

= 2012 ? 13 York City F.C. season =

The 2012 ? 13 season was the ninety @-@ first season of competitive association football and seventy @-@ sixth season in the Football League played by York City Football Club , a professional football club based in York , North Yorkshire , England . Their promotion via the Conference Premier play @-@ offs in 2011 ? 12 meant they played in League Two , after an eight @-@ year absence from the Football League . The season ran from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 .

Manager Gary Mills signed eight players before the close of the summer transfer window . Having stood fourteenth in the league table on New Year 's Day , York were on an eleven @-@ match run without a win when Mills was sacked during March 2013 . He was replaced by former Northern Ireland manager Nigel Worthington , who led York to safety from relegation on the final day of the season . Having won four of their last five games , the team finished the season seventeenth in the table . They lost in their opening round matches in both the 2012 ? 13 FA Cup and the Football League Cup , and were eliminated in the second round of the Football League Trophy .

Thirty @-@ six players made at least one appearance in nationally organised first @-@ team competition , and there were twelve different goalscorers . Goalkeeper Michael Ingham played in all 50 first @-@ team matches over the season . Ashley Chambers finished as leading scorer with ten goals , all scored in the league . The winner of the Clubman of the Year award , voted for by the club 's supporters , was Danny Parslow , who became the first player to win the award for a third time .

= = Background and pre @-@ season = =

The 2011 ? 12 season was Gary Mills ' first full season as York City manager , having taken over the role in October 2010 . York finished the season with two major trophies after victories in the 2012 FA Trophy Final and the 2012 Conference Premier play @-@ off Final , both of which were staged at Wembley Stadium . The FA Trophy victory represented York 's first piece of silverware in nineteen years and was achieved with a 2 ? 0 victory over York 's Conference Premier rivals Newport County . With goals from Ashley Chambers and Matty Blair , York beat Luton Town 2 ? 1 in the play @-@ off final to return to the Football League after an eight @-@ year absence with promotion to League Two .

Following the previous season 's conclusion Moses Ashikodi , Matthew Blinkhorn , Eugen Bopp and Scott Brown were released , while James Meredith , Adriano Moké and Danny Pilkington departed for Bradford City , Cambridge United and Kidderminster Harriers respectively . Jon Challinor , Chambers , Chris Doig , Jamal Fyfield , Michael Ingham , Scott Kerr and Danny Parslow signed new contracts with York . New players signed ahead of the start of the season were defender Danny Blanchett from Burton Albion , midfielders Lee Bullock from Bradford City , John McReady from Darlington 1883 and Jonathan Smith from Swindon Town , winger Michael Coulson from Grimsby Town and striker Oli Johnson from Oxford United . Midfielder Tom Platt , the previous season 's youth team captain and Youth Team Player of the Year , entered the first team squad after agreeing a professional contract .

The team adopted new home and away kits , with the home kit featuring red shirts with white sleeves , light blue shorts and white socks . The away kit comprised light blue shirts with white sleeves , white shorts and light blue socks . This was accompanied by a change in shirt sponsor , with Benenden Health 's name becoming present on the team kits .

= = Review = =

= = = August = = =

York started the season away at League One club Doncaster Rovers in the first round of the League Cup . Debutant Coulson gave York the lead with a long @-@ range strike in the sixty @-@ fifth minute before Chris Brown equalised for Doncaster , scoring a penalty kick nine minutes later .

The match finished 1 ? 1 after extra time and York went on to lose the penalty shoot @-@ out 4 ? 2 . York 's Football League return ended in defeat , with the side being beaten 3 ? 1 at home to Wycombe Wanderers . Wycombe took a three @-@ goal lead before Jason Walker scored York 's consolation in the fifty @-@ fourth minute . York recorded their first point of the season after drawing 2 ? 2 away at Morecambe , with Chris Smith and Chambers scoring the team 's goals in the second half . This was followed by their first league victory , with Parslow , Chambers and Coulson scoring in the first half away at Barnet in a 3 ? 1 win . Two days before the transfer deadline York signed three new players ; defender Clarke Carlisle and striker Scott Dobie signed on free transfers and Charlie Taylor came on loan from Leeds United .

