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With 20 plus new signings, 2016/7 is a big step into the unknown.

The vast majority are stepping up a level, either in terms of never having played at a level as high as the National League or moving up from academy football to first team squad.

Its very unlikely that all will fulfil their ambitions. For whatever reason, its only natural that some will not make the grade, whether through lack of ability, opportunity, attitude or any number of other reasons. Making the first team on a regular basis is the first challenge to them all, but with a reserve side, every player will have a real chance to impress.

I feel 2 year contracts for young players stepping up, putting a

career on hold, are more valid than some of those offered before to players released by clubs' at City's level.

Pre-season will have given Jackie McNamara a far better idea of each players' ability, the friendlies have given us all an indication of some of the each player's strength.

Some of the early signs are promising. However, given the changes and the competition in the league it won't be easy and will get tougher year on year.

Let us hope we regain our Football League status in a much shorter spell than last time!

Another 8 years would be a disaster.

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This download is free. Please consider making a donation to YCFC in lieu of payment. At the next home game, an extra pint in the social club or lottery ticket in the car park should suffice. Remember, this is free, do you want City to recruit free transfer players or splash the cash on decent players?

During our original new frontiers run in the 1990s, we raised over £2,000 and every penny was donated to City's Youth Development Fund.

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Thanks: To all those who contributed or paid for this issue.

Next Issue: Depends on interest, commitment, articles and on the pitch performance. Articles / ideas / input / criticism always welcome.

Accounts

YORK City reported increased operating losses of £361,786 for the 2014/15 season. The losses, from the Worthington / Wilcox season, were about £80,000 more than the previous season. They would have been much higher but for a £360k donation from JMP. The full accounts, lodged at Companies House on 31st March 2016 are available to anyone to download.

- Operating Losses: £362k - £80k increase in losses
- Turnover virtually unchanged (albeit thanks to increased JMP donation)
- £360k JMP donation, presumably to remain within Financial Fair Play rules and to ensure the salary cap rules were not breached. Up from £70k a year earlier
- Playing / management numbers up 6, admin staff numbers down to 14 (from 27)
- Total payroll costs up by £104k
- Losses forecast every year until we move into the new stadium. (Subsequent press statements allude to substantially reduced losses in the new stadium, and, for the first time, not a break even position)
- £500k loss forecast for 2016/7
- Net current liability of £4.232m - presumably the losses built up over the years and covered by JMP / the McGill family

Taken directly from accounts filed at Companies House.

Our Thoughts

- As a private company, YCFC need only publish brief accounts, making it hard to compare season on season (or see the full detail (e.g. gate receipts, FL / TV deals and sponsorship))
- The extra losses reflect lower attendances due to a struggling season compared to the play offs a year earlier and extra payroll costs
- Playing wages still less than the 2000/1 season
- Its understood that City will retain £474,000 as a parachute payment in year one as a National League side, equal to the basic payment received by Division 2 clubs. Year 2 outside the Football League will see a £237,000 parachute payment. The relegated clubs lose out on some funding, sometimes known as "solidarity payments", which cover the likes of TV monies and performance related payments (they drop from £240,000 in The Football League to just £40,000 in The National League). Youth funding would also be under jeopardy.

See www.yorkcitysouth.co.uk for [City's accounts](#), including [20 Years Of Accounts](#)

2016/7 Preview

From a long way out, our fate was sealed. Jason McGill was steadfast in his support of Jackie McNamara. He's right when he suggests we need a step change. We can't continue in our current cycle of hiring new manager every 12 months and the associated influx of new players just hanging around.

However, given Jackie's time at the club, results and some of his statements, a good case could have been made for "just one more new manager".

We enter the National League as a big boy in many ways, finances, set up and ground included. With that comes our own expectations and other clubs' perceptions. We spent 8 years trying to regain our league status last time and there's plenty of big clubs in The National League which suggests, despite the recent success of Bristol Rovers and Cheltenham, it's not all plain sailing. With decreasing parachute payments over the next 2 years, it won't get any easier to return to the league.

We won't know for a few weeks whether this season's team has got what it takes. We've paid money for couple of defenders and it looks like its going to be a team with quite a few younger players, albeit ones with decent first team pedigrees. If Richard Brodie shows the same form he was in when he left us and with a good pre season behind him, Reece Thompson shows the sort of form he showed when he first arrived, we might have a potent and hardworking strike force. Not forgetting Scott Fenwick.

I've no qualms with signing players from lower league, I'd rather catch them on the way up than the way down (think Martyn Woolford and Richard Brodie), but recognise it comes with risks (and rewards). However, I was slightly surprised by the number of 2 year contracts handed out this summer, let's hope were not repeating mistakes.

As with any level, the key to success is getting a settled team and everyone playing for each other.

Step Change

When Jason McGill spoke about a step change, I'd like to see every player (first team to intermediate) doing things like coaching in local schools / leagues, working towards their coaching badges, refereeing in local leagues and working towards DoE awards. In every case, the players would be taken outside their comfort zone and put in positions of responsibility and leadership. It will give them different perspectives on the game and hopefully the confidence they build up can be transmitted into on the pitch City performances. Skills built up could serve them well in post City careers in

football. Such opportunities could sway the decision when players come to sign for City. If such opportunities are not appealing, maybe they're not the type of players City should pursue anyway.

Having watched England's demise at Euro 2016, it wouldn't harm the England players if they did similar, to get them out of their comfort zone and doing different things.

Reserves

So we've got a reserve side playing in the Final Third Development (FTD) league. We briefly had a reserve side last season, they played 3 group matches in the FTD Cup, finishing 3rd (one win, 2 defeats) as the group winners progressed to the semi final. The other teams in our group opted to continue into the FTD league, an 8 team affair playing 14 games each.

I can imagine it will be a similar set up this season. Playing a full, albeit short season of competitive football can only help the youngsters who don't make our first team. It should sharpen them up, allow the staff to develop them in a competitive match situation and give the players realistic hope that if they impress, a first team position is on offer. At the same time, youth players have a team to bridge the enormous gap between youth and first team football. All the time, Jackie McNamara is watching his young players playing competitive football, something he rarely had the opportunity to do last season given we only had one reserve game after he arrived and the youth side played on Saturday when he was with the first team. How dispiriting it must be when you don't even have the opportunity to impress your own boss in the flesh.

