

= 2014 ? 15 York City F.C. season =

The 2014 ? 15 season was the 93rd season of competitive association football and 78th season in the Football League played by York City Football Club , a professional football club based in York , North Yorkshire , England . Their seventh @-@ place finish in 2013 ? 14 and loss to Fleetwood Town in the play @-@ offs meant it was their third successive season in League Two . The season ran from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 .

Nigel Worthington made eight signings in his second summer transfer window as York manager . With the team only one place above the relegation zone by mid @-@ October 2014 , Worthington resigned and was replaced by former Scunthorpe United manager Russ Wilcox . After a six @-@ match unbeaten run from late @-@ March to mid @-@ April 2015 , York ensured survival from relegation before finishing in 18th @-@ position in the 24 @-@ team 2014 ? 15 League Two . York were knocked out of the 2014 ? 15 FA Cup , League Cup and Football League Trophy in their opening round matches .

32 players made at least one appearance in nationally organised first @-@ team competition , and there were 13 different goalscorers . Defender Keith Lowe missed only one of the 50 first @-@ team matches over the season . Jake Hyde finished as leading scorer with 10 goals , of which nine came in league competition and one came in the FA Cup . The winner of the Clubman of the Year award , voted for by the club 's supporters , was Lowe .

= = Background and pre @-@ season = =

The 2013 ? 14 season was Nigel Worthington 's first full season as manager of York City , after leading the team to safety from relegation in 2012 ? 13 following his appointment in March 2013 . Having only been above the relegation zone on goal difference come the start of 2014 , the team went on a 17 @-@ match unbeaten run from February onwards . This saw York reach the play @-@ offs with a seventh @-@ place finish in the 2013 ? 14 Football League Two table . York were beaten 1 ? 0 on aggregate by Fleetwood Town in the play @-@ off semi @-@ final , the decisive goal being scored by former York player Matty Blair at Bootham Crescent in the first leg .

After 2013 ? 14 ended York released Tom Allan , Calvin Andrew , Chris Dickinson , Shaq McDonald , Sander Puri and Adam Reed , with David McGurk retiring from professional football . Ryan Bowman and Lanre Oyebanjo left the club to sign for Torquay United and Crawley Town respectively , but Michael Coulson signed a new contract . Worthington made eight signings before the season kicked @-@ off , those being goalkeeper Jason Mooney from Tranmere Rovers , defenders Femi Ilesanmi from Dagenham & Redbridge , Marvin McCoy from Wycombe Wanderers and Dave Winfield from Shrewsbury Town , midfielders Lindon Meikle from Mansfield Town , Anthony Straker from Southend United and Luke Summerfield from Shrewsbury , and striker Jake Hyde from Barnet .

New home and away kits were brought in for the first time in two years . The home kit included red shirts with a white collar and white trims on the sleeves , white shorts and red socks . The away kit comprised light blue shirts with a white collar , a white double @-@ chevron decoration at the top and white sleeves , light blue shirts and light blue socks . Benenden Health continued as shirt sponsors for the third successive season .

= = Review = =

= = August = =

York started the season by playing away to Tranmere Rovers , who were new to League Two after being relegated from League One after 2013 ? 14 . Keith Lowe gave York the lead with a header from Meikle 's corner in the 67th @-@ minute , before Tranmere equalised through James Rowe in stoppage time as the match ended a 1 ? 1 draw . This was followed by a 1 ? 0 home defeat to

Doncaster Rovers in the first round of the League Cup , after Harry Forrester scored for the League One side in stoppage time . Hyde scored from a Straker corner on his debut to give York the lead over Northampton Town in a home match , before the visitors made the score 1 ? 1 in the 90th @-@ minute from a Marc Richards free kick . Cambridge United took a two @-@ goal lead at York , before Hyde scored a header shortly before half time and Wes Fletcher scored a penalty in the 83rd @-@ minute , seeing the match end a 2 ? 2 draw . York then played away to Exeter City , who were also without a win this season , and drew 1 ? 1 ; Exeter took the lead in the 8th @-@ minute before Lowe equalised with a header from a Summerfield corner in the 82nd @-@ minute . August ended with a fifth successive league draw after York were held 0 ? 0 at home by Wycombe Wanderers , who had won three of their first four league matches .