= = = September = = =

Coulson scored after 15 seconds to give York the lead at home to league leaders Oxford United , and with further goals from Chambers and Patrick McLaughlin the side went on to win 3 ? 1 . York won 1 ? 0 in their first round game of the Football League Trophy away at Rotherham United , with Blair scoring an eightieth @-@ minute winner . Walker 's equaliser in the fifth minute of stoppage time secured a 2 ? 2 draw at home to Chesterfield . There had been three goals scored in a five @-@ minute period in the first half ; Chesterfield opened the scoring through Sam Hird and Coulson equalised for York before Craig Westcarr restored the visitors ' lead . York drew their next game 1 ? 1 at Exeter City , having taken the lead through Coulson in the fifty @-@ second minute before the home side equalised when John O 'Flynn scored in the eighty @-@ third minute . The team 's first away defeat of the season came with a 3 ? 1 defeat away at Burton Albion ; after McLaughlin gave York a ninth @-@ minute lead , Burton went on to win with goals from Lee Bell , Calvin Zola and Matt Paterson . A third draw in four games came after York drew 0 ? 0 at home to Cheltenham Town . Platt and Liam Henderson were sent out to Harrogate Town and Gainsborough Trinity on three @-@ month and one @-@ month loans respectively , while Dobie was released and Taylor had his loan extended for a second month . York 's run of four games without victory came to an end after a 2 ? 0 win at Aldershot Town , with Blair and Walker scoring in the second half .

= = = October = = =

The previous season 's Conference Premier champions Fleetwood Town defeated York 2 ? 0 at Bootham Crescent , with goals in each half scored by Junior Brown and Steven Gillespie . Peterborough United midfielder Daniel Kearns was signed on a one @-@ month loan and made his debut as a substitute in York 's 0 ? 0 home draw with Rotherham . York were knocked out of the Football League Trophy in the second round after being beaten 4 ? 0 at home by League One team Coventry City . Chambers scored the opening goal in York 's first derby game with Bradford City in sixteen years , but with the home side scoring through Zavon Hines the match finished a 1 ? 1 draw . Chambers and Blair scored as York beat Dagenham & Redbridge 3 ? 2 at home , which was the side 's first win in four league games . York recorded a second successive victory away at Accrington Stanley , with Walker scoring an eighty @-@ third @-@ minute winner in a 1 ? 0 win . Bullock was loaned out to Gateshead of the Conference Premier for a month , with his appearances in the team being limited . A 0 ? 0 draw away to Southend United saw York 's run of victories come to an end .

= = = November = = =

Coulson was ruled out for the season with a cruciate ligament injury , while Kearns ' loan was extended for a further two months . York conceded an eightieth @-@ minute equaliser at home to AFC Wimbledon in the first round of the FA Cup , with Charlie Strutton the scorer , after substitute Jamie Reed had earlier given York the lead . Jonathan Smith was loaned to Conference Premier side Luton until January 2013 , with him having not started a game since September . Blair gave York the lead at home to Northampton Town , and despite playing most of the game with ten men ,

the away side equalised through Adebayo Akinfenwa . Winger Alex Rodman , who had previously played under Mills at Tamworth , was signed on a two @-@ month loan from Aldershot . He made his debut in York 's home league game against AFC Wimbledon , which finished as a 3 ? 0 defeat , with the visitors scoring their goals in the second half .

York were knocked out of the FA Cup after a 4 ? 3 extra time defeat at AFC Wimbledon in a first round replay . Jamie Reed scored in the eighty @-@ ninth @-@ minute to hand York a 2 ? 2 draw at Port Vale , after Rodman had scored his first goal for the club earlier in the second half . Carlisle was loaned to divisional rivals Northampton ahead of an arranged permanent transfer in January 2013 , while Henderson joined Gateshead on loan and Bullock had his loan extended . York fell to a second successive home defeat after being beaten 2 ? 0 by Torquay United , the away side scoring in each half through Danny Stevens and Joe Oastler . Despite his loan earlier being extended until January 2013 , Kearns was recalled by Peterborough , having made twelve appearances for York .

