

= 2009 ? 10 York City F.C. season =

The 2009 ? 10 season was the eighty @-@ eighth season of competitive association football and sixth season in the Football Conference played by York City Football Club , a professional football club based in York , North Yorkshire , England . Their seventeenth @-@ place finish in 2008 ? 09 meant it was their sixth successive season in the Conference Premier . The season covers the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 .

Martin Foyle made eleven signings before the summer transfer window closed , ahead of his first full season as manager . York set a new saw a new record for consecutive league wins , with eight from 14 November 2009 to 23 January 2010 . They finished fifth in the table , and after beating Luton Town 2 ? 0 on aggregate in the play @-@ off semi @-@ final , they lost 3 ? 1 to Oxford United in the final at Wembley Stadium . York were eliminated from the 2009 ? 10 FA Trophy in the fourth round by Barrow , and from the 2009 ? 10 FA Cup in the third round by Stoke City .

Twenty @-@ five players made at least one appearance in nationally organised first @-@ team competition , and there were seventeen different goalscorers . Defender James Meredith missed only one of the fifty @-@ seven competitive matches played over the season . Richard Brodie finished as leading goalscorer with thirty @-@ four goals , of which twenty @-@ six came in league competition , four came in the FA Cup , three came in the FA Trophy and one came in the play @-@ offs . The winner of the Clubman of the Year award , voted for by the club 's supporters , was Michael Ingham .

= = Background and pre @-@ season = =

Colin Walker was sacked as manager of York City early into the 2008 ? 09 season , and his successor was former Port Vale manager Martin Foyle . The team finished the season in seventeenth @-@ place in the Conference Premier table , and were defeated 2 ? 0 by Stevenage Borough in the 2009 FA Trophy Final at Wembley Stadium . Mark Greaves , Steven Hogg , Daniel McBreen , Shaun Pejic , Josh Radcliffe , Mark Robinson , Simon Rusk , Liam Shepherd and Christian Smith and Ben Wilkinson were released by York after the season ended . Adam Boyes , Craig Farrell , Darren Kelly and Onome Sodje left for Scunthorpe United , Rushden & Diamonds , Portadown and Barnsley respectively .

Richard Brodie , Andy McWilliams , Josh Mimms and Ben Purkiss signed new contracts with York . Eleven players joined before the season kicked @-@ off ; defenders James Meredith from Shrewsbury Town , Alan O 'Hare from Mansfield Town and Djoumin Sangaré from Salisbury City , midfielders Neil Barrett from Ebbsfleet United , Andy Ferrell from Kidderminster Harriers , Alex Lawless from Forest Green Rovers , Levi Mackin from Wrexham , winger Craig Nelthorpe from Oxford and strikers Michael Gash from Ebbsfleet , Richard Pacquette from Maidenhead United and Michael Rankine from Rushden . Striker Michael Emmerson was promoted from the youth team after he signed a professional contract with the club . Danny Parslow was named as captain for the season , having taken over the role during 2008 ? 09 .

York retained the previous season 's home kit , which comprised red and navy blue halved shirts with red collars , navy blue shorts and navy blue socks with two white strips on the cuffs . A new away kit was introduced , and it included light blue shirts with white horizontal stripes , light blue shorts and light blue socks . There was a change in shirt sponsor , with the name of Pryers Solicitors becoming present on the team kits .

= = Review = =

= = = August = = =

York 's season started with a 2 ? 1 away defeat by Oxford , in which Brodie gave York the lead before Oxford scored two late goals . This was followed by a 0 ? 0 home draw with Rushden , in

which Rankine had a goal ruled out , as the referee had awarded a foul against Rushden . York 's first win of the season came with a 2 ? 0 home victory over Forest Green , and the goals were scored by Rankine and Adam Smith . Emmerson joined Northern League Division One club Billingham Town on a one @-@ month loan . A second defeat of the season came after Gareth Taylor scored for Wrexham in a 1 ? 0 away defeat . Pacquette scored the equalising goal for York in a 1 ? 1 away draw with Hayes & Yeading United after being introduced as a substitute . The team 's first away victory came with a 2 ? 1 win against Gateshead , with goals from Brodie and Gash . Goals from Brodie (2) and Smith ensured a second successive victory of the season , after beating Histon 3 ? 1 .

= = = September = = =

Goals in the opening ten minutes from Brodie and Gash gave York a 2 ? 0 home win over Crawley Town . A 0 ? 0 draw away to Barrow followed , who had been beaten 6 ? 1 by Rushden & Diamonds in their previous match . Two goals from Brodie , both of which were assisted by Sangaré , gave York 2 @-@ 0 victory at home to Kettering Town . Simon Russell was loaned out to divisional rivals Tamworth , having failed to play any games for York up to that point in 2009 ? 10 . Gash scored a header on eighty @-@ nine @-@ minutes to secure a 2 ? 2 home draw with Cambridge United , after having given York the lead in the first half , before Cambridge scored two goals through Jai Reason and Mark Beesley . Goals from Brodie (2) and Gash gave York a 3 ? 2 victory over Kidderminster . Chris Carruthers was signed from Oxford on a one @-@ month loan to provide competition with Ferrell and Meredith on the left @-@ hand side , while O 'Hare was loaned out to Conference North club Gainsborough Trinity .

