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YORKSHIRE AMATEUR V LOUTH TOWN
NCEL DIVISION ONE
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WELCOME TO THE SOUTHERNS STADIUM



Good evening Ammers and travelling Wolves fans.

We return home to the Southernns Stadium for the our NCEL Division One fixture of the season.

An opening day defeat to Wombwell Town at The Recreation Ground, a 6-0 scoreline, means we search for our initial three points of the campaign against tonight's visitors Louth Town.

Five competitive debuts were awarded from the start for The Ammers against Wombwell.

The Wolves are also without points after defeat to Harrogate Railway on matchday 1, losing 3-1.

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 current manager Casey O'Reilly towards the end of the 22/23 season with an, albeit too late, upturn in form before Ammers' relegation. Andy Blair has joined the coaching staff this season as O'Reilly's assistant, working alongside Emeel Mati as first-team coach.

The story continues...

Squad

23/24



**AAREN
WARNER**



**AARON
BATLEY**



**JAKE
BOYD**



**DANIEL
LEAFE**



**NAHOM
TESFAGERIGISH**



**OLI
CADE**



**TOBY
HARRIS**



**JONPAULL
SHARP**



**KADEEM COLE
MORTON**



**KADEEM
CARTER**



**WILFRED
FRIMPONG**



**TJ
KONGOLO**



**NAEEM
MAMANIYAT**



**FINLAY
BEETHAM**



**JAMIE
BEDFORD**



**JOSH
BOAST**



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O'REILLY**



Manager: Casey O'Reilly
Assistant manager: Andy Blair



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Pre-season training was intense, and we were able to take away a lot of positives from the friendlies.



We were able to bed in new players and try out a new formation, which resulted in some good performances.

However, the loss suffered in our opening fixture was hard to take. But we regroup and go again this evening.

We welcome back into the squad players that were unavailable on Saturday, adding a new dimension to the team.

We welcome Louth to The Southernns Stadium, another promoted team. This presents an opportunity for us to try

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and bounce back.

Andy Blair, Yorkshire Amateur
assistant-manager

Fixturelist

23/24

July 23

29th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Wombwell Town 6-0 Yorkshire Amateur

August 23

2nd | 19:45 NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur v Louth Town
5th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Nostell Miners Welfare v Yorkshire Amateur
12th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur v Retford United
16th | 19:45 NCEL Division One.....Staveley Miners Welfare v Yorkshire Amateur
19th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur v Beverley Town
26th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Athersley Recreation v Yorkshire Amateur
29th | 19:45 NCEL Division One.....Wakefield AFC v Yorkshire Amateur

September 23

2nd | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur v Dronfield Town
9th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Harrogate Railway v Yorkshire Amateur
16th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur v Armthorpe Welfare
20th | 19:45 NCEL League Cup 1st Rnd Brigg Town v Yorkshire Amateur
23rd | 15:00 FA Vase 2nd rnd QualYorkshire Amateur v Bishop Auckland
27th | 19:45 NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur v Selby Town
30th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Clay Cross Town v Yorkshire Amateur

October 23

4th | 19:45 NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur v Retford FC
7th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Glasshoughton Welfare v Yorkshire Amateur
14th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur v Brigg Town
21st | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur v Worsbrough Bridge
25th | 19:45 NCEL Division One.....Ollerton Town v Yorkshire Amateur
28th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur v Swallownest
31st | 19:45 NCEL Division One.....Horbury town v Yorkshire Amateur

November 23

4th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Shirebrook Town v Yorkshire Amateur
11th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur v Parkgate
18th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur v Wombwell Town
25th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Louth Town v Yorkshire Amateur

December 23

2nd | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur v Nostell Miners Welfare
9th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Retford United v Yorkshire Amateur
16th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur v Staveley Miners Welfare
23rd | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Dronfield Town v Yorkshire Amateur
26th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur v Harrogate Railway

January 24

6th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Beverley Town v Yorkshire Amateur
13th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur v Wakefield AFC
20th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur v Horbury Town
27th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Armthorpe Welfare v Yorkshire Amateur

February 24

3rd | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Selby Town v Yorkshire Amateur
10th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur v Clay Cross Town
17th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Retford FC v Yorkshire Amateur
24th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur v Glasshoughton Welfare

March 24

2nd | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Brigg Town v Yorkshire Amateur
9th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur v Athersley Recreation
16th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Worsbrough Bridge Athletic v Yorkshire Amateur
23rd | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur v Ollerton Town
30th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Swallowness v Yorkshire Amateur

April 24

6th | 15:00 NCEL Division OneYorkshire Amateur v Shirebrook Town
13th | 15:00 NCEL Division One.....Parkgate v Yorkshire Amateur

THE WOLVES



Louth Town were formed in May 2007 when Louth United decided not to continue fielding a team in the Central Midlands League. The ground at Park Avenue had already been sold but local businessman Kerry Coggle with the backing of Steve Appleby, was able to secure a short-term lease on the ground and with the support of the CMFL committee, and a group of willing helpers, Louth Town was formed.

After finishing a creditable 10th in their first season Town were rocked when manager Steve Morley announced that for personal reasons, he could no longer continue managing the team. Andy Holmes was appointed but due to unforeseen work commitments he had to stand down and with 3 weeks to go before the start of the 2008-2009 season, Paul Walden was brought into the club. Paul, who was previously manager of Skegness Town in the Lincs League has a wealth of experience and was able to bring several talented players into the club.

