

AMMERS

YORKSHIRE AMATEUR V HEMSWORTH MINERS
NCEL PREMIER DIVISION
28TH SEPT 2022



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WELCOME TO AMMERS

Good afternoon all fans, players and staff, and welcome to Yorkshire Amateur on what is to be a fantastic game in the NCEL Premier Division.

Today we welcome Hemsworth Miners to Leeds in what will be an exciting fixture for us.

We come into the game on the back of tough loss in the 89th min to Barton Town, so we are looking forward to another league match which will hopefully get us moving up the table.

Let's hope the players can give a good account of themselves and force some difficult tactics on to Hemsworth Miners.

We wish all the Hemsworth Miners players, staff and fans a great day at Yorkshire Amateur and a safe journey home.

Yorkshire Amateur.

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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 orders 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 club in those days was to compete as a major force against the professional teams playing 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", or "Ammas", 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 the 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 victory 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 replay 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.

1932-33 saw the club become the inaugural winners of the Yorkshire League Cup, beating Huddersfield Town 4-2 in the final. The 1945-46 season had seen the club again reach the First Round Proper of the FA Cup. The Ammers went down to Lincoln City 5-2 on aggregate after winning the first leg 1-0 at home. The post war years, however, saw a decline in the fortunes of the club, but occasional success was seen playing in the lower reaches of the Yorkshire League along with victories in the County Cup competition,

By the late 1970's the club was at a very low ebb and a youth policy was embarked upon with the formation of the Junior Section. This policy has produced rich dividends in recent years with a number of players moving on to full-time professional football including Stuart Naylor & Gary Strodger (both West Bromwich Albion), Andy Watson (Swansea City) and Warren Ward (York City). Brian Deane of Middlesbrough and England has played in the Ammers First Team. A number of the current open-age squad are products of the club's strong Junior Section. The club became a founder member of the newly formed Northern Counties East League in 1982.

The club's resurgence continued with the construction of a covered seated stand, spectator hard standing all around the pitch, new dressing rooms (that are probably the best in our league), the installation of floodlights that are to Conference levels, the building of a floodlit wet weather training facility. In addition, the inside of the clubhouse has been extended and refurbished with a new bar, lighting and decor. The club also saw success on the field with the first team rarely being out of the top five throughout the main part of the 1990's. The team also won the Leeds Senior Cup Final at Elland Road and became Wilkinson Sword Trophy winners in 1998. The Reserve side also twice triumphed in the Reserve Team League Cup during that period.

The club is currently managed by is Graham Hodder who took over from Pete Cusic in March 2007. Graham who holds both F.A and U.E.F.A. coaching badges had been managing the Reserves and also Yorkshire Amateur's U19 Academy side and was asked to take over when Pete Cusic resigned, Pete Ryder who was Assistant Manager of the Academy agreed to be the First Team Assistant.

Graham's first full season in charge was very much a consolidation period as due to a lack of experienced players Graham has relied heavily on the young players from the Academy that he played the major part in setting up and these young men have done well in stepping up to the NCEL.

The 2007-08 season also saw John Ward taking over the Academy 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 in third place in the league and having a good run in the F.A. Youth Cup.

For the 2009-09 season further changes are being 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. Steve Hart has been appointed Manager of the Reserves and Danny Redshaw will be the Assistant Manager. Both Steve and Danny hold F.A. coaching badges.

2007 also saw the return of Dave and Ann Packham and Charles Sharman to the club committee. The dressing rooms have been improved with the addition of a separate changing room for female officials, the clubhouse has been re-decorated and a new dance floor has been installed and doors have been fitted between the bar and the function room.

The management, committee and players have all worked hard over the months and progress is steadily being made and there is a definite "feel good" feeling at the club at present and a belief that the club is going places.

THE STORY CONTINUES...

