

# AMMER TIME

YORKSHIRE AMATEUR V ATERSLEY RECREATION  
NCEL DIVISION ONE, SOUTHERNS STADIUM  
09TH MARCH 2024  
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# Welcome to The Southern's Stadium



Good afternoon Ammers and those travelled from Barnsley

Five points currently separate these two teams too close to the relegation zone.

Even more importantly, Ammers have the chance to move five points clear of the drop after Glasshoughton's defeat to Horbury Town yesterday evening.

A seventh game in three weeks follows a positive period for Ammers which has seen them move out of the bottom three with two victories during that time. The 1-1 draw arguably was the most impressive feat, playing with just 10-men for 60 minutes, before being reduced to 9. The three defeats all came against promotion-chasing sides.

Athersley's six points gained from their previous two fixtures sees them seven points clear of relegation. There was a run of five defeats before that, meaning they're not clear of danger yet.

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 Leaf



Nahom Tesfagerigish



Oli Cade



Toby Harris



Jonpaul sharp



**Kadeem  
Morton**



**Cole  
Carter**



**Wilfred  
Frimpong**



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# Team talk

Good afternoon Ammers & our visitors from Athersley



Dissapointing result midweek after a run of strong performances of late. I point towards the performances because at half-time at 0-0 on Wednesday, we're very much in the game and looking strong both offensively and defensively.

The pace of the game promised goals and it went the way of Wombwell early on. I do feel we had a chance to recover the deficit had we remained at 11 players but the two sendings off really opened up the game and handed our visitors a major advantage, especially as open as the game already was.

Certain games hold greater importance when you are focused on the wrong things in terms of league position and this afternoon certainly ticks that box. Looking both upwards and below us, three points would mean massibe significance, long-term, as we work towards safety.

I always say that performances are more sustainable than results, what will prove significant long-term and based of that philosopny, we will be fine after this final 10-game run-in to the end of the season.

- 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 3-1 Clay Cross Town

17th | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Retford FC 1-1 Yorkshire Amateur

21st | 19:45

NCEL Division One.....Retford Utd 3-0 Yorkshire Amateur

24th | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur 1-0 Glasshoughton Welfare

28th | 19:45

NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur 4-0 Worsbrough Bridge

## March 24

2nd | 15:00

NCEL Division One.....Brigg Town 1-0 Yorkshire Amateur

6th | 19:45

NCEL Division One.....Yorkshire Amateur 0-4 Wombwell Town

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 PENGUINS



The club was formed in 1979 as Athersley North Juniors. In 1983-84 they finished third in Division Two of the Barnsley Nelson League and were promoted to Division One. After finishing as runners-up in Division One the following season, they switched to Division Two of the Barnsley Junior League for the 1985-86 season. Their first season in the new division saw them finish third, earning promotion to Division One. They were renamed Athersley Recreation in the summer of 1986.

After winning Division One in 1986-87, Athersley became members of Division One of the Barnsley Association League. They finished as runners-up in the following season, earning promotion to the Premier Division. The club went on to win back-to-back Premier Division titles in 1991-92 and 1992-93, and then three successive titles between 1995 and 1997. After their third title in 1996-97, the club moved up to Division Two of the Sheffield & Hallamshire County Senior League in 1997. They won the division in their first season in the league, earning promotion to Division One. The following season saw them finish as runners up in Division One, resulting in promotion to the Premier Division. They subsequently won the Premier Division at the first attempt.

Athersley won the Premier Division again in 2003-04, starting a period of success that saw them win the title four times in the next eight seasons, finishing as runners-up on the other four occasions. After winning their sixth Premier Division title in 2011-12, the club was promoted to Division One of the Northern Counties East League. Their first season on the new league saw them finish as runners-up, earning promotion to the Premier Division. In 2013-14 they entered the FA Vase for the first time, and a year later they made their FA Cup debut.

In May 2014 they won the Sheffield & Hallamshire Senior Cup for the first time, beating Frickley Athletic in the final at Hillsborough. In 2021-22 they finished bottom of the Premier Division, resulting in relegation to Division One. They finished bottom of Division One the followin season.

## **PLAYING SQUAD**

JEFFEREY AGYEI  
DANIEL ASHTON  
CHARLIE AUTY  
HAYDEN BARNETT  
KYLE BATCHELOR  
JVAN BENJAMIN  
JOSHUA BERRY  
RICKY BERRY  
ETHAN BLATCH  
MASON BRIDDEN  
JACK BRISCOE  
JACK CARTER  
CALLUM CLARK

MITCHELL CLOGG  
JOSHUA COLLINSON  
RYAN EASTWOOD  
NIALL EDGE  
JAC FISHER  
LEE GARSIDE  
MARSAHLL GETTY  
ALEX GIBBINS  
JORDAN GUY  
KAI HANCOCK  
JACOB HARBAN  
ETHAN HARGREAVES  
FRASER HARTLEY

## **MANAGEMENT**

**MANAGER:**  
PAUL CLARKSON

**FIRST AIDER:**  
JULIE BRISCOE

# Next Home Game



Yorkshire Amateur v Ollerton

NCEL Div 1

23rd March '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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Club chairman: Will Bowler



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