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YORKSHIRE AMATEUR V RETFORD FC
NCEL DIVISION ONE
04TH OCTOBER 2023
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WELCOME TO THE SOUTHERNS STADIUM



Good afternoon Ammers and travelling Robins

Saturday's 4-0 defeat ended a run of three games unbeaten in the league for Ammers. A 5-2 victory over Amrthorpe Welfare was sandwiched between two 0-0 draws against Selby Town and Harrogate Railway.

Ammers exited both the League Cup & FA Vase during the previous fortnight, several payers rested for both results.

In 19th-place, the management team have been vocal about the league being the priority.

Reford visit The Sotuherns Stadium in 12th, off the back of two draws themselves, 1-1 vs Harrogate following the 2-2 result at Dronfield.

They too exited the Fa Vase, e penalties defeat to Droylsden. They, however, progressed through the league cup at the expense of one of two of Division One's winlessS sides, Swallownest.

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 former 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 joined the coaching staff this summer as O'Reilly's assistant, working alongside Emeel Mati as first-team coach. Failing to win any of the opening six fixtures of the season resulted in O'Reilly vacating the manager position, beginning a new role within the club's backroom staff.

Ashton Campbell & Liam Willingham were appointed as joint-managers on the 23rd August '23, Sean Burton as their assistant.

The story continues...

Squad

23/24



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WARNER**



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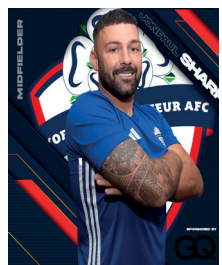
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Good evening Ammers & Swallownest's fans, staff & players.



As the great Ronan Keating once said: “life is a rollercoaster, just go to ride it,” and that is exactly how us as a management team feel right now, it's an emotional rollercoaster.

One minuter we feel like we've completed football, next game we get beat 4-0, but we have to and we will stick to the positives, possibly not so much positives from Saturday's game. That was what they call an off day all round from top to bottom.

The positives are the standard of players coming in, which again not only adds strength to the squad but possibly a set back on us finding that consistent ground we are looking for with performances and results as we look to find ourselves and our level.

Retford will be feeling confident on the back of a 4-game unbeaten run and won't have any fear, we have to approach this game with a point to prove and to correct the wrongs of the last game. This should make for a tough competitive game, good for the neutrals and support of both clubs

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Liam Willingham - Joint-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 1-1 Louth Town

5th | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Nostell Miners Welfare 5-2 Yorkshire Amateur

12th | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur 0-4 Retford United

16th | 19:45

NCEL Division One.....Staveley Miners Welfare 7-0 Yorkshire Amateur

19th | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur 0-5 Beverley Town

26th | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Athersley Recreation 2-3 Yorkshire Amateur

29th | 19:45

NCEL Division One.....Wakefield AFC 7-0 Yorkshire Amateur

September 23

2nd | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur 2-6 Dronfield Town

9th | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Harrogate Railway 0-0 Yorkshire Amateur

16th | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur 5-2 Armthorpe Welfare

20th | 19:45

NCEL League Cup 1st Rnd Brigg Town 2-1 Yorkshire Amateur

23rd | 15:00

FA Vase 2nd rnd QualYorkshire Amateur 0-5 Bishop Auckland

27th | 19:45

NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur 0-0 Selby Town

30th | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Clay Cross Town 4-0 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 CHOUGHS



Retford FC were formed in 2015 by Chris Woodhead and Kev Swannack. Their vision for the club was that it would become a club where local footballers would be given the opportunity to develop and play at a good standard of non-league football. They began their existence in the 2015-16 season in the Central Midlands League North.

The clubs' first ever competitive game seeing them win 2-0 at Dinnington Town with a brace from Will Tomlinson. During the season Retford would enjoy victories over eventual champions Glapwell and the side that would go on to be promoted Ollerton Town, as they finished 7th in their inaugural season.

The following season 2016-17 would see the club enter the FA Vase for the first time but they would lose 3-0 in the second qualifying round to Step 6 St Andrews.