= = = September = = =

York were knocked out of the Football League Trophy in the first round after being beaten 2 ? 0 away by Barnsley , with the League One team scoring twice in the second half . Their first win of the season came after beating Stevenage 3 ? 2 away . Coulson and Fletcher scored in the first half for York before Stevenage levelled the score after the break , and Fletcher scored the winning goal with a 75th @-@ minute penalty . This was followed by York 's first league defeat of the season , losing 2 ? 0 away to league leaders Burton Albion . Goalkeeper Michael Ingham made four excellent saves in York 's 0 ? 0 draw at home to Luton Town . Danny Parslow was loaned to Conference Premier club Grimsby Town for one month , having failed to appear in the team after recovering from a long @-@ term injury . York played Southend United at home , who took the lead early in the first half before Russell Penn equalised in first half stoppage time . The visitors scored twice during the second half before Winfield scored a consolation goal in the 85th @-@ minute , seeing the match finish a 3 ? 2 defeat . York lost the second match in succession for the first time in 2014 ? 15 after being beaten 2 ? 0 away to Dagenham & Redbridge , the home team scoring in each half through Joss Labadie . Striker Ryan Brunt was signed on a one @-@ month loan from Conference Premier club Bristol Rovers , with York 's existing strikers having failed to score in five of the last seven matches .

= = = October = = =

York 's run of two straight losses ended after drawing 0 ? 0 at home to Portsmouth , in which Brunt missed a header from four yards in the third @-@ minute of stoppage time . Sheffield United 's 19 @-@ year @-@ old striker Diego De Girolamo , an Italy under @-@ 20 international , joined on a one @-@ month youth loan as a result of injuries to Coulson , Fletcher and Hyde . De Girolamo scored seven minutes into his debut away at Newport County with a low finish , but after Penn was sent off for a second bookable offence the home team scored three goals in the second half , York losing the match 3 ? 1 . With York one place above the relegation zone Worthington resigned as manager , and was quoted saying " In recent weeks , performances have not been up to my high standards and I take full responsibility for this " . Steve Torpey , who was Worthington 's assistant manager , took over as caretaker manager before Russ Wilcox was appointed as manager two days after Worthington 's departure . Wilcox had been sacked as Scunthorpe United manager a week earlier with them second from bottom in the League One table , having led them to promotion the previous season as League Two runners @-@ up .

Wilcox 's first match in charge was a 1 ? 0 home defeat to Shrewsbury Town , who scored their goal in the 87th @-@ minute through James Collins , and this result saw York move into the relegation zone in 23rd place . Coulson gave York a 77th @-@ minute lead away to Morecambe with a low shot from the edge of the penalty area , before the home side equalised in stoppage time . Former Australia under @-@ 20 goalkeeper Alex Cisak was signed on a one @-@ month loan from Premier League club Burnley . He debuted in York 's 1 ? 1 home draw with Mansfield Town , in which York took the lead in the 20th @-@ minute when De Girolamo turned and scored from close range having been set up by a Penn cross , before the away team equalised during the second half

through Daniel Carr . Former Jamaica international striker Deon Burton , who played under Wilcox at Scunthorpe , was signed from the Lincolnshire club on a one @-@ month loan .

= = = November = = =

York recorded their first victory since early @-@ September 2014 after winning 1 ? 0 away against Cheltenham Town , De Girolamo scoring from a Coulson pass in the 43rd @-@ minute . De Girolamo was recalled early from his loan spell by Sheffield United as they wanted him for their two upcoming cup fixtures , after he had scored three times in four York matches . Bournemouth 's Guadeloupe international defender Stéphane Zubar joined on loan until 4 January 2015 , with Parslow being loaned back to Grimsby until the same date . York drew 1 ? 1 at home with their divisional rivals AFC Wimbledon in the first round of the FA Cup ; Hyde gave York the lead in the 8th @-@ minute after scoring from Coulson 's low cross , before Andy Frampton equalised for the away team on 22 @-@ minutes . Burton was ruled out for two to three months with a medial ligament injury suffered in this match , resulting in his loan at the club being curtailed . York signed 19 @-@ year @-@ old Middlesbrough defender Brad Halliday on a one @-@ month loan as cover and competition for McCoy . Fellow strugglers Oxford United won 1 ? 0 at York , James Roberts scoring from three yards after Danny Hylton flicked on a Brian Howard corner in the 35th @-@ minute , and Wilcox surmised the result saying " The lads are working as hard as they possibly can but I 'm just looking for a little bit more now " .