= = = December = = =

York recorded their first win in eight games after defeating Rochdale 3 ? 2 away , with Michael Potts scoring twice and Walker scoring once in the first half . Youth team defender Tom Allan signed a one @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half @-@ year professional contract with the club , with Mills saying , " Tom has come on unbelievably in the last 12 months and thoroughly deserves his first professional contract " . York fell to a 2 ? 0 defeat at Plymouth Argyle , with Fyfield scoring an own goal in the forty @-@ fifth @-@ minute and Nick Chadwick scoring in the ninetieth @-@ minute . Jonathan Smith and Bullock were recalled from their loans ahead of York 's home game against Bristol Rovers . York scored four first half goals to beat Bristol Rovers 4 ? 1 , with Garry Kenneth scoring an own goal , Chambers scoring twice and Walker scoring once . A second successive away defeat came at Chesterfield on Boxing Day when York were beaten 3 ? 0 , with the home side scoring their goals during the second half . This run ended after a 0 ? 0 draw away at Fleetwood , in which York missed a number of chances to score in the first half .

= = = January = = =

Jonathan Smith made a permanent move to Luton for a fee of £ 50 @,@ 000 shortly after the transfer window opened . York won 3 ? 0 in their New Year 's Day home fixture against Burton , with Walker , McLaughlin and Blair scoring . Carlisle completed a permanent transfer to Northampton after the conclusion of his loan , while Henderson signed for Gateshead permanently after an agreement was reached over the remainder of his York contract . York were beaten 2 ? 1 at home to Exeter , with a Rodman own goal giving the visitors the lead in the fourteenth @-@ minute . Potts equalised for York five minutes later , before Exeter scored the winning goal on fifty @-@ three @-@ minutes through Jimmy Keohane . Rodman 's loan from Aldershot was extended until the end of the season . Walker scored in the eighty @-@ fourth @-@ minute to secure York a 1 ? 1 draw away at Cheltenham , who had taken the lead in the sixty @-@ seventh @-@ minute through Shaun Harrad . Striker Ben Everson , who last played for Breiðablik in the Icelandic Úrvalsdeild , was signed on a contract for the rest of the season . Platt was loaned out for the second time in a season , joining Conference North side FC Halifax Town for one month . Everson made his debut as a seventy @-@ first @-@ minute substitute in a 0 ? 0 draw at home to Aldershot .

Blackburn Rovers defender Jack O 'Connell was signed on a one @-@ month loan , while Salford City defender Jameel Ible was signed on a contract for the rest of the season . Blanchett was released after his contract was cancelled by mutual consent . York were leading Gillingham 1 ? 0 away before the home side equalised five minutes from time through Cody McDonald , with York having taken the lead in the seventeenth @-@ minute through a McLaughlin goal straight from a corner kick . Striker David McDaid was signed from League of Ireland Premier Division side Derry City on a one @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half @-@ year contract for a small compensation fee , while defender Curtis Obeng was signed on a one @-@ month loan from Premier League side Swansea City after Lanre Oyebanjo was ruled out for around six weeks with a fractured skull .

== February ==

York were beaten 4 ? 1 at home to Morecambe , with Walker scoring York 's only goal with a first half penalty , before enduring their largest defeat of the season after losing 4 ? 0 at Wycombe . Jamie Reed was loaned to Cambridge United for the rest of the season , with his opportunities in the team having been limited . Burton midfielder John McGrath and Aldershot striker Michael Rankine were signed on loan , with the former joining for one month and the latter for the rest of the season . Both started in York 's 0 ? 0 draw at home to Gillingham . York opened the scoring against Barnet at home through a David Stephens own goal , although goals from Andy Yiadom and Jake Hyde saw the away side win 2 ? 1 . Everson was loaned out to Gateshead for a month , having struggled for opportunities in the team , and Platt returned to Harrogate on loan for the remainder of the season . York drew 0 ? 0 at Oxford , with the best chance of the game falling to Blair when he headed straight at goalkeeper Luke McCormick . O 'Connell 's loan was extended until the end of the season . Daniel Nardiello scored a stoppage time equaliser for Rotherham when York were leading 1 ? 0 , after the away team had taken the lead through Blair earlier in the second half . Johnson was released after making seven appearances for the club , having been hindered during the season by stomach and groin problems .

== March ==

Mills was sacked after nearly two and a half years in charge on 2 March 2013 after York were beaten 2 ? 0 at home to Bradford , with the team sitting four points above the relegation zone after an 11 @-@ match run without a win . Former Northern Ireland manager Nigel Worthington was appointed as his successor two days later , with Fred Barber joining from Bury as his assistant . Mills ' remaining coaching staff of Darron Gee , Des Lyttle and Paul Musselwhite left the club . Following his appointment , Worthington indicated the players out on loan would return to the club , saying , " It 's only right that contracted players should be in and around the club over the next ten games as York City are paying their salaries and they should be part of anything that is going on in the next two months " . Worthington 's first signing was Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeper Arron Jameson , who joined on an emergency loan for the remainder of the season , while McGrath had his loan extended until the end of the season .