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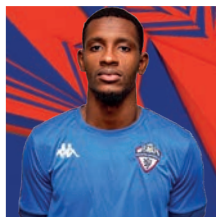
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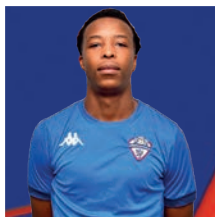
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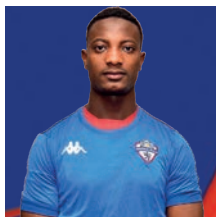
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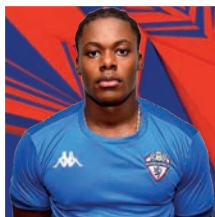
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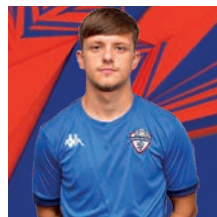
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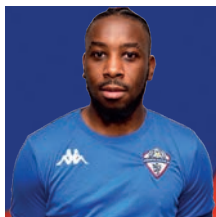
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AMMERS CHALLENGE

Good Evening Ammers and to the Hemsworth fans which have travelled,

Welcome to match day 10 and the midweek visit of Hemsworth Miners Welfare.

After the huge upheaval this season, we feel we are slowly finding our feet.

We have a very young side with an abundance of technical ability but very little league experience. We have recently brought in several players in key positions to help us in this area. Tonight's game will be the first time we have managed to get them all into the team.

Recent results have been tough, no more so than on Saturday. The players ran themselves into the ground for us, only to be beaten by an injury time goal against the league leaders.

Narrow defeats to Silsden, Knaresborough and Maltby can all be put down to naivety of youth. But the players, the staff and the committee are working hard to turn the results around.

I guarantee you an entertaining game tonight and wish the travelling fans a safe trip home.

Regards,
Mark Maspero

FIXTURE LIST

22/23

JULY 22

30/07 15:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur 0-1 Goole AFC

AUGUST 22

06/08 11:5:00

FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round..... Yorkshire Amateur 2-2 Charnock Richard

09/08 11:9:45

FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round Replay..... Charnock Richard 2-0 Yorkshire Amateur

13/08 11:9:45

NCEL Premier Division Garforth Town 0-1 Yorkshire Amateur

17/08 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur 2-2 Bottesford Town

20/08 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur 1-2 Winterton Rangers

27/08 11:5:00

FA Vase First Round Qualifying Yorkshire Amateur 6-1 Longridge Town

SEPTEMBER 22

03/09 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Frickley Athletic 2-3 Yorkshire Amateur

06/09 11:9:45

NCEL Premier Division Silsden AFC 2-1 Yorkshire Amateur

10/09 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur P Penistone Church

17/09 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Knaresborough Town 3-1 Yorkshire Amateur

21/09 11:9:45

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur 1-3 Maltby Main

24/09 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur 0-1 Barton Town

28/09 11:9:45

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Hemsworth Miners Welfare

OCTOBER 22

01/10 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division North Ferriby v Yorkshire Amateur

08/10 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Thackley

15/10 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Handsworth v Yorkshire Amateur

22/10 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Golcar United

29/10 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Emley AFC v Yorkshire Amateur

NOVEMBER 22

05/11 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Albion Sports

12/11 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Hallam

19/11 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Ecclehill United v Yorkshire Amateur

26/11 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Goole AFC v Yorkshire Amateur

DECEMBER 22

03/12 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Maltby Main v Yorkshire Amateur

10/12 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Garforth Town

17/12 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Bottesford Town v Yorkshire Amateur

27/12 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Silsden AFC

JANUARY 23

07/01 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Hemsworth Miners Welfare v Yorkshire Amateur

14/01 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Frickley Athletic

21/01 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Penistone Church v Yorkshire Amateur

28/01 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Winterton Rangers v Yorkshire Amateur

FEBRUARY 23

04/02 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Knaresborough Town

11/02 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Barton Town v Yorkshire Amateur

18/02 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v North Ferriby

25/02 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Thackley v Yorkshire Amateur

MARCH 23

04/03 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Handsworth

11/03 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Golcar United v Yorkshire Amateur

18/03 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Emley AFC

22/03 11:9:45

NCEL Premier Division Albion Sports v Yorkshire Amateur

APRIL 23

01/04 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Hallam v Yorkshire Amateur

08/04 11:5:00

NCEL Premier Division Yorkshire Amateur v Ecclehill United

THE WELLS



Hemsworth Miners Welfare Football Club was formed in July 1981 out of the disbanded Hemsworth Colliery Football Club, which folded in 1979.

The newly formed club had to play their early football in leagues such as the Bentley League and the Barnsley Nelson League before they eventually got accepted into the Doncaster Senior League.

After a couple of poor seasons in the Doncaster senior League the team went on to win three successive promotions without actually winning the title. Following four top six finishes in the Doncaster Senior League Premier Division the club won its first honours when they beat Kingsley Boys FC in the Premier Division Cup Final in 1995, the score was 2-0 at Askern Welfare, both goals were scored by Jimmy Slaughter.