York were knocked out of the FA Cup after losing 3 ? 1 away to AFC Wimbledon in a first round replay ; after Fletcher had given York a fifth @-@ minute lead with a 30 yard volley the home side scored three times in the second half . In York 's 3 ? 1 away win over bottom @-@ placed Hartlepool United the home team took the lead through Scott Fenwick in the first half , before Lowe scored two headers in the space of two minutes and Hyde scored with a shot from outside the penalty area in the second half . Cisak 's loan was extended , having conceded just three goals in four appearances , while De Girolamo rejoined on a second youth loan , both until 4 January 2015 . Striker Carlton Morris joined on a youth loan from Norwich City until 4 January 2015 , after scoring once in 10 appearances while on loan with League Two rivals Oxford earlier in the season . Hyde scored in the fourth @-@ minute of stoppage time to give York a 1 ? 1 draw away to Plymouth Argyle ; his goal came after reacting first to goalkeeper Luke McCormick 's parry of De Girolamo 's header .

= = = December = = =

York 's first fixture of the month was a 3 ? 2 home defeat to AFC Wimbledon , who had not won away since mid @-@ August 2014 , and they took the lead in the first half with a Jake Goodman goal . During the second half De Girolamo equalised with a 15 yard shot , and AFC Wimbledon scored two goals in quick succession through Sean Rigg and Matt Tubbs , before Zubar scored for York from a few yards out to finish the scoring . Halliday made his senior debut in this match , and was named man of the match with an impressive performance at right @-@ back , before his loan was extended until 17 January 2015 . Cameron Murray was loaned to Northern Premier League Premier Division club Frickley Athletic , where he made only one start during a one @-@ month period . York went 2 ? 0 down after 62 minutes when playing away against Bury , but fought back to draw 2 ? 2 with Hyde scoring a header from a Coulson cross before Summerfield equalised with a 20 yard free kick . York achieved their first home win of the season by beating Accrington Stanley 1 ? 0 , meaning the club record of most home consecutive matches without a win , set at 14 in 1981 ? 82 , was not equalled . The winning goal was scored in the 35th @-@ minute by Lowe with a header from Coulson 's cross . This was followed by a 3 ? 0 away victory over Carlisle United , marking the first time York had achieved successive wins in 2014 ? 15 . Josh Carson scored shortly before half @-@ time from Fletcher 's flick on , and in the second half Summerfield scored with a curling shot from 20 yards before Coulson shot into the top corner .

== January ==

York 's first result of 2015 was a 0 ? 0 home draw with Plymouth , and despite playing 70 minutes with 10 men after Zubar was sent off the team created a number of chances . Cisak was recalled by Burnley after his loan expired and York replaced him with Peterborough United 's former Austria under @-@ 21 international goalkeeper Bobby Olejnik , who joined on loan for the rest of the season . After De Girolamo 's loan expired Sheffield United wanted to strengthen their striking options before considering letting him return to York . Morris ' loan was extended for a second month after making four substitute appearances for York , and Parslow had his loan at Grimsby extended to the end of the season . York were beaten 1 ? 0 away to league leaders Wycombe and Olejnik made a number of saves on his debut to keep the team in the match . Zubar 's loan was extended until the end of the season ahead of him starting a four @-@ match suspension , before Jarvis was loaned to Conference Premier club Aldershot Town for the rest of the season having not played for York since October 2014 .

Halliday 's loan was extended for the rest of the season ahead of his return from a three @-@ match suspension , having establish himself at right @-@ back ahead of McCoy before his sending off against Accrington . Having made only five appearances for York Mooney was loaned to Conference Premier side Alfreton Town for the rest of the season . York entered their home match against Stevenage with the visitors on a five @-@ match unbeaten run , and lost 2 ? 0 with the away team scoring in each half . Striker Emile Sinclair was signed on a one @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half @-@ year contract after having his contract at Northampton cancelled , where he had fallen down the pecking order . Walsall 's Malvind Benning was signed on a one @-@ month loan to provide competition for Ilesanmi at left @-@ back . Sinclair scored in the 70th @-@ minute of his debut against Burton with a close range finish , before the away team equalised late in the match through Adam McGurk . Straker joined Scottish Premiership team Motherwell on loan for the rest of the season having played infrequently under Wilcox . York created a number of chances away to Southend before losing 1 ? 0 , Shaq Coulthirst scoring an 88th @-@ minute penalty .