With a full intake of 16 years old, here's hoping the youth team have a more successful season than last when in the Football Youth League Alliance, City finished well bottom with just 2 wins (both in April) and 5 draws from their 24 game programme.

However, I note other teams are scrapping youth teams and academies, Brentford and Crawley included, citing the time it takes to develop young players all the way through to the first team and the real threat of bigger clubs poaching them for peanuts under EPPP rules.

When you consider, Ben Godfrey included, in the past 10 years we've sold 3 youth players who made the first team for about £300,000. By no means will that have paid for the youth system and nor has the youth policy really benefitted the first team. I noted in June, City's 14 year old star striker, Cole Kiernan was poached by Sunderland, I believe a compensation fee has still to be decided, but I don't expect it will be a lottery win life changing amount.

I can see more clubs putting more emphasis on a reserve side.

League Standings

City entered The Football League in 1929. Of all the divisions, we've played in Division 4 (now known as Division 2) for the most number of seasons.

Position wise, we've finished 21st on 7 occasions, 5 times in both 22nd and 24th places, 6 times, just outside relegation zone in 20th and also 6 times in 17th place. The only other 5+, is the 6 times we've finished 4th. The relegation zone appears to be our natural habitat.

The Closed Shop

In 1964, the 4 clubs re-applying were overwhelmingly re-elected. York City (48 votes), Southport (45), Barrow (42) and Hartlepool (36) were all re-elected. Whereas, the non league clubs applying for membership (Wigan Athletic, Gateshead, Romford, Yeovil Town, South Shields, New Brighton, Guildford City, Gloucester City, Morecambe, Weymouth, Bexley United, Poole Town and Scarborough) gained just 26 votes (out of a possible 624 votes) between them.

Until 1987, The Football League operated a near closed shop. The bottom 4 league clubs having to apply for re-election. You had to be a complete basket case to be voted out as the clubs tended to vote their members back into The League year after year.

It wasn't until 1987 that automatic promotion from non league into Division 4 was established when champions Scarborough replaced Lincoln who'd finished bottom of Division 4. In 2003, the play offs were introduced allowing promotion

for a second non league side.

City's League Status

City were elected to The Football League in 1929 as members of Division 3 (North), in the days of regionalised lower league football. City were to remain in that league until 1958 when regionalised football came to an end. In those 22 seasons, we finished bottom half on 14 occasions and maybe just twice we were serious promotion contenders. In 1958, the top 12 teams in each section formed the new Division 3. With City finishing 13th, we were founder members of Division 4. Promoted a season later, we survived just one season in Division 3 before relegation. 1965 saw us promoted for a second time, a season later saw our second ever relegation.

Tom Johnston, a dour Scot, was appointed manager in 1968 and oversaw 2 promotion campaigns. In 1971, to Division 3 and in 1974, for the first time, to date, in our history to Division 2. Successive relegations in 1976 and 1977 under Wilf McGuinness saw us plummet back into the basement division.

In 1984, Denis Smith's side won the Division 4 championship and we then enjoyed 4 seasons in Division 3.

In 1993, Alan Little's side won promotion out of the basement division. We enjoyed 6 seasons in Division 3, equalling the 1970s 6 season spell under Johnston / McGuinness, as the longest we've played above the basement division.

2004 saw relegation from The Football League and into the non league wilderness where we remained for 8 seasons.

After 4 years back in the league, we start the 2016/7 season back in the National League.

Our Average League Position

<u>Division</u>	<u>#Seasons</u>
2	2
3N	22
3	17
4	31
5 (NL)	8
Total	80

In the 22 seasons we spent in Division 3(N), we finished top half just 8 times.

Since, we've spent 2 seasons in Division 2, 17 in Division 3, 31 in Division 4 and 8 in non league.

Given that record, Division 4 is our natural home. 21st is our natural position.

Looking at our league position. On just 15 occasions we've finished in the top 6 (or top quarter of the table), 17 times in the second quarter (positions 7 – 12), 22 times in the 3rd quarter (positions 13 – 18) and

26 times in the bottom quarter (i.e. position 19 or lower).

Put another way, 18 times in positions 21 or lower and 17 times in positions 17 – 20. That is, 35 seasons fighting against relegation compared to just 22 in the top 8.

Put another way, 6 times we've finished bottom and just once have we finished top.

So struggling in Division 4 is our natural home.

You could look at it in a different way and I'd suggest 75th in the pyramid (or 7th in Division 4 (basement division)) is our average position, but that position is skewed by the 17 seasons we've played higher than that against just 8 we've played below it. Even if we are non league champions in 2016/7, our pyramid average will drop by 0.2 of a position and, heaven forbid, if we finish bottom, our average pyramid position will fall by 0.5 of a place.

Read more and see all the detail and numbers on www.yorkcitysouth.co.uk

You Might Have Missed...

Just a few things, mainly from The Yorkshire Evening Press (to give it its former name in all its glory), you might have missed. Click the link in the e-zine to read more:

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Our ex defender, Graeme Law made the national sports pages in the spring with his PhD on footballers, money and gambling.

Ex player, Mark Sertori was once again spotted on the England bench at Euro 2016, his fourth successive major tournament for England, taking time off from his successful physio business and duties as a masseur at Manchester City.

Fan Ownership

People keep harking back to the German model of fan ownership whereby clubs are owned “50% +1” by the fans meaning the fans have overall ownership. German fan ownership is often cited as a reason why their ticket prices are around £20 max.

In English football, with nearly every club outside the Premier League, making a lose, then those fan owners would be liable for those losses (or setting a lower budget to avoid losses),

Our last published accounts, for the 2014/5 season, suggest 2,000 fans would each have to pay £360 to cover the losses.

Supporters Trust members will know something about the difficulties of getting people to sign up and donate. Could losses be covered every year?

I'll leave you to decide if that's feasible.

Ebbsfleet's myfootballclub came to a sticky end when the number of paid up members crashed, eventually selling out to a Trust and a 33% shareholder.

One upside of fan ownership is that clubs might live within their means and deliver a break even budget every year. However, with the current model, a club like York invariably lose money, usually well into six figures, most seasons.