The following season the club were accepted into the West Riding County amateur League where they took their place in Division One under the management of Andy Cracknell who had taken over from Billy Clark. The first season in the WRCSFL Division One saw the club miss out on promotion on goal difference but the following season they made no mistake and won the championship and league cup double joining the elite in the Premier Division at step 7 for their first time in the club's history.

The club also won the Doncaster Challenge Cup and the Sheffield Junior Cup during the late 1990's.

Although never winning the WRCSFL Premier Division title the club were always pushing for a new higher challenge, notably the NCEL, but things were a long way off going into the new millennium.

A couple of Premier Division Cup wins came in the early 2000's

A breakthrough came when the club received two football foundation grants for a new state of the arts clubhouse and floodlighting establishing the push to step 6 football to begin. Paul crapper had now taken over as First Team manager and lead the team into the NCEL in 2008-08 season after being accepted following ground improvements. Paul however, found it difficult through work commitments to give the first team manager job the full attention it deserved and handed the job back to Andy Cracknell who led the team to a 10th place finish in its first season 7th in the second season. The third season 2010-11 was a bit of a disaster but the campaign will be remembered for the club's debut in the FA Cup after a taste of the FA Vase the previous season.

The club then appointed Wayne Benn as first team manager after Andy's decision to stand down and the club relished the new challenge with Wayne and Chick at the helm.

The 2011-12 season saw us finish a very creditable 8th place in the league and reached the quarter final of the Sheffield Association Cup. This was a great achievement for such a small club with hardly any resources and massive credit went to Wayne and his management team.

Unfortunately, in April 2012, Hemsworth were saddened at the tragic death of club secretary Mark Crapper. Mark was very well known in the non-league football pyramid as well as the local community and local football teams. He put the football club on the map and without his hard work and determination the club would not be where we are today.

In September 2012 Wayne Benn and Andy Hayward (Chick) left for pastures new as they accepted the job at Goole AFC in the Evo-Stik League. Daryl Bowman took over from Wayne having been at the club for 5 years and was assisted by Alan Billingham. Daryl and Alan managed to keep the majority of the squad Wayne built and we managed to finish 12th.

Lots of injuries and suspension hampered our season throughout.

We also started back up the Under 19's for the 2012-13 season and our reserves won the Doncaster Challenge Cup. Midway through the 2013-14 season Wayne Benn and Andy

Hayward returned to the club for a second spell and results from Christmas improved, setting us up for a better 2014-15 season. Our reserves can runners up in the Doncaster Premier and our Under 19's, under Shaun Pugh, had a very successful season. Ground improvements close season saw the extension of the seated stand and also some more seats added around the ground. Improvements inside the clubhouse also leaves us with something to be proud of.

Season 2014-15 saw Hemsworth finish 3rd in the league, our highest ever NCEL finish, the club has then gone up and up improving in each season. The club improved again the following season and dominated the division to win by 8 points, the club was surrounded by excitement as we went into the 2016-17 season as a premier division side. A solid first season in the premier division saw us finish a very respectable 8th Wayne Benn and his squad returned for the 2017-18 season in full fighting force with new

chairman Richard Norman backing them along the way with club secretary Laura Pugh. The season also saw the start of a Under 21's side led by Martin Beaumont and an Over 35's side lead by Allan Howcroft. Adam Pugh stepped into his dad's shoes as he took over the reserve side. The season saw further improvement for the club overall as the first team finished 6th but the links with the Under 21's and reserve side were pivotal for the future development of players and the club.

2018-19 season started with real optimism as the management from last season too reigns once again and with additions to the playing squad the club looked to push on once again, on reflection an excellent season but still with a few questions, ifs and butts but none the less a 4 th place finish and league cup semi-final for the first team, a 3 rd place finish for the under 21' in a very strong league, a solid season for the reserves and league winning campaign for the over 35's. but off the field chairman at the time Richard Norman decided to step down in March.

A very positive summer saw the club open a new clubhouse extension named the Mark Crapper Suite, this offered a fantastic way to aid longevity and stability of the club in years to come. Unfortunately, the close season wasn't good news as we saw our reserve side disband however, on a positive note we saw the return of chairman Richard Norman and a change for the U21' to U23's status for our juniors provided a good base for the new season, the manager stepped down from the over 35's with Craig Elkin picking up the reins. We started the 2019-20 season with optimism due to the change in league structure would see teams promoted at the end of the season but under no illusion of how difficult the task will be.

