

AMMER TIME

YORKSHIRE AMATEUR V CLAY CROSS TOWN
NCEL DIVISION ONE, SOUTHERNS STADIUM
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Good afternoon Ammers and visiting Millers.

Ammers need to close the space between themselves and safety., 7 points adrift. Today is opportunity to put behind them four successive defeats.

The reverse fixture was on the contrary, Clay Cross exemplifying speed in attack to finish 4-0 victors.

Clay Cross have only one successfull result in their previous five matches, themselves. A 1-0 victory against Nostell Miners at home.

Both sides' misfortune, including similar defeats to Wakefield AFC, means this fixture is important for both teams looking to find form.

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. Since, Academy manager Jake Boyd has replaced Willingham.

The story continues...

Squad

23/24



Aaren
Warner



Aaron
Batley



Jake
Boyd



Daniel
Leafe



Nahom
Tefagerigish



Oli
Cade



Toby
Harris



Jonpaul
sharp



**Kadeem
Morton**



**Cole
Carter**



**Wilfred
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Team talk

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Good afternoon Ammers & Millers fans, players & staff.

⊕ Clay Cross are a side us as the current management staff have played previously. They know how to use their home pitch really well and can be a handful.

Our last few games have been extremely dissapointing. We need to be better as a group, players and staff. There will be a few new faces involved as we push to have a strong finish to the season.

We know that on our day we can beat anyone. We need to make sure we prepare right and come together for the final games of the season.

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- Jake Boyd, Joint-manager.

Fixture List

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 Qual Yorkshire 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 0-6 Retford FC

7th | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Glasshoughton Welfare 0-2 Yorkshire Amateur

14th | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur 1-2 Brigg Town

28th | 15:00

NCEL Division One Yorkshire Amateur 2-2 Swallownest

November 23

4th | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Shirebrook Town 6-3 Yorkshire Amateur

11th | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur 2-5 Parkgate

14th | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Ollerton Town 1-2 Yorkshire Amateur

25th | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Louth Town 2-0 Yorkshire Amateur

December 23

5th | 19:45

NCEL Division One.....Horbury Town 1-2 Yorkshire Amateur

16th | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur 2-4 Staveley Miners Welfare

23rd | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Dronfield Town 2-0 Yorkshire Amateur

26th | 15:00

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

January 24

6th | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Beverley Town 3-0 Yorkshire Amateur

13th | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur 0-5 Wakefield AFC

27th | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Armthorpe Welfare 2-1 Yorkshire Amateur

February 24

3rd | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Selby Town 6-0 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.....Swallownest v Yorkshire Amateur

April 24

6th | 15:00

NCEL Division One Yorkshire Amateur v Shirebrook Town

13th | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Parkgate v Yorkshire Amateur

THE MILLERS



Although it was thought that a Clay Cross Town had been founded during the summer of 1909, the rumours that circulated over the years suggest that they had also been in existence before the turn of the twentieth-century. However, recent information came to light to substantiate those rumours and it was recorded in an 1891 census that a Mr John Whitworth was the secretary of the town club.

Old microfiche records are therefore now being scrutinised to gather more information about their football club in that era. There are also strong claims that the club made an appearance in the FA Cup in the 1880s and research will also clarify whether there is any substance to this. We do know that an appearance was made in that competition when the club bowed out to Chesterfield Municipal FC in 1921.

It was the team of 1909/1910 that was the inspiration for our current club secretary, Dave Clark to bring a 'Town' club back to Clay Cross and give the club a true geographic identity that the previous twenty-three years as PArkhouse FC had failed to achieve.

The team of 1909 had been built by local businessman, Colonel GM Jackson and he had amalgamated the two top Clay Cross clubs; the Clay Cross Zingari and Clay Cross Works teams. In that first season, they won the Derbyshire Senior Cup, beating New Tupton Ivahoe 2-1 after the two previously drawn games.

That club folded, though, in 1911 with debts owing to the precise sum of £12. The club re-emerged again in 1919 and played their football in the Derbyshire Senior League. They enjoyed a period of success for the next five-years winning the Shirebrook Charity Cup in 1922 before once again closing the doors as the premier team of the town in 1924.