As Jason McGill has previously stated, City will have to reduce their budget to avoid making an annual loss.

As around two thirds of City's spend is on wages, we'd possibly be looking at a much reduced squad, either in terms of numbers or wages (and therefore presumably quality).

Alternatively, a much higher admission price or finding new revenue streams, are options. The new stadium and transfer fee income offer some possible salvation down the line.

You decide.

Best wishes to the York City Supporters Trust and their endeavours to help to safeguard our club's future. Although on the surface things might seem to be relatively quiet, I believe that behind the scenes much is going on.

Whatever Happened? City's 2012-5 Loanees

In our first 3 seasons back in The Football League, we had half a season of success and struggled for the rest of the time. One feature was the number of loanees who (dis)graced our side. But whatever happened to them?

With a manager a season, managers have tended to go for the quick fix, bring in loanees to bolster their squad before the transfer window re-opened. But just how have they done and where are they now? Unfortunately many have struggled in life after City and are playing at levels below City.

The Exceptions

Pride of place possibly goes to **Charlie Taylor**, a left back from Leeds, who never really showed his worth at City as a 19 year old. Following loan spells at Inverness and Fleetwood, he's now established at Leeds and has drawn plenty of plaudits and has been linked to some very big Premier League clubs.

After City, **Nick Pope** looked destined for big things. In the 2014/5 season, he didn't make the Charlton first team and ended up on loan at Bury where he starred as Bury won promotion from Division 2. A season later, he started in goal for Charlton, a couple of howlers in Charlton's struggling season saw him replaced by Stephen Henderson, before regaining his place through Henderson's injury. He kept his place but couldn't prevent relegation. However, his displays caught the eye of one or 2 other Championship sides before he sealed a £1.1m to Premier League Burnley.

2 defenders who had more successful loan spells with City, **Luke O'Neill** (Burnley) and **Jack O'Connell** (Blackburn) returned to their parent clubs, never established themselves but have since moved on and are first team regulars, O'Neill at Southend and O'Connell at Brentford and Rochdale. O'Connell secured a summer move to Sheffield United.

Norwich loanee, **Carlton Morris**, who I always thought that Nigel Worthington held in high regard, never showed that at City but was a regular on loan at Hamilton in the SPL in 2015/6 scoring 8 goals in 32 appearances.

About The Same

Unfortunately, another defender, **Stephane Zubar** succumbed to a cruciate injury when he returned to York in August 2015 and was released by Bournemouth at the end of the season.

During 2015/6, we crossed paths with **Brad Halliday** (on loan at Accrington), **Shaun Miller** (Morecambe), **Alex Cisak** (Orient) **Bobby Olejnik** (Exeter), **Alex**

Rodman and Ben Davies (both Newport, the latter once again on loan from Preston) and Ryan Brunt (Plymouth). Miller scored a few goals from Morecambe (converting the promise he showed at York) and earned a new contract with Carlisle in June 2016. I don't recall Brunt showing much promise (he definitely didn't score in his 6 games with City), but he proved a useful addition to Plymouth's squad as they reached the play offs in May 2016. Olejnik starred in goal in Exeter's 2 FA Cup ties with Liverpool. Rodman moved onto Grimsby and Gateshead before carving out a decent career at Newport (and I never thought such a thing was possible)! He starts 2016/7 at Notts County. His teammate, Ben Davies, starred for us at left back in 2013/4 and it seemed a strange move when he stepped down to non league, first to join Tranmere and then Southport on his return to Preston. In January 2016, he joined Newport on loan.

George Taft was a regular in Burton's defence as they won promotion to Division 1 in 2015. In May 2016, he joined Mansfield on a free transfer after an anterior cruciate injury sustained whilst on loan at Cambridge curtailed his 2015/6 season.

Like Olejnik, Shaq Coulthirst started in a televised FA Cup tie, shortly after his big money move from Spurs to Peterborough, he lead the forward line in a tie with WBA. However, in 19 games, it's fair to say he is still work in progress.

Not sure what to make of Chris Kettings. He left under a cloud 3 months into a season loan in November 2013. Released at the end of that season by Blackpool, he signed for Crystal Palace, then managed by his old boss, Ian Holloway. 2 years later, he was Palace's 4th choice keeper. The only first team action he saw was a loan spell at Bromley. Released in May, he joined Oldham in July. Likewise, Aaron McCarey, the Wolves loanee keeper who just pre dated Nick Pope. After his return to Wolves, further loan spells followed without establishing himself anywhere. Released in May 2016, he's since joined SPL side Ross County.

Should Have Done Better

Diego de Girolamo joined from Sheffield United in October 2014 and immediately found his striking form. His spells here were interrupted by 2 recalls and a contract stand off before he walked out and signed a loan deal at Northampton. It seemed like half the Premier League and most of the top flight Italian clubs (I seem to recall Juventus, Arsenal and Sunderland being mentioned) were chasing him. Transfer rumour came to nothing and he eventually signed a new 2 year contract with Sheffield United in July 2015. His 2015/6 season started badly, his attitude was questioned and an injury curtailed his game time, in fact he saw no first team football at all during the season and he was released a year early from his contract in June 2016. A little later, he signed a one year contract with Bristol City.

Midfielder, **Dan Kearns** had 2 months on loan from Peterborough in late 2012. He looked a prospect and I think we were all disappointed when he was recalled. Attempts to re-sign him came to nothing and he moved to Rotherham and Chesterfield on loan before signing a permanent deal with Carlisle. A little over a season later, he was released and returned to Eire with just 10 Carlisle appearances behind him.

On The Way Down

Curtis Obeng is probably the biggest disappointment, released by Swansea in 2015 and not heard of since. 2 veterans have encountered contrasting fortunes. **John McGrath's** career ended in 2013 following an injury received whilst playing for Alfreton. **Deon Burton**, now 39, whose York loan spell was ended by injury has since played for Eastleigh, Brackley and Worcester City where he was a semi regular in the 2015/6 season.

Michale Rankine and **Elliott Whitehouse**. Rankine continues to harass National League defenders, he's just finished a prolific season with Altrincham and will play for Guiseley in the 2016/7 season. Whitehouse starred in Nuneaton's midfield and earned his England C debut in June 2016.