== February ==

Murray 's contract was cancelled to allow him to join Northern Premier League Division One North club Scarborough Athletic . York dropped into the relegation zone in 23rd place after being beaten 2 ? 0 at home by fellow strugglers Dagenham & Redbridge , who scored in each half through Jamie Cureton . Having only made appearances as a substitute during two months with York , Morris returned to Norwich after his loan expired . York took a 2 ? 0 lead away at Luton , Carson and Sinclair scoring within five minutes of each other early in the second half . However , Hyde was sent off for a tackle on Nathan Doyle before Mark Cullen scored twice for Luton , the match finishing a 2 ? 2 draw . Winfield , who had made only five appearances for York , signed for AFC Wimbledon on a one @-@ month loan . York moved out of the relegation zone and above their opponents Tranmere after a 2 ? 0 home victory , which was the team 's first win in eight matches . Fletcher scored both goals in each half , the first coming after he met Halliday 's low cross at the back post and the second came after collecting Coulson 's pass , cutting inside and shooting into the far corner .

De Girolamo returned to York for a third youth loan spell , this time for the rest of the season , with Wilcox commenting that " it is great to get a player of his calibre back in the building " . York dropped to within a point of the relegation zone after losing 3 ? 0 away to Northampton , the home team taking the lead in the fourth @-@ minute through Chris Hackett . Brendan Moloney scored their second goal shortly after half @-@ time , and after Olejnik saved a Marc Richards penalty Northampton finished the scoring through Ivan Toney . York were held by Exeter to a 0 ? 0 draw at home , and stayed above the relegation zone on goal difference .

== March ==

York moved two points above the relegation zone with a 3 ? 0 away win over Cambridge , Fletcher

giving York the lead on 43 @-@ minutes after collecting a loose ball on the edge of the penalty area and scoring with a powerful shot . Coulson scored soon after the second half began when his deep cross dropped into the far corner of the goal , and Hyde finished the scoring in the 55th @-@ minute when diverting Fletcher 's shot from inside the six @-@ yard box . York went behind away to AFC Wimbledon when Deji Oshilaja scored a header in the 19th @-@ minute , before Hyde scored an equaliser after goalkeeper Joe McDonnell dropped Sinclair 's cross in the 43rd @-@ minute . However , Jack Smith scored the winning goal for the home team with a volley in the 90th @-@ minute , meaning the match ended in a 2 ? 1 win for AFC Wimbledon . Shaq Coulthirst , who scored Southend 's winning goal against York in January , joined on loan from Tottenham Hotspur for the rest of the season , after Fletcher was ruled out for six weeks with a hamstring injury . York drew 0 ? 0 at home to relegation rivals Carlisle , and the team 's best chances came in the 74th @-@ minute when Coulson and Sinclair had shots cleared off the line . Having made nine appearances for York , Benning was recalled by Walsall due to an injury to Andy Taylor . Tom Soares scored early as York were beaten 1 ? 0 at home by Bury , resulting in the team only being above the relegation zone on goal difference .

De Girolamo left York to join League Two rivals Northampton on loan for the rest of the season , explaining that " Northampton play attractive football and express myself by getting on the ball a lot " . Winfield was recalled from his loan at AFC Wimbledon , having made seven appearances for them , after Zubar injured his thigh during the Bury match . Richard Cresswell was appointed as Wilcox 's first team coach , having previously held a consultancy role at the club since April 2014 . York were held to a 2 ? 2 draw away to Accrington ; after Summerfield gave York the lead with a deflected 20 yard shot in the 63rd @-@ minute , Sean Maguire equalised after pouncing on a loose ball 6 minutes later . In the 76th @-@ minute Hyde put York back in the lead with a close @-@ range finish before Josh Windass scored for Accrington with a 20 yard free kick in the 90th @-@ minute . This result meant York were one point above the relegation zone , but just two points from the bottom of the table . Ahead of the transfer deadline for loan signings , York signed two strikers on loan for the rest of the season ; Shaun Miller from Coventry City and Josh O 'Hanlon from Bournemouth . York moved three points above the relegation zone after beating Mansfield 4 ? 1 away , Lowe opening the scoring with a header before Coulthirst scored with a low finish . Despite Olejnik being off sent off later in the first half for handling outside the penalty area , Hyde scored with a header shortly after half @-@ time . Matt Rhead pulled one back for Mansfield before Coulthirst finished the scoring in the 89th @-@ minute .