Worthington 's first game in charge was a 3 ? 2 defeat away to AFC Wimbledon , in which Chris Smith scored twice , before Harry Pell scored the home side 's winner in the seventy @-@ ninth @-@ minute . York picked up their first point under Worthington after a 0 ? 0 home draw with Rochdale , with both teams having few opportunities to score . Ipswich Town midfielder Josh Carson was signed on a one @-@ month loan , while Bullock was loaned to Stockport County of the Conference Premier for the rest of the season . Carson made his debut in York 's 2 ? 0 home defeat to Port Vale , who scored in each half through Jennison Myrie @-@ Williams and Lee Hughes . Former York striker Richard Cresswell , who became the club 's record sale in 1999 , was signed from Sheffield United on a one @-@ month loan . He scored a penalty in the team 's 2 ? 1 defeat away at Torquay , a result that saw York drop into the second relegation spot . Sunderland midfielder Adam Reed was signed on a one @-@ month loan , while Ible was released . Adam Reed made his debut as York drew 0 ? 0 away at Bristol Rovers , in which the home team 's goalkeeper Steve Mildenhall made a number of saves .

== April ==

York recorded their first win in seventeen games after beating Plymouth 2 ? 0 at home , with Chambers and Cresswell scoring in the first half . McGrath , Rankine and Rodman were sent back to their parent clubs , having become surplus to requirements under Worthington . The team were denied a second successive win after Peter Murphy scored a stoppage time equaliser for Accrington , with the match finishing a 1 ? 1 home draw , after Adam Reed had given York the lead in first half

stoppage time . Carson and Kerr were ruled out for the remainder of the season through injury , with the former returning to parent club Ipswich after the expiration of his loan . York recorded a second victory in three games after winning 2 ? 0 away at Northampton , who had been on a run of ten consecutive home wins , with Chambers scoring in the first half and John Johnson scoring an own goal in the second half . This result saw York rise out of the relegation zone by moving up to twentieth @-@ place in the table , having occupied twenty @-@ third @-@ place following the previous four results . Cresswell was recalled from his loan by new Sheffield United caretaker manager Chris Morgan , after making an important contribution for York in their battle against relegation .

York picked up a third win in five matches by defeating Southend 2 ? 1 at home with first half goals from Adam Reed and Blair . They remained in 20th position in the league following positive results for most of the teams surrounding them , meaning their relegation fight would not be concluded until after the last game of the season . Before the Southend match Parslow was named Clubman of the Year , voted for by the York supporters , becoming the first player to win the award on three occasions . York avoided relegation on the final day of the season after beating Dagenham 1 ? 0 away , with Chris Smith scoring the only goal . This meant York finished their first season back in the Football League in seventeenth place in League Two , four points clear of the relegation zone .

= = Summary and aftermath = =

York spent most of the season in mid @-@ table , rising as high as seventh place in September 2012 and dropping as low as twenty @-@ third in March 2013 . The team recorded the second lowest number of wins in the League Two season with twelve ; bottom @-@ placed Aldershot were the only side to win fewer matches with eleven victories . Ingham was the only ever @-@ present player for York , appearing in all fifty @-@ one matches . Chambers was top scorer with ten goals in the league , being the only player to reach double figures , and was followed by Walker with nine goals .

Ahead of the new season , York released Bullock , Challinor , Doig , Everson , Kerr , McDaid , McLaughlin , Potts , Jamie Reed and Walker , while Blair left to sign for Fleetwood . David McGurk , Oyebanjo , Parslow , Platt and Chris Smith signed new contracts with the club . The club signed goalkeeper Chris Kettings from Blackpool , defender Ben Davies from Preston North End , midfielders Craig Clay from Chesterfield and Lewis Montrose from Gillingham , winger Sander Puri from St Mirren and strikers Ryan Bowman from Hereford United , Cresswell from Sheffield United , Wes Fletcher from Burnley and Ryan Jarvis from Torquay . Defender Mike Atkinson and striker Chris Dickinson entered the first team squad from the youth team after agreeing professional contracts .

= = 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 .

== Loans in ==

== Loans 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