Will Hayhurst (released by Notts County), **Arron Jameson** now keeping goal for Buxton) and **Josh O'Hanlon** (back on loan in his native Ireland) have all failed to make an impression. Ditto **Ryan Brobbel** and **Adam Reed**, who both returned to their native north east and lower level non league football. Brobbel ended the 2015/6 season with Welsh giants, The New Saints.

The just leaves **Richard Cresswell** and we all know what happened to him.

So What?

I recall last season when we played at Dagenham, their programme stated that about 9 of their intermediate side were out on loan with junior London clubs gaining first team football. We've done the same with a few of our juniors. That's why most of the names above came to York, to further their football education, some openly admitted that.

With 18 loanees in 2015/6, that's 48 short term signings in 4 league seasons. It shows we've got good contacts, but is not conducive to building a settled side, knowing each other's strengths and weaknesses and team bonding.

Jackie McNamara has said he'd rather promote his own young players rather than developing other club's youngsters. If that means a revamp of the youth programme and re-introduction of a viable reserve side, I'm all for it. At the same time, recognising the value of a few considered loan deals, such as season long loans or short term injury cover loans.

Secret London – Lost Grounds

This series is usually just one page long. I could write a page on London grounds where City have played that are no longer around. Highbury, Plough Lane, the old Den, old Wembley, Underhill, Hayes & Yeading's Church Road and Enfield's 1998 ground included. I could write another page on grounds in my own Harrow vicinity. Both the 2 senior most sides (Harrow Borough and Wealdstone FC) have lead nomadic existences, former grounds becoming superstores and primary schools. Even a page on cricket and MCC where Lords is now its in 3rd home.



I've often wondered why just one 1966 World Cup game was played at White City, home of the 1908 Olympics (photo above, look very carefully and you'll see the unique 536 metre athletics track and the outer banked cycle track. Infield the swimming and diving pools are visible). The site is now BBC offices, very close to the Television Centre where the 1908 finishing line is marked by a plaque. PS In 1966, Wembley apparently refused to cancel their regular Monday evening greyhound meeting for the World Cup.

Looking across London, a host of sizeable grounds have succumbed, football being devastated with the loss of large stadia at places like Romford, Hendon and Walthamstow, all formerly leading amateur clubs whose stadia held up to 25,000. Many London amateur clubs, fuelled by the old boy network regularly, played in front of 5 figure crowds. The 1960s FA Amateur Cup Final was often a 100,000 Wembley sell out. Pre 1961's abolition of the maximum wage, amateur teams were full of top class players, preferring to earn a wage outside football in an era where football's maximum wage was just £20 a week. Its abolition saw top amateurs turn pro to the detriment of the amateur game.

Grounds often hosted the likes of speedway and greyhound racing. Changing times, the decline of amateur football and the rise of the betting office were factors that reduced income leading to the demise of clubs and stadia. With the relentless growth of London, some grounds are forgotten, others have given their names and names of notable club figures to surrounding streets.

Further Reading: <http://www.derelictlondon.com/londons-long-lost-sports-grounds.html>

Just About Managing – Euro Championship

"It must have been a toss up between Jermaine Defoe, Andy Carroll and Marcus Rashford". *Harry Redknapp's take on the final striking position in Roy Hodgson's 26 man Euro squad. A 3 sided coin, hope its not another dodgy deal (19 May 2016).*

"It wasn't offside by design", *Glenn Hoddle, England v Portugal (June 2). So which strikers try deliberately to be offside?*

"Still nothing from Slovakia, here's a chance ... it's a goal", *Steve Wilson (BBC commentator, Wales v Slovakia (June 11))*

SOUTHGATE'S CV



■ **GARETH SOUTHGATE** helped England lift the title in the Under-21 tournament in Toulon last month.

■ The former defender has been in charge of the U21s since 2013. England failed to qualify from their group at last summer's Euros.

■ Southgate was relegated with Middlesbrough in 2009 and was sacked two months into the following season. That three-year stint remains the 45-year-old's only permanent club job to date.

"He blew before the (corner) kick ... if he saw it, that's a penalty". *Sam Matterface, ITV commentator displaying his understanding of the rules - Ireland v Eire (June 23)*

"There's no way the Czechs are getting back into this", *Vincent Kompany, seconds before they equalised against Croatia*

"Mini periodisation model approach", *the latest in training schedules between games*

Raheem Sterling tried to vote in the Euro referendum, but was turned away, he couldn't put a cross in the box

Is Wayne Rooney a midfielder? The new Paul Scholes? OK his long cross field passes usually find a wide full back and change the point of the attack, but there's no incision, no defence splitting pass. But he does share Scholes' trait of not being able to tackle!

The FA big wigs thought they had the next England manager sorted. Arsene Wenger, they believed he guaranteed a top 4 (or semi final spot) every time.

Glad he withdrew!

Free kick. Ref ambles across, waits for the ball to be spotted, marks the ball spot, strolls (have you noticed how his first step is always his biggest) 10 yards, points to where the line will be, waits for the defence to reluctantly retreat and sprays the line. Total time. One minute plus, sometime 2.

Burton St George's. After meeting up at Burton, the England squad base themselves in Manchester for about a week for the first 2 summer friendlies and then move onto Watford for the final friendly. What's the point of having all the hi tech equipment in Burton if its not used?

Scotland, the only home nation not at this year's European Championship, had plenty of time to listen to their favourite records, watch their favourite films or read a book, including:

- Alone Again Naturally
- Things Can Only Get Better
- Home Alone
- No Particular Place To Go

Suggestions for the England song book to the usual address



Albert Steptoe shows his dirty string vest and true colours

Had some Welsh fans come up to me after the Belgium game, suggesting as Belgium were ranked second in the world, the Welsh win made them the world number one. I quietened them down when I reminded them England beat Wales in the group stage which made England number one. Also, have you noticed how all the Welsh rugby fans have forgotten about rugby and Wales' 2 defeats against England this year and their drubbing in the summer series?

"Neuer is walking towards the goal, so is Buffon, I'm not sure who is taking the first penalty". Guy Mowbray not noticing Insigne, carrying the ball, walking right behind the pair of them.