= = = April and May = = =

Mooney was recalled from his loan at Alfreton as a result of the one @-@ match suspension Olejnik received for his red card . Winfield scored a 73rd @-@ minute header from a Summerfield corner as York beat their relegation rivals Cheltenham 1 ? 0 at home . York moved six points of the relegation zone after drawing 0 ? 0 away to Oxford . Winfield was sent off in the first half of York 's 1 ? 0 home win over relegation @-@ threatened Hartlepool , Summerfield scoring the winning goal during the second half with a deflected 30 yard shot . York ensured their safety from relegation after beating Morecambe 2 ? 1 at home , moving 11 points clear of the relegation zone in 18th @-@ place . Morecambe took the lead through Paul Mullin before Zubar converted Summerfield 's corner with a far post header , and Penn scored the winning goal with a long @-@ range strike into the top left @-@ hand corner .

York were beaten for the first time in seven matches after losing 1 ? 0 away to promotion contenders Shrewsbury , with Mark Ellis scoring their goal in the first half . York 's final home match of the season ended in a 2 ? 0 defeat to play @-@ off chasing Newport , who scored twice in the second half with goals scored by David Tutonda and Lee Minshull , and Hyde had a penalty saved in between the goals . They finished the season after drawing 1 ? 1 away to Portsmouth ; Halliday equalised in the 85th @-@ minute after capitalising on a slip from Dan Butler , 3 minutes after Matt Tubbs had given the home team the lead . York 's final league position in League Two was 18th , their lowest placing since promotion into that division three years ago . At an awards night held at

York Racecourse , Lowe was voted by the club 's supporters as the Clubman of the Year for 2014 ? 15 .

= = Summary and aftermath = =

York were in lower mid @-@ table for most of the season , and rose as high as 11th in the table during September 2014 and dropped to 23rd during October and February 2015 . The team had the second lowest number of victories in the League Two season with 11 ; only the two relegated teams , Cheltenham and Tranmere , recorded fewer wins with nine each . For the fourth time in nine seasons , York achieved a better record away than at home in the league . The team won six matches , drew nine and lost eight away , compared to winning five , drawing 10 and losing eight at home . Lowe made the highest number of appearances during the season , appearing in 49 of York 's 50 matches . Hyde was York 's top scorer in the league and in all competitions , with nine league goals and 10 in total . He was the only player to reach double figures , and was followed by Fletcher with seven goals .

At the season 's end York released Fletcher , Jarvis , Lewis Montrose and Parslow . Carson , Ingham and Platt signed new contracts with the club . Over the close season York signed goalkeeper Scott Flinders from Hartlepool , defenders Taron Hare and Eddie Nolan from Scunthorpe , George Swan from Wolverhampton Wanderers , David Tutonda on loan from Cardiff City and Zubar on loan from Bournemouth , midfielder James Berrett from Yeovil Town , and strikers Vadaine Oliver from Crewe Alexandra and Reece Thompson from Frickley . Midfielder Callum Rzonca was promoted to the first team squad from the youth team after signing a professional contract with the club .

= = Match details = =

League positions are sourced by Statto , while the remaining information is referenced individually .

= = = Football League Two = = =

= = = League table (part) = = =

= = = FA Cup = = =

= = = League Cup = = =

= = = Football League Trophy = = =

= = Transfers = =

= = = In = = =

Brackets around club names denote the player 's contract with that club had expired before he joined York .

= = = Out = = =

Brackets around club names denote the player joined that club after his York contract expired .

= = = Loan in = = =

= = = Loan out = = =

= = Appearances and goals = =

Source :

Numbers in parentheses denote appearances as substitute .

Players with names struck through and marked left the club during the playing season .

Players with names in italics and marked * were on loan from another club for the whole of their season with York .

Players listed with no appearances have been in the matchday squad but only as unused substitutes .

Key to positions : GK ? Goalkeeper ; DF ? Defender ; MF ? Midfielder ; FW ? Forward