Paul made an immediate impact with the team, winning 25 of 28 league games during the season to win the league by 9 clear points and be promoted to the Supreme League as champions. There was also a challenge cup semi-final appearance which unfortunately resulted in an unlucky 1-0 defeat to Sutton Town who went on to lift the trophy.

It was then decided that as part of their progression, the club would form a reserve team to play in the Lincs League for 2009-2010 season. The 2009-10 season proved to be even more successfully than the season before as the first team won the Supreme Division by 8 clear points, won the CMFL Floodlit Cup and were finalists in both the CMFL Challenge Cup and the Lincs FA Senior Trophy. By winning the league, promotion to the Northern Counties East League was gained. They were also awarded the CMFL "Team of the Season" for the second year running.

As well as the first team and reserves, season 2010-11 saw the introduction of an 'A' team in the East Lincs Combination, a team in Division 3 of the Grimsby & Cleethorpes Sunday League as well as junior teams at U18, U13 and two at U11, bringing the total number of teams playing under the Louth Town banner to nine.

Halfway through the 2010-11 season, manager Paul Walden announced that he would be leaving at the end of the season, but then decided to go at the beginning of March. The club acted swiftly and brought in former Selby Town duo Mick Gray and John Steeples who steadied the ship and guided the team through to the end of the season and a more than credible 6th place finish in the White Wolves first ever season in the NCEL. There was a further twist to the Louth Town story in May 2011 as Gray and Steeples left the club by mutual consent. They were surprisingly replaced by Paul Walden, who agreed to return for a second spell in charge.

There was great excitement at Park Avenue in July 2011 when it was announced that as well as securing a further lease on the stadium the club had also been accepted into the 2011-12 FA Cup for the first time in their history.

The team's first run in the FA Cup brought some excitement as both Gedling Miners Welfare and Holbrook Sports were beaten before the White Wolves bowed out with a 2-0 defeat to Evo-stik League side Buxton in front of 335 supporters at Park Avenue. In the league, Louth were somewhat inconsistent and finished the season in 12th place in the NCEL Division 1. There were emotional scenes at the end of the season as manager Paul Walden left the club, deciding to retire from football management altogether.

Walden was replaced at the helm by former pro Daryl Clare and was assisted by Carl Forman for season 2012-13 and they led the team to their highest ever finish in the football pyramid, finishing 3rd in the table and reaching the final of the NCEL League Cup.

Season 2013-14 proved to be a major disappointment as the team struggled at the bottom end of the NCEL league table for the whole campaign, winning just 6 league matches out of a possible 42 and ending the season with just 20 points. Clare left the club by mutual consent midway through the season, to be replaced once more by "Mr Louth Town", Paul Walden who was coaxed out of retirement for a third spell in charge.

Although the White Wolves ended the season in an automatic relegation place, the team were reprieved after the unfortunate demise of Dinnington Town and once again competed in the Northern Counties East League Division 1 that following season.

The following season the club resigned from the Northern Counties East League at the end of the 2014-15 season and joined the Lincolnshire Football League, taking the place previously occupied by their reserve team but this move failed to materialise.

In June 2016, Louth Town were blocked access to the Park Avenue group by the landlord who intends to use the land for development, meaning that Louth Town had to be relocated outside of the Town at the Marshlands facility in Saltfleetby. Their search for a suitable replacement facility within Lou the 2016-17 season saw Louth Town reformed in the Balcan Lighting Supplies Lincolnshire Football League with Carl Forman returning as manager. The newly formed side finished in a creditable 10th place.

In May 2017, it was announced that Louth Town Football Club, who also run a number of sides that play in various leagues around Lincolnshire from Under 7's right through to Under 16's had been awarded the 'Charter Standard Development Club of the Year' for Lincolnshire, a huge accolade and credit to all of the hard-working Committee members, staff, volunteers, players and parents.

On 16th May 2017, it was announced that the Balcan Lighting Supplies Lincolnshire League had been successful with its application to be elevated to the first tier of the national football pyramid.

RECENT HISTORY

We have regularly competed at the top end of the Lincs League, when football was stopped due to COVID we were sat with a real chance of winning the league.

When football was finally allowed to be played again in 2001/22, we finished a very credible 4th.

The 2022/23 season saw us competing with Crowle Colts, Lincoln Moorlands and Wyberton for league honours.

Carl Martin assisted by Mark Westerby were relentless in their drive and determination to deliver success to the football club.

Wyberton were the team to take it to the last game of the season before succumbing 3-1 and handing Louth Town the league title.

It was Wyberton again who were beaten in The Supplementary cup to hand Louth the double.

PLAYING SQUAD

BEN SMITH

ALEX LAIT

BRADLEY COULAM

HARRY CRAWFORD

ALEX ALDRICH

LUCAS STUBBS

ALEX CARTER

CALLUM BROWN

MITCH TAYLOR

JOE MARSHALL

HARRY JACKLIN

FINLAY DRAKES

KIERAN PERRY

PAUL COULAM

COLE NELSON

OLLIE WEBBER

HARRIS DUNN

REECE SOUTHWOOD

BAILEY WRIGHT

JACK BRADBURY

NIALL JOHNSON

OLLIE KENDALL

JAMIE COULSON

JORDAN SMITH

MANAGEMENT

MANAGER:

CARL MARTIN

ASSISTANT MANAGER:

STEPHEN CLARK

GK COACH:

PETER HERRIMAN

Next Home Game



Yorkshire Amateur v Retford Utd
NCEL Division One
12th August '23
K.O. 15:00



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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