Complaints about segregation at the England / Russia game. With each country receiving just 16% of the tickets, that means neutrals have more than 2 thirds of the ground and that's an open invitation for fans of the 2 countries to snap up extra tickets in "neutral" areas. UEFA, what a farce.

Musical City

March 2016. Brixton Academy. The Stranglers are headlining, playing their 3rd album, "Black and White" in full. Its followed by a greatest hits section, altogether lasting nearly 2 hours. Almost all of the old favourites got an airing, notable exceptions being London Lady and Dagenham Dave.



Jean-Jacques Brunel, seemed much shorter than I remembered. With his black, short sleeved shirt hanging outside his jeans, he had the persona and looked like the fun and kind Dad of your best friend.

Baz Warne wore the frenzied manic look of Wilko Johnson (and had as little hair). Dave Greenwood, still going strong, sporting a fetching pair of ankle high black, white trim, bootees, a cross between something your mum might wear and something more often worn on the golf course.



Not that I'm an expert, their kit certainly looked to be top of the range, certainly you don't see your average punk band with wireless guitars.

Support was provided by The Alarm. Fronted by Mike Peters, he and the band deserve far greater recognition than they've achieved. TBBM suggested they're as good as Bruce Springsteen, I could quite easily see what he meant, with powerful anthems and Mike Peters telling plenty of anecdotes. Go and see them soon, very soon.

I managed to fit in couple of comediennes at the 100 Club. Josie Long and Bridget Christie. Overheard on the way out of one Long gig, someone once said, "that's the worst comedian since I saw Ted Chippington over 20 years ago", which suggests she's essential listening. It was certainly top entertainment. Christie stuck to her usual routine which can't be bad.



In between there was another trip to the 100 Club to see Close Lobsters. Paisley's jangly guitar C86 heroes enjoyed a brief but much acclaimed career before breaking up. Reformed around 4 years ago, they're regulars on the summer festival circuit. The 100 Club is far more intimate and was packed for the occasion. Not sure why they were never top of my favs in 86, but having seen them, they are now.

The Westland Affair

Oh Trish, don't tell me its a one sided affair,
For the merest glimpse of your perfectly coiffured hair
Is driving me to distraction,
Causing a fatal attraction.

Framed in that tiny picture window of yours,
Gazing critically down on those restless queues
Of impatient journalists,
Spotty faced triallists,
And jumped up opportunists,
Those "I'm a distant cousin of Malcolm Huntington, you know"
Imposters, yet you don't fall for their deception though.

Do you? Oh Trish, look closer, see me stood alone,
Waiting patiently for my "City Hot Line" phone.
Plus my admission pass to the hallowed press box.
While you nod your head imperiously, stir those golden locks
Of yours, and hand me that sacred buff envelope.
Sealed with a loving kiss perhaps? One can but hope!

And when I take out my ticket and check it is seat D31.
A coded message perchance! And I turn back, but you are gone.
Your office window shut tight, your duty done.

OH TRISH, IS THIS REALLY ONLY A GAME?

Alan Glasby

Premier League Record? The last day of last season and the Man U / Bournemouth game is postponed (and that's another story). The game is re-arranged for 2 days later. Well done to The PL. The FA say FA Cup replays need 10 days to allow the police to organise themselves, so how does The PL take just 2 days? Also, the Hull / Arsenal replay was followed just 4 days later by the Arsenal / Watford tie. How come the police did the necessary in just 4 days? Maybe its time for The FA to admit they don't know what they're doing.

Quiz Time

An ever popular YCS feature is our annual quiz. Try our 2016 quiz. Answers at the back. Addicted? Read more at www.yorkcitysouth.co.uk/quiz.htm.

Round 1: Family Matters: There's a family connection in each question. One point for the surname and extra points for each first name (max 30 points).
1. He managed City's Wembley double winning side, his father played in all 4 divisions for Northampton
2. One of City's Wembley double winners, his father was a European Cup winner
3. Father and son who played up front for City in the 1970s and 1980s
4. Striking brothers of the 1980s with Italian parentage
5. Centre back father and son of the last 25 years who both played for City
6. Legendary City striker of the 1960s and early 1970s. His grandson is now at Blackpool, formerly of Hull and Tranmere
7. City reserve striker of the 1960s, his son was an England international and grandson plays for Leicester (and has played against City for Hartlepool)
8. A City and Welsh Under 23 keeper of the 1960s, he later managed 2 Premier League sides and saw his son play in goal for Spurs and England
9. 2015/6 season City midfielder. His father was a midfielder and is now a coach, formerly with Burton and now at Birmingham.
10. City midfielder in the Bird / Ward days, his brother was a title winner with Everton and full England international

Round 2: The First Time: Which came first? One point for the earlier event, an extra point if you name the year (or one year either side) (max 20 points).
1. A) YCS POY trophy presented in a south London hotel B) YCS POY trophy presented on the pitch at Watford
2. A) City gain promotion for the first time B) City reach the FA Cup semi final
3. A) David Longhurst Stand opened B) Main Stand extended down to touch line level, replacing old the standing enclosure
4. A) Denis Smith joins City B) Keith Walwyn joins City
5. A) Liverpool visit Bootham Crescent for the first time B) Manchester United visit Bootham Crescent for the first time
6. A) Shakin Stevens stars in a rock n roll revival concert at Bootham

	Crescent B) First Yorkshire Evening Press hosted Bonfire Night fireworks display
7.	A) City play at West Ham's Upton Park for the first time B) City play at Wembley for the first time
8.	A) City's first trip to play on The Isle Of Wight B) City's first trip to play in Dublin
9.	A) City's first visit to Canvey Island B) City's first visit to St Albans
10.	A) City's record win (9-1 v Southport) B) City's record defeat (12-0 Chester)

Round 3: The Numbers Game: 2 points for each correct number. Numbers are in ascending order (max 20 points).

