

= 2010 ? 11 York City F.C. season =

The 2010 ? 11 season was the eighty @-@ ninth season of competitive association football and seventh season in the Football Conference played by York City Football Club , a professional football club based in York , North Yorkshire , England . Their fifth @-@ place finish in 2009 ? 10 meant it was their seventh successive season in the Conference Premier . The season covers the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 .

Ahead of Martin Foyle 's second start to a season as manager , six signings were made before the summer transfer window closed . With York fifteenth in the table ten games into the season Foyle resigned , and was succeeded by Tamworth 's Gary Mills in October 2010 . Under his guidance , York enjoyed an unbeaten run at home in the league that lasted until April 2011 , when they were beaten by Mills ' former side . York 's push for a play @-@ off place was ended late in the season and they finished eighth in the table . They reached the third round of the 2010 ? 11 FA Cup , being beaten 2 ? 0 away by Bolton Wanderers , and were knocked out in the first round of the 2010 ? 11 FA Trophy after losing 1 ? 0 at home to Boston United .

Thirty @-@ two players made at least one appearance in nationally organised first @-@ team competition , and there were twenty different goalscorers . Goalkeeper Michael Ingham and defender James Meredith missed only one of the fifty @-@ two competitive matches played over the season . Michael Rankine finished as leading scorer with fourteen goals , of which twelve came in league competition and two came in the FA Cup . The winner of the Clubman of the Year award , voted for by the club 's supporters , was Danny Parslow for the second time in three seasons .

= = Background and pre @-@ season = =

The 2009 ? 10 season was Martin Foyle 's first full season as manager of York City and the team reached the play @-@ offs after finishing fifth in the Conference Premier table . After defeating Luton Town 2 ? 0 on aggregate in the semi @-@ final , York were beaten 3 ? 1 by Oxford United in the 2010 Conference Premier play @-@ off Final at Wembley Stadium . Jamie Clarke , Kevin Gall , Josh Mimms , Craig Nelthorpe , Alan O 'Hare , Richard Pacquette and Simon Russell were released by York following the play @-@ off defeat , with Luke Graham , Ben Purkiss and Adam Smith leaving for Kettering Town , Oxford and Mansfield Town respectively . Andy McWilliams was loaned out to Stalybridge Celtic . Levi Mackin and Djoumin Sangaré signed new contracts with the club .

Goalkeeper David Knight was brought in on a season @-@ long loan from Histon before the start of the season , while two defenders , Duane Courtney and Greg Young , signed from Kidderminster Harriers and Altrincham respectively . Midfielder Jonathan Smith was signed from Forest Green Rovers , with wingers David McDermott and Peter Till joining from Kidderminster and Walsall respectively . Striker George Purcell was signed from Braintree Town for an undisclosed fee . Defender Dean Lisle and winger Jamie Hopcutt entered the first team squad from the youth team after agreeing professional contracts .

The team adopted a new home kit , which featured red shirts with white collars , white trims on the shoulders and white sleeves that included red trims . York started the season wearing red shorts with white trims , but these were replaced later in the season with navy blue shorts with white trims . The home kit also included red shorts with white trims . The away kit , retained from the previous season , comprised light blue shirts with white horizontal stripes , light blue shorts and light blue socks . Pryors Solicitors continued as shirt sponsors for the second successive season .

= = Review = =

= = = August = = =

York started the season with a 2 ? 1 defeat at home to Kidderminster , who opened the scoring with a goal direct from a corner kick . After Michael Rankine equalised on eighty @-@ six minutes with a

penalty , Kidderminster won the game with a penalty three minutes later . Hopcutt was loaned out to Northern Premier League Premier Division side Whitby Town for a month . The team 's first away game of the season was against Grimsby Town , with the match finishing a 0 ? 0 draw . This was followed by another away draw , with Michael Gash and Till scoring against Bath City as the match finished 2 ? 2 . York then drew 0 ? 0 at home to Barrow and the team 's first victory of the season came after Rankine and Richard Brodie scored to beat Altrincham at home 3 ? 0 . The team were defeated 2 ? 1 away by Fleetwood Town , where Young made his debut and scored York 's only goal . Brodie joined fellow Conference Premier side Crawley Town for an undisclosed fee , believed to be around £ 300 @,@ 000 , with the transfer being completed three minutes before the transfer deadline .

= = = September = = =

Following Brodie 's departure , two strikers were signed ; Leon Constantine joined on a contract until the end of the season after leaving Hereford United and youth team coach Steve Torpey was registered as a player . Till and debutant Constantine scored in the space of two minutes in a 2 ? 0 home win over Rushden & Diamonds . Striker David Dowson , defender Jamal Fyfield and midfielder Danny Racchi joined the club on trial and played for the reserve team in a 1 ? 1 draw with Chesterfield . Having fallen a goal behind , York earned a 1 ? 1 draw away to Wrexham after Till scored the equalising goal . Ahead of York 's home game against Hayes & Yeading United , the club signed Fyfield from Maidenhead United for a nominal fee and Racchi from Wrexham , where he had been on non @-@ contract terms . The same day , York beat Hayes & Yeading 2 ? 0 with goals from Rankine and Constantine , the latter making his first start for the club . York were defeated 5 ? 0 away at Mansfield , with Jonathan Smith being sent off on thirty @-@ four @-@ minutes after receiving a second yellow card . Hopcutt and Lisles were loaned out to Stokesley of the Northern League Division One . Manager Foyle resigned ten games into the season , with the team fifteenth in the table , and assistant manager Andy Porter was appointed caretaker manager . Porter 's first game in charge was a 3 ? 1 away victory over Tamworth , York 's first away win of the season , with goals scored from Rankine , Alex Lawless and debutant Fyfield . Ahead of this game , Dowson was signed and made his debut as an eighty @-@ fifth @-@ minute substitute . The first home game of Porter 's tenure was a 0 ? 0 draw with Darlington , which was York 's first televised appearance on sports channel Premier Sports .

