l	F	A	pts	+/-
1	North Ferriby	25	21	1	3	62	25	64	37
2	Winterton Rangers	25	17	2	6	56	36	53	20
3	Garforth Town	26	14	7	5	62	36	49	26
4	Penistone Church	26	15	1	10	51	38	46	13
5	Emley AFC	24	12	9	3	55	29	45	26
6	Hemsworth Miners Welfare	27	13	5	9	48	38	44	10
7	Silsden AFC	24	14	1	9	44	40	41	8
8	Knaresborough Town	27	13	2	12	41	40	41	1
9	Barton Town	21	10	7	4	36	18	37	18
10	Handsworth	28	10	4	14	46	48	34	-2
11	Maltby Main	25	9	7	9	39	47	34	-8
12	Hallam	24	10	3	11	41	40	33	1
13	Thackley	25	9	4	12	50	52	31	-2
14	Eccleshill United	24	8	6	10	36	47	30	-11
15	Golcar	25	8	5	12	44	39	29	5
16	Albion Sports	23	7	5	11	29	34	26	-5
17	Frickley Athletic	25	7	4	14	34	44	25	-10
18	Goole AFC	26	6	4	16	23	62	22	-39
19	Bottesford Town	24	4	4	16	24	58	16	--34
20	Yorkshire Amateur	26	2	1	23	21	75	7	-54

Next Home Game



Yorkshire Amateur v North Ferriby
NCEL Premier Division
18th February 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

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Manager: Casey O'Reilly / Jake
Boyd

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