Eighty-Eight years later and we chose to take the club, for the first time, into the twenty-first century and so once again Clay Cross could officially boast a 'Town' club.

In that year (2012) a new management team was also appointed with Asa Ingall & Julian Capuano taking the reins. They finished the season third, making it the best ever season in the Central Midlands League to date. It was also the season that Rockie White recorded the club's highest tally of goals in one season (39) a record that was only beaten in 2017/18 by Lee Clay who notched 44 goals.

The following season it was proposed by a few members of the club committee that the management of Ingall & Capuano should be relieved of their positions and the appointment was then made of Any Lynam and Andy Thornton. Their first season saw a whole new team rebuilding process take priority after many players had left and it was a sixth-placed finish in the north division that we hoped would provide the foundations for future years.

In the 14/15 season, the club finished another credible third in the league and lost out in the Floodlight cup final to Belper Utd 3-2.

In the 15/16 season, the club was in turmoil in the early stages of the season and only an injection of young players enabled the club and management to continue. The reward for the club's desire to continue was reaching the Floodlight Cup final but once again lost out on that occasion to Bulwell 5-3. It was also a disappointment in the league when after having been moved to the South Division by the league committee, we finished in our lowest ever position of twelfth.

16/17 season was, though, in contrast. The season that ended in such a dramatic fashion when after holding pole position in the Central Midlands League Noth Division and with only minutes remaining, our opposition on the last game of the season, Collingham, scored to inadvertently hand the league title to FC Bolsover. It was on the last game of the 17/18 season that once again we saw our club lose out on promotion to the NCEL. Although we beat the league champions, Harworth in that game, goal difference denied us pole position.

The following season was equally painful when after leading the division from the outset, we lost out in the run-in to Retford FC and once again finished second. A semi-final appearance in the Derbyshire Senior Cup was another highlight of the campaign but the Step 5 opposition, Mickleover Sports, proved too much.

The 19/20 season, despite being interrupted by the outbreak of Covid-19, was an entertaining one until the pandemic. Before that closure, though, we had a superb run in the FA Vase, reaching the third round proper only to be knocked out by Step 5 club South Normanton Athletic under circumstances that we felt unjust and bias. We also took the Derby County Academy side to extra-time and penalties after earning a 1-1- draw after 90 minutes. We also looked in a comfortable place for promotion from the South Division but once again the pandemic put an end to our hopes of Step 6 football.

2021 saw a change of management when in April we announced the appointment of Jonney Rushby and Joe Tomlinson.

The 22/23 campaign saw us play in the CMFL South Division and we knew it would be a difficult division to win or even achieve promotion but we reached our ultimate goal with almost the last kick of the season. This campaign also saw us reach the final of the League Cup competition, that was played at Alfreton Town's ground. Unfortunately, it was an occasion when we failed to meet the pre-match expectations and lost 4-2 to Mickleover RBL.

23/24 is an entirely new adventure for us when we join the NCEL Division 1 for the first time ever.

PLAYING SQUAD

**RIO ALBERRY
RYAN HOPKINSON
TRENT JULES
LIAM RILEY
ASHLEY RADMORE
LAIM VARDY
JOSHUA SCULLY
JAKE JOHNSON
RYAN WATTERS
RAIFE POPLAR
LIAM PRITCHARD
KANE SNELL
RECCE CLEGG**

**SAM DEVEREUX
DANNY SHELBOURNE
JOSH JACKSON
WILLIAM WHITEHEAD
WARWICK WOOD
ANDY GLOSSOP
FYNN MARSHALL**

MANAGEMENT

**MANAGER:
JONNEY RUSHBY**

**ASSISTANT:
MARK NADIN**

Next Home Game



Yorkshire Amateur v Glasshoughton
NCEL Div 1
24th February '24
K.O. 3pm



YORKSHIRE AMATEUR FC

Founded: 1918

Years in NCEL: 1982-2021, 2022-

Nickname: The Ammers

Registered Name: Yorkshire
Amateurs Football Club Limited

Home Colours: Blue/Blue/Blue

Alternate Colours: Red

Midweek Matchday: Wednesday

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