1.	Number of seasons that City have reached the semi final of the FA Cup
2.	Number of times Nigel Pepper was sent off when playing against Darlington during the 1990/1 season
3.	Number of times City have played at Wembley
4.	Number of consecutive league games City kept a clean sheet in autumn 1973 thereby equalling a long standing Football League record
5.	Most away wins in a league season
6.	The most clean sheets in a league season
7.	Number of successive penalties scored by both teams in City's FA Trophy penalty shoot out success against Kidderminster in February 2009
8.	Highest numbered shirt ever worn by a City player
9.	Most points City have gained in a season
10.	Number of City appearances made by Barry Jackson, City's record appearance holder

Tie Break:

What's the biggest crowd to see a City game during the 2015/6 season

Hey Ho Let's Go: Pity he didn't make more of his time with City, maybe he should have used his middle name, Stefan Ramone O'Connor

Chester's Goal Deluge – Not A One Sided Game

That is how a Chester paper saw their record win (and City's record defeat) on February 1, 1936. By all accounts, we weren't that bad!

Chester were in joyous mood on Saturday. On a ground that was ankle deep in mud they scored twelve goals without a solitary response from York. Chester were not only captivating, and irresistible, and might easily have scored sixteen.

Chester hit the high spots with a vengeance. In beating York City 12-0, they revealed forward brilliance the likes of which I have not seen since they routed Fulham some years ago. That they piled up a dozen goals was not due to the poorness of York, but because there was no stopping Chester once they had taken the first goal in 3 minutes. This was one of those days (rare indeed this season) when everything went right, but we must give credit to the forwards for an unmatchable display of speed and purposefulness. York were powerless to resist the steady flow of goals and were it not for the barren 20 minutes between the ninth and tenth goals I shudder to think of what the final score might have been. The players were constantly urged to go all out for the record fourteen goals and I felt that such a record would have been achieved but for a little human element which had as its aim a goal to Hughes.

Hughes Without A Goal

Twelve you would think would be goals enough for all the forwards, and with an odd one or two for the half backs, but curiously enough not one of them was credited to Hughes although he did his utmost to share in the bean feast. This was a treat in which every forward must share, but Hughes was denied that share, at least in the form of a goal. Yet I doubt whether I ever saw a better display from any inside forward and with magnificent passes to either wings he was primarily responsible for the glut of goals to Chester. This was forward work of the highest order, fast, open, with the ball always in front, and with everyone intent on getting the ball into the net. That such football could be played on a ground ankle deep in mud was amazing and I say again that Chester might easily have equalled the record.

Regret Of The Absentees

Up to noon there had been a doubt as to whether the match would be played and probably accounted for the small crowd of 4,000. Later, I met scores of people who bitterly regretted that they were not present to see the goal scoring orgy for such it was. The amazing thing about the game was that

although the dozen goals fell to one side, it was never exactly one sided. It was just that there was an uncommon certitude about Chester's forward work, and a corresponding lack of method, more than of resource, on the part of the York defenders. With Chester it was a case of "shoot often and you must get a goal some time". In reality they scored when they wanted to. Goals came so easily that York players smiled at their own discomfiture and the goalkeeper (he was not exactly brilliant) was the only perturbed player on the pitch.

Great Triumph For Wrightson

For Wrightson, playing his first home match as a first time centre forward the games was something of a personal triumph for in addition to 4 grand goals he imparted into his game any amount of intelligence, making as many goals as he scored. The game must too have been a tonic for Sargeant, who was clearer in his ideas than at any other time this season. Like Wrightson, he scored 4 and provided many more. Horsman, of course, put up an unforgettable display, for 90 minutes he did just as he liked and did it well. Why one might ask did Chester all of a sudden strike such form? The answer is simple and is just that at the moment Chester have 2 of the cleverest inside forwards in football. Cresswell never played better, and to say that Hughes is positively brilliant is not to exaggerate a fact. It was because Cresswell and Hughes kept the ball moving from wing to wing that the gaps in the York defence were laid bare. The result was that when the line began to move, the defenders were running to and fro without catching sight of the ball. and very often this superlative football showed 5 Chester men working the ball without an opponent once making contact. At all times York were powerless to resist the sweeping power of this forward dazzle.

What A Goal Rush!

The first goal came about when Cresswell drove a centre from Horsman into goal and Wilson was able to make only a partial clearance. SARGEANT came tearing in on goal and scored with ease. Almost immediately York might have equalised for when Hall miskicked, Speed was left with only Middleton to beat. Fortunately, he could not get hold of the ball properly and Middleton was not even troubled. A second goal to Chester was in the making as soon as Howarth and Cresswell began to explore an avenue for Sargeant. His centre was of requisite length, and HORSMAN was able to head a sweet goal. The ball had barely been centred before Chester were a third goal to the good. WRIGHTSON pouncing on a through pass from Cresswell and scoring with a tremendous shot taken on the run. The fourth goal was a result of a picture header by CRESSWELL who had run over from the right to intercept a centre from Horsman. SARGEANT shot a fifth goal after Wilson had parried a shot

from Hughes and in this way Chester completed a sensational "nap" hand of goals. Chester might have excusably slackened speed, but they were now goal thirsty and WRIGHTSON, with a perfect header from a ball by Horsman, took the total to six. When HORSMAN added to the score the goal was due entirely to a goalkeeping blunder. Wilson turning the ball into the net when the winger could hardly have hoped for a goal. Still, the Chester players and crowd were elated, and their enthusiasm knew no bounds when just on half time SARGEANT took the score to 8.

Four To Come

During the interval there was much speculation about the possibility of Chester establishing a League record, and there was cause for hoping so when WRIGHTSON scored as soon as the second half was resumed. The centre forward was certainly making the most of his chances, even if, a little later, he smacked the crossbar and walloped the post. After the ninth goal there was a lull in the scoring for 20 minutes. Then CRESSWELL put on the tenth goal. Could Chester put on 4 more goals and beat the record held by Stockport and Tranmere? The crowd urged the players to attempt it. The eleventh goal was credited to SARGEANT five minutes from the end and two minutes WRIGHTSON brought his own contribution to 4 when he scored with a magnificent header from Sargeant's centre. Only once in the second half did York threaten to take a consolation point. Middleton making a superb save when Speed was clean through the defence.

The size of Chester's win constituted a record for the club, and actually beats the League record, seeing that both Stockport and Tranmere conceded goals while Chester kept their slate clean.

CHESTER: Middleton; Common, Hall; Wharton, Wilson, Howarth; Horsman, Hughes, Wrightson, Cresswell, Sargeant.