On the field the club improved on their league position of the previous year finishing 6th in the Central Midlands League North. This season included the current record score for the club which was a 15-2 victory away to Welbeck Lions, Will Tomlinson scoring nine goals in the game. A chance of some silverware came in the Floodlit Cup final, but it wasn't to be as Sherwood Colliery triumphed 5-2 in the final at Rainworth's Kirklington Road home. Off the field the club were making plans and at the end of the season they announced an end to the groundshare with rivals Retford United as they moved to a new home.

Chris, Kev and a band of volunteers built the changing rooms and added railings and hard standing to bring our new home up to required standard. Retford began the 2017-18 season with a victory in the first game at their new home 'The Rail', beating Tideswell United 3-0. They also demonstrated their commitment to local talent with the signing of Retford born goal scorer Adam Scott from Worksop Town. Scott would net 26 times during the season as Retford finished 5th in the league and reached the semi-finals of the league cup. During the season the club would also adopt it's nickname 'The Choughs' another nod towards local history as the chough is feature on the town crest.

During a busy summer 'The Rail' underwent huge renovations as covered standing was added as well as a new snack bar and hard standing on 3 sides of the ground. The addition of a small seated stand at the road end of the ground. The club announced plans for floodlights to be installed and also continued their commitment to developing local players by adding an under 21s and under 18s to the senior club as well as merging with Ordsall Rangers to create a junior section

The floodlights finally arrived in November. The Choughs matched off field success with on field success as they were crowned champions of the Central Midlands League, winning promotion to the NCEL. The season was a phenomenal success as we lost just once all year, finishing the season with 22 wins and 3 draws from 26 games and scoring 112 goals in the process. During the season Retford beat title rivals Clay Cross Town 4-1 and 5-3 as well as hammering big spending local rivals Retford United 5-0 in the Retford derby, Will Tomlinson scoring a hattrick to the delight of the 706 crowd.

Refusing to stand still the club has made further improvements to the Rail with the addition of 250 seats, completed hard standing on all four sides of the ground and a new hospitality suite. The junior section has grown from 4 teams to 16 and we have also added a Ladies team and Girls teams.

2022/23 saw Retford miss out on the play-off's on the final game of the season, but there was joy for both the Ladies and Veterans sides who both won their respective league titles with the Veterans completing a league and cup double.

After successful seasons in the NCEL, further improvements to the ground including a stand in the name of much-loved club stalwart Martin "Buster" Keeton, the club continues to grow with a committee working hard to deliver the ethos of giving back to the local community, a growing fan base and an ambition to continue to grow 'Our Local Club'.

PLAYING SQUAD

**LIAM BENNETT
ALEX BOYD
JOEL BRADSHAW
MASON BRIDDEN
ZACH CASBURN
ETHAN COWAN
OWEN EVANS
LIAM FROST
HAYDN GODDARD
JACK JOHNSON
JON KENNEDY
LEON LARCOMBE-LOFTUS
OLIVER LOBLEY**

**JOE LUMLEY
LIAM MARSDEN
KENAN MCKENZIE-GREY
MATTHEW PARKIN
HARVEY RODGERS
AARON SENNETT-NEILSON
GRAEME SEVERN
KYLE SIMPSON
JAKE SYKES
MATTHEW THOMPSON
WILLIAM TOMLINSON
STEVEN WANKIEWICZ
CHARLIE WILLIAMS
ALEX WONHAM**

MANAGEMENT

**MANAGER:
CHRIS WOODHEAD**

**ASSISTANT
MANAGER:
MARTIN WOODHEAD /
NATHAN ALLEN**

Next Home Game



Yorkshire Amateur v Brigg Town
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14th October '23
K.O. 3pm



YORKSHIRE AMATEUR FC

Founded: 1918

Years in NCEL: 1982-2021, 2022-

Nickname: The Ammers

RegisteredName:YorkshireAmateurs
Football Club Limited

Home Colours: Blue/Blue/Blue

Alternate Colours: Red

Midweek Matchday: Wednesday

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