= = = October = = =

Sangaré scored a goal in stoppage time to earn York a 1 ? 1 home draw against Stevenage , who had taken the lead through a Parslow own goal . York beat Tamworth 3 ? 2 away , which was the opposition 's first home defeat in 2009 ? 10 , with goals from Ferrell , Brodie and Sangaré . The team 's ten @-@ match unbeaten run came to an end following a 1 ? 0 away defeat by Salisbury , who scored with a penalty in the second @-@ minute . Boyes rejoined the club on loan from Scunthorpe as cover for the injured Gash ahead of a 1 ? 1 home draw with Oxford , who equalised after York had taken the lead through Rankine . Barrett gave them the lead away to Luton Town , before the home side equalised through Asa Hall , the match finishing a 1 ? 1 draw . York played Bedworth United in the FA Cup fourth qualifying round , and a 2 ? 0 home win was secured with goals from Rankine and Brodie . They were beaten 3 ? 1 away by Crawley , after Brodie had given York the lead in the first half .

= = = November = = =

Carruthers ' loan was extended until January 2010 , and after Sangaré picked up an injury , Mansfield defender Luke Graham joined on a one @-@ month loan . York beat League Two side Crewe Alexandra 3 ? 2 in the FA Cup first round , with goals from Brodie and Pacquette . Nelthorpe was loaned to fellow Conference Premier team Barrow until January 2010 , having struggled to establish himself in the team . Kevin Gall , a striker released by Darlington , was signed ahead of the match against Chester City , which York won 3 ? 2 after Brodie scored a hat @-@ trick . Former Grays Athletic winger Tyrone Berry was signed on non @-@ contract terms , having impressed on trial . Rankine scored the only goal in a 1 ? 0 home win over Ebbsfleet . He followed this up with the winning goal after scoring a header in a 1 ? 0 away victory over AFC Wimbledon . Lawless scored the only goal in a 1 ? 0 victory at home to Gateshead , with a low shot from Gash 's headed assist . Cambridge were beaten 2 ? 1 away in the second round of the FA Cup ; Rankine and Brodie scored in the first half , which meant York reached the third round for the first time since 2001 ? 02 . Foyle and Brodie respectively were named as the Conference Premier Manager and Player of the Month

for November 2009 .

= = = December = = =

Brodie scored the only goal in a 1 ? 0 away victory over Rushden . Mansfield agreed to extend Graham 's loan until January 2010 , when he would sign for the club permanently . Goals from Carruthers and Brodie gave York a 2 ? 1 home win over Wrexham , a result that equalled the club record for successive victories in all competitions with eight . Youth team defender Dean Lisles was promoted to the first team squad , to provide cover for the injured Sangaré , O 'Hare and Purkiss . York drew 0 ? 0 away to Hinckley United in the first round of the FA Trophy , and the replay at home was won 3 ? 1 , in which Brodie scored his second hat @-@ trick of 2009 ? 10 . York beat fellow play @-@ off contenders Mansfield 3 ? 0 on Boxing Day , Brodie (2) and Gash scoring . Berry was released after failing to make an appearance , while Emmerson was loaned out to Ossett Town of the Northern Premier League Premier Division .

= = = January = = =

York were defeated 3 ? 1 away by Premier League team Stoke City in the FA Cup third round , after they had taken the lead when Barrett scored a header from a Lawless free kick . Carruthers and Graham signed for the club permanently , with the former signing for eighteen months and the latter until the end of the season . York beat Hayes & Yeading 4 ? 1 at home , with Carruthers , Brodie (2) and Gall scoring . A 0 ? 0 away draw with Newport County of the Conference South meant York would have a replay in the FA Trophy second round . Midfielder Courtney Pitt joined on loan from Cambridge for the rest of the season and Russell moved the other way , while Nelthorpe was loaned out to Luton and Gall extended his contract to the end of the season . Barrett scored the only goal with a shot from outside the penalty area to give York a 1 ? 0 win away to Cambridge . York won their FA Trophy second round replay against Newport 1 ? 0 at home , Pacquette scoring the winning goal in stoppage time . O 'Hare returned to Gainsborough on loan for the rest of the season . York beat Conference North side Corby Town 1 ? 0 at home in the FA Trophy third round , the winning goal coming from a penalty scored by Ferrell .