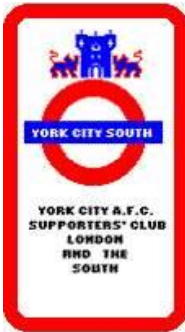
YORK: Wilson; Fox, Legge; Lawie, Wass, Hathway; Green, Routledge, Speed, Lindsay, Spooner.

REFEREE: Mr G T Davies (Bury).

Goals: Sargeant (4 (3, 22, 43, 85 mins)), Wrightson (4 (7, 36, 49, 87 mins)), Horsman (2 (5 & 39 mins)) and Cresswell (2 (14 & 72 mins))

Footnote: The River Dee burst its banks 3 days before the game. The pitch was under a foot of water. The fire brigade pumped off the water, reports stated the game was played with 6 inches of mud on the pitch. Both Chester wingers, running down relatively mud free touchlines had field days, their crosses providing the openings for many of the goals. Match reports all stress how well Chester played, the exciting football while City got bogged down in the conditions. Reports vary as to how well City played. Some say they played reasonably well but were just overpowered, others aren't as complimentary.

YCS Update



First of all, a mention for Derek Feasby, our new chair. He succeeds Joel Stern who stepped down in May due to family commitments in May. No doubt, we'll see both at plenty of games during the season. Also congrats to Rebecca and Joel on the birth of their second son and what a name he's got.

Members, having enjoyed a day at Lords in September 2015, in which we didn't lose a wicket on the way to being crowned champions, fared less well in July at The Oval. A promising Yorkshire start was interrupted and then curtailed by heavy rain.

We've plenty of social events lined up for the new season, including our Christmas party, family strife at the darts and head scratching at the quiz.

Watch out for other ad hoc events throughout the season and next summer, including gigs and watching Yorkshire CCC in London.

Check our website for more details or email YCFCS@hotmail.co.uk for more details.

Alternatively, look out for our new flag at many away games and come and say hello.

Most London events are held at [The Sheephaven Arms](#), 2-3 Mornington Street, Camden, NW1 7QD, a 2 minute walk from Mornington Crescent tube in down town Camden.

Added benefits include car shares to home and away games plus meeting up before games.

Please check our website <http://www.yorkcitysouth.co.uk/> for further details nearer the time.

We're taking membership for this season and next. Branch membership is open to all living south of York, just £10 a year (concessions and life membership available). Email goodearlay@yahoo.com for further details.site.

Don't know enough about the rights and wrongs of York City Knight's near demise to know where to apportion blame, but to any outsider, it can't look right that a side going well suddenly had nowhere to play. If I knew nothing, I'd think YCFC have refused permission for YCK to play at BC and be ignorant of the council agreement. Well done to all parties for sorting out the mess.

Sunday, Muddy Sunday

*From the **new frontiers** archive. Enjoy.*

Everyone has seen them, men in small groups, huddled together on street corners on a Sunday morning, kit bags by their side, waiting for a dodgy looking van to turn up. Amateur soccer is the only place where a broken down builders van beats a smart sports car. The van can transport the whole team, a sports car won't even transport the back four!

Across the nation, throughout the winter, its the Sunday League football ritual.

What does the kit bag contain? Anyone who has ever played soccer will know that most of the items are not strictly necessary to play football. Sunday newspapers, a Snickers bar (for breakfast), lucozade (hangover cure) and, probably, the remains of last night's takeaway. Latecomers will always offer tales of 15 pints, the girl they took home from the disco or the all night party as being the reason for their lateness. Never, an alarm failing to go off.

The pre match build up begins with 8 teams crammed into council changing rooms. Tactics are rarely discussed, if they are, its how the 9 men who turned will cope and what's happened to the missing ones. A well organised team should announce an 18 man squad and never name their team beforehand. Would you turn up if you knew you were only selected as substitute. No. So name a squad and then select a side from the ones who turn up.

20 minutes into the game and you are 2 down, one of your missing players turns up, its 4-0 at half time, a couple of the team are struggling, too much to drink last night. Half time is a chance for those struggling players to get their breath back, and have a quick cigarette, and for you to illicitly recruit that dubious person standing on the touchline. One of your players is bound to have bought a spare pair of boots, unfortunately, they are a couple of sizes too big for your new recruit. Using an assumed name, he plays a blinder, shoring up the defence and scoring twice at set pieces.

After the game, you ask if he would like a game every week. He can't, he has to visit his gran every Sunday, today she just happens to be on holiday.

On the pitch, it is more important to look and sound the part. "Offside, ref", "man on", "time", "space", "press the ball" and "sort it out midfield", all shouted with authority will all do the trick.

Fitness is useful, but not essential, although the ability to stand up does help. I once saw an amazing goal scored when a forward lobbed the ball over the defence into an unguarded goal. The keeper was behind the posts throwing up at the time.

TOP EXCUSES FOR NOT TURNING UP

1. My in laws are down
2. The alarm never went off
3. I couldn't find my boots
4. My vasectomy stitches came undone
5. My shirt hadn't been washed
6. My car was pinched
7. My dog died / the dog chewed my boots up
8. I was on my honeymoon
9. Couldn't get 5 into the back of Phil's Triumph Spitfire
10. I had to dig the garden
11. The missus wanted to go to MFI
12. I thought we were at home
13. I had to take junior to drama class
14. I was at a wedding in John O'Groats
15. My wife / girlfriend left me
16. I thought Fred was picking me up, not me picking him up
17. I had to clean the budgie's cage out
18. My groin strain was playing up again
19. Didn't want to get my new perm wet
20. I couldn't be bothered to get up

Elsewhere, astonishing transformations are taking place. Mild mannered accountants become demented Vinny Jones like midfield psychos. Sunday morning football being an equal opportunities sport where some usual disabilities become advantages. Beer guts are seen as an extra advantage in cushioning the ball, baldness imparts extra spin onto a glancing header.

Unfit players get plenty of opportunities to get their breath back as shots rain over the bar, and the keeper slowly jogs the 100 yards to retrieve the ball from a bunch of stinging nettles. And returns even slower. Adjoining soccer pitches, rivers, nearby gardens and railway lines all exist to slow the game down.