After a positive start to the season the club was rocked by two resignations within a week, firstly chairman Richard Norman resigned for the second time in 6 months followed by manager Wayne Benn and assistant Andy Haywood who decided to take a step up and joined Ossett United, Luke Danville was appointed player manager in January 2020 with joint manager Luke Potter joining the club the forthcoming season 2021, with a totally new look team and another challenge for the club but, one we would face head on with hope and optimism.

Half way through the season 2019-20 Covid hit all aspects of life and stopped football activities over every structure of the football pyramid including grassroots football, the season was declared void from March 20th.

During the closed season the club as a decided to take a massive step and have the pitch and surrounding areas to 3G pitch including new fencing and a tech academy school to take us into the future, this will secure the future of the club bring football from a wide area but also bringing sections of the club together the season started under the uncertainty of Covid with pre-season friendlies under strict government guidelines and behind closed doors.

Again, the season was stop start and ended after 7 games for ourselves with a few FA Vase games. The season was again finished after a vote from all clubs at Christmas but this time consultation from the FA and all leagues the top 3 over the last season were promoted to the Bet Victor league.

Currently, in the 22/23 season, Hemsworth sit in 11th in the NCEL Premier after eight league games. All three wins to date have come at home, losing twice also. Two draws and one defeat complete the three away fixtures for The Wells, so far.

REGISTERED PLAYERS

CHARLIE BARKS ©

LUCAS BRINSLEY

BEN BROOK

CAMERON CLARK

NASH CONNOLLY

JASON DAVIS

JASON DAVIS

JOE FLETCHER

BEN GELDER

ELLISON GREENE

ANDREW HIGGINS

ANDREW HIGGINSON

ANDREW HORBURY

ALLY HUGHES

LIAM JACKSON

STEVEN JEFF

WILLIAM KEMP

SAM KILNER

JAKE KIRKHAM

ANTHONY MANOCCHIO

NOAH MCKLEFIELD

ANTONIO MONTEIRO

SEON RIPLEY

LEWIS RONAN

RHYS SCOTT

CHAY SEARSTON

RICHARD TAYLOR

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ADAM WILSON

CLUB DIRECTORY

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ASSISTANT MANAGER





















Kieran Walmsley

COACHES

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LEAGUE TABLE 22/23

#	TEAM	PL	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	+/-
1	 ALBION SPORTS	7	3	2	2	9	6	11	3
2	 BARTON TOWN	10	6	3	1	4	3	21	9
3	 BOTTESFORD TOWN	9	2	1	6	9	19	7	-10
4	 ECCLESHILL UNITED	9	5	1	3	18	16	16	2
5	 EMLEY AFC	8	5	2	1	20	7	17	13
6	 FRICKLEY ATHLETIC	9	4	1	4	15	13	13	2
7	 GARFORTH TOWN	9	3	4	2	15	14	13	1
8	 GOLCAR UNITED	10	3	2	5	11	15	11	-4
9	 GOOLE AFC	7	1	2	4	4	13	5	-9
10	 HALLAM	9	3	0	6	11	16	9	-5
11	 HANDSWORTH	7	3	1	3	11	14	10	-3
12	 HEMSWORTH MINERS WELFARE	8	3	2	3	16	13	11	3
13	 KNARESBOROUGH TOWN	9	3	1	5	11	14	10	-3
14	 MALTBY MAIN	9	3	2	4	12	14	11	-2
15	 NORTH FERRIBY	8	6	1	1	17	9	19	8
16	 PENISTONE CHURCH	7	4	0	3	9	9	12	0
17	 SILSDEN AFC	9	4	1	4	15	15	13	0
18	 THACKLEY	9	3	3	3	17	17	12	0
19	 WINTERTON RANGERS	8	5	0	3	18	14	15	4
20	 YORKSHIRE AMATEUR	9	1	1	7	10	19	4	-9

NEXT HOME GAME



YORKSHIRE AMATEUR V THACKLEY
NCEL PREMIER DIVISION

8TH OCTOBER 2022
K.O. 15:00



YORKSHIRE AMATEUR FC - CLUB

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Years in NCEL: 1982-2021, 2022-

Nickname: Ammers

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