= = = February = = =

Emmerson was released by the club after failing to make any first team appearances , while Ferrell joined Gateshead for a £ 3 @, @ 500 fee and Jamie Clarke signed having been released by Grimsby Town . Purkiss gave York the lead away to Histon before Bradley Hudson @-@ Odoi scored to equalise as the match finished a 1 ? 1 draw , which ended a club record run of league victories at nine . A 1 ? 0 away win over Kettering came after Rankine scored the only goal with a volley from inside the penalty area . Goalkeeper Simon Miotto joined the club as goalkeeping coach , and later registered as a player . York suffered their first league defeat since October 2009 after being beaten 1 ? 0 away to Ebbsfleet ; Brodie was sent off in this match , for which he received a three @-@ match suspension . This was followed by a 0 ? 0 draw at home to fellow play @-@ off contenders Luton . York suffered their first home defeat in ten months after being beaten 1 ? 0 by Eastbourne Borough .

= = = March = = =

A 2 ? 1 away defeat to Barrow saw the team knocked out of the FA Trophy in the quarter @-@ final , Pacquette scoring for York . York suffered a second straight league defeat after being beaten 2 ? 1 away by Forest Green Rovers , in which Mackin scored after his shot hit the back of an opposition player . Chester 's expulsion from the Football Conference resulted in York having the three points gained against them from a 3 ? 2 victory expunged , meaning the team moved down to sixth in the table . York were defeated 2 ? 1 at home by Salisbury , after Sangaré had put the team in the lead .

Chesterfield midfielder Paul Harsley joined on loan until the end of the season , and made his debut in a 0 ? 0 draw away to Altrincham , a result that ended a run of three consecutive defeats . York 's first victory in six league matches was a 1 ? 0 away win over Mansfield , Pitt scoring his first goal for the club . McWilliams was loaned out to Northern Premier League Premier Division team Whitby Town for one month . A second successive victory came after Barrett scored the only goal in a 1 ? 0 away victory over Kidderminster . Graham opened the scoring in a 1 ? 1 draw with Tamworth , who equalised through former York player Chris Smith . A 4 ? 0 victory away to Grays saw Brodie score for the first time since January 2010 with two goals ; Harsley and Barrett also scored .

= = = April and May = = =

York beat Altrincham 2 ? 1 at home after going behind to a Chris Denham goal , before McGurk scored the equaliser and Brodie scored the winning goal with a stoppage time penalty . This was followed by a 5 ? 0 home win over AFC Wimbledon , Rankine scoring goals in each half and Brodie scoring a first half hat @-@ trick . A seven @-@ match unbeaten run came to an end when York were beaten 3 ? 1 away by Eastbourne , conceding three goals in the first thirty @-@ two minutes before Rankine scored a penalty to finish the scoring . York 's place in the play @-@ offs was secured after a 3 ? 0 home win over Barrow , with goals from Brodie (2) and Gash . Before the home match against Grays , Ingham was presented as the 2009 ? 10 Clubman of the Year , voted for by the club 's supporters . The match finished a 1 ? 1 draw , Brodie giving York the lead before Duran Reynolds equalised for Grays on eighty @-@ nine @-@ minutes .

The team completed their league programme with a 1 ? 0 defeat away to champions Stevenage . York finished in fifth place in the Conference Premier table , which meant they would play Luton in the play @-@ off semi @-@ final . Brodie scored on ninety @-@ minutes to give York a 1 ? 0 home win first leg . York won the second leg 1 ? 0 away with a Carruthers goal , meaning the tie ended 2 ? 0 on aggregate . Following the match , the squad were forced to leave Kenilworth Road through the back of a stand after having missiles thrown at them by a section of Luton fans . The team lost the play @-@ off final 3 ? 1 to Oxford at Wembley , in which York scored from an own goal conceded by goalkeeper Ryan Clarke .

= = Summary and aftermath = =

York spent most of the season in a play @-@ off place , and rose as high as second in February 2010 while they were as low as seventeenth in August 2009 . Their defensive record of thirty @-@ five goals conceded was the third @-@ best in the division , while their record of two home league defeats was the joint second @-@ best . Meredith made the highest number of appearances during the season , appearing in fifty @-@ six of York 's fifty @-@ seven matches . Brodie was York 's top scorer in the league and in all competitions , with twenty @-@ six league goals and thirty @-@ four in total . Rankine was the only other player to reach double figures , with ten goals .

York released Clarke , Gall , Mimms , Nelthorpe , O 'Hare and Pacquette at the end of the season , while Graham , Purkiss , Russell and Smith left for Kettering , Oxford , Cambridge and Mansfield respectively . Mackin and Sangaré signed new contracts . York 's summer signings were goalkeeper David Knight on a season @-@ long loan from Histon , defenders Duane Courtney from Kidderminster and Greg Young from Altrincham , midfielder Jonathan Smith from Forest Green , wingers David McDermott from Kidderminster and Peter Till from and Walsall , and striker George Purcell from Braintree Town . York handed professional contracts to two two youth team players , winger Jamie Hopcutt and Lisles .

= = Match details = =

= = = Conference Premier = = =

=== League table (part) ===

=== FA Cup ===

=== FA Trophy ===

=== Conference Premier play @-@ offs ===

== 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