All the action is watched eagerly from the touchline by an OAP, his dog and various wives and girlfriends. The OAP bemoans failing standards, the dog is the fastest living creature in the vicinity of the pitch. Wives and girlfriends are excused from touchline duties after they have known their man for 6 weeks.

The referee's plight is well known. One local ref, a big City supporter, let's call him Ray W was once arrested on his way to ref a game. He rode into the Strensall army barracks without stopping, was chased by soldiers and arrested.

I'm always surprised by how few people watch such games. After all, they are far more entertaining than professional football. When was the last time you saw a Premiership game end in a 9-5 result? Dodgy football, and even dodgier refereeing decisions being largely

responsible. Anyone stood on the touchline is liable to be press ganged into becoming referee for a morning. Each side provides a linesman. The referee's ignorance of the offside rule, coupled with defenders too slow to move forward at anything more than walking pace have all but eliminated offside from the local amateur game.

The last hurdle of the game to be overcome is the after match communal shower. Most park authorities struggle to provide more than 2 working showers, hence a queue of players waiting for a shower. When they reach the front of the queue, they are greeted with a set of special controls which provide either an Arctic ice flow or a volcanic geyser of boiling hot water.

The final match day ritual is the pub analysis over a few pints of beer (shandy is permissible, after all, we are talking about highly tuned sportsmen here) and crisps. The alcohol will rectify any weight loss and help to convince you that your side should have won, and will definitely win next weekend.

<u>West London – Division 2 – Latest Results</u>			
A3 Milan	6	4	CK Bluventus FC (1)
Crouch End Vampires	0	7	Who Dares Wednesday
Haddock Split	2	13	Norfolk Enchance
Homerton Academicals	4	5	Old Fallopians Ladies FC
Imaginary Madrid	0	6	AFC Bacon Sandwich
Inter The Valley	6	0	Inter The Groove
Mathematico Madrid	17	2	Borussia Munchenflapjack
Pitz Takers	3	3	Pity Me FC
PSV Boom Boom	5	2	JCB Eindhoven
PSV Hangover	4	9	Amanda De Cadanet FC (2)
Real Ale Madrid	2	3	Real Madras
Rhyl Madrid	5	5	Red Stripe Belgravia

- (1) CK = Club Karaoke (Saturday evening training venue) , Blu, drink in Blue Anchor, (Ju)ventus who also wear black/white strips
- (2) Players only eligible if they say they've scored with Amanda

Football League Re-structure

So once again this summer there has been talk of a FL restructure. This time expanding the 72 teams (3 leagues of 24) into 80 (4 leagues of 20). If we go purely on league position (and I wouldn't hold my breath), it would mean an extra 24 teams being relegated to seamlessly move to the new format. That's in addition to the usual relegation of 9 teams every season.

Will that happen? Its got 2 chances, slim and none. 24 clubs voting to cut their central funding by playing in a lower league. All clubs voting for 2 fewer home games a season. It will never happen.

The driver is an apparent move to reduce fixture congestion and the number of mid week games. However, for the majority of clubs, fixture congestion doesn't seem to be a major issue.

Clubs might be better advised to play through the international break and to increase the quota of home grown players in their squads. They'd probably also benefit from a cheaper squad. If the Championship clubs really want to keep their international breaks, then they should go back to 22 clubs as in the pre Premier League years, thereby losing just 2 home games and 4 fixtures a season.

If it was 3 up and down in a 20 team new world, that would mean every season, a higher percentage (30%) of new teams in each division every season, more than currently in any of the top 5 divisions. Whilst giving more scope for a club to rise quickly, more importantly, it would make it easier for teams to quickly fall from grace, possibly negating the need for long term planning and all the turmoil that might bring as clubs splash the cash to maintain (or improve) their status.

There was once talk of the FL reducing in numbers through natural wastage (think Aldershot and Maidstone) but over the years, with football money seemingly growing on trees, that never happened, especially now we have the non league scene encompassing so many full time professional clubs all pressing for the big time.

Not Sour Grapes

Over the years, as non league football has become more professional, I've increasingly thought (even before this April) that the FL should be expanded to include what we now know as The National League, after all its populated by professional clubs, with a few more existing below it. The gulf between FL and National League is possibly the biggest between any in the professional game and with just 2 teams being promoted, the hardest to bridge.

Hold The Back Page

<p>QUIZ (Page 18-19): Answers: <u>Round 1</u>: 1. Mills. Gary & Roly (Roland); 2. Blair. Matt & Andy; 3. Butler. Ian & Martin; 4. Gabbiadini. Marco & Ricardo; 5. Swan. Peter & George; 6. Aimson. Paul & Will; 7. Barmby. Jeff, Nick & Jack; 8. Walker. Mike & Ian; 9. Summerfield. Luke & Kevin; 10. Reid. Shaun & Peter. <u>Round 2</u>: 1. B) 1997 (Andy Mc) / 1999 (Cresswell); 2. B) 1955 / 1958; 3. A) 1991 / 1994; 4. B) 1981 / 1982; 5. B) 1974 (MU) / 1975 (L); 6. A) 1979 / 1982; 7. B) 1993 / 1999; 8. B) 1955 / 1992; 9. A) 2005 / 2006; 10. B) 1936 / 1957. <u>Round 3</u>: 1. 1; 2. 3; 3. 5; 4. 11; 5. 13 (1983/4 & 2006/7); 6. 22 (2013/4); 7. 25; 8. 39 (Hyde); 9. 101; 10. 539. <u>Tie Break</u>: 13,616 (Portsmouth 24/11/2015)</p>
<p>It would be remiss not to wish Sophie McGill all the best in the future outside the club. She was always supportive of YCS, being an insightful guest speaker on 2 occasions. Here's hoping to see you cheering on many City away wins in the near future. Thank you.</p>
<p>Equally, best wishes to Andy McMillan. Only Barry Jackson and Chris Topping played more times for City. Some might rank him City's best ever right back. Best wishes for the future.</p>
<p>Search "Final Third Development" or "Football League Youth Alliance" to find more on reserve and Under 18 football, including regular newsletter / tables</p>
<p>Thanks to everyone who has helped to put this issue together, including contributors Fez, Phillo, Si, Dave, Alan, Kristy, Billy P, Ray and Sam</p>
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