= = = October = = =

A 2 ? 1 defeat away by Eastbourne Borough followed , with Lawless scoring York 's only goal . McDermott was released having made four appearances for the club after his month @-@ to @-@ month contract was not extended . Striker Mark Beesley was signed on a one @-@ month loan from Fleetwood before the game against Kettering Town . York lost this game 1 ? 0 at home and the following day Porter left the club after four games in charge , with Torpey being appointed caretaker manager . He led the team for a 4 ? 0 away loss to Newport County before Tamworth manager Gary Mills was appointed as manager , with Darron Gee following as assistant manager . Mills ' first game in charge was a 1 ? 1 draw at home to Bath , with York taking the lead through a first @-@ half penalty scored by Rankine before Bath equalised in the second half . McDermott rejoined the club on another month @-@ to @-@ month contract to become Mills ' first signing . Former York defender Chris Smith , who played under Mills at Tamworth , was signed from Mansfield on a three @-@ month loan , with a view to a permanent transfer . With Mills stating his desire to reduce the size of a squad that was " too big " , Dowson , Hopcutt and Lisles were released by the club . The first victory under Mills ' management was a 2 ? 0 win away to Kidderminster in the fourth qualifying round of the FA Cup , with Racchi and Jonathan Smith scoring their first goals for the club . Courtney was made available for loan having made seven appearances for the club . Mills ' first defeat came in a 2 ? 1 away loss against Forest Green Rovers , with former Forest Green player Lawless scoring York 's only goal .

== November ==

Beesley returned to Fleetwood after Mills decided to terminate his loan . York drew 0 ? 0 away to League Two side Rotherham United in the first round of the FA Cup , which resulted in a replay at home . Lawless joined divisional rivals Luton on loan until January 2011 , when a permanent transfer for an undisclosed fee would take place . Two loan signings were subsequently made ; Leicester City striker Ashley Chambers joined until January 2011 and Sunderland midfielder Robbie Weir joined on a one @-@ month deal . Rankine scored York 's equaliser in a 1 ? 1 home draw against Wrexham with a second @-@ half penalty . York beat Rotherham 3 ? 0 in their FA Cup first round replay , with Chris Smith opening the scoring before Rankine scored twice . David McGurk handed in a transfer request having expressed his desire to join Luton , after they had a number of bids for him rejected and he had turned down a contract extension with York . York recorded their first league win under Mills with a 4 ? 0 victory away to Rushden with Racchi , Rankine , Chambers and Neil Barrett scoring . Purcell was loaned out to Conference South team Dartford until January 2011 to regain match fitness following his return from injury . The Rushden win was followed by the season 's first successive league victory , after York beat Southport 2 ? 0 at home with late goals from Constantine and McDermott . Midfielder Andre Boucaud was signed from Kettering on loan until January 2011 , with a view to a permanent transfer . York progressed to the third round of the FA Cup for the second season running after beating Darlington 2 ? 0 away in the second round . The team 's run of three straight wins came to an end after a 0 ? 0 away draw against Kidderminster .

== December ==

Weir 's loan from Sunderland was extended until January , with Mills commenting " He 's a fit lad who 's totally committed in what he does and I 've been impressed with him " . Mills was named the Conference Premier Manager of the Month for November 2010 after leading York to a seven @-@ match unbeaten run , while Michael Ingham picked up the Player of the Month award after he kept six clean sheets and conceded one goal in this period . York were knocked out of the FA Trophy in the first round after being beaten 1 ? 0 by Conference North club Boston United , which was the team 's first home defeat under Mills . Racchi 's contract with York expired , although Mills stated his intention to re @-@ sign him once the January 2011 transfer window opened . York 's away game with Luton was abandoned after fifty @-@ five @-@ minutes due to heavy snow , with the score at the time being 0 ? 0 . Sangaré agreed to sign for Moroccan Botola champions Wydad Casablanca pending the expiry of his York contract at the end of December 2010 , although after the transfer fell through he signed for Oxford . McDermott and Racchi agreed to sign new contracts with York once the January 2011 transfer window opened , which would keep them at the club until the end of the season . Having failed to establish a place in the team under Mills , Gash agreed to join Rushden in January 2011 on loan for the rest of the season .

== January ==

York started the New Year with a 3 ? 0 victory away to Gateshead , with Jonathan Smith , Barrett and Constantine scoring in the second half . Chambers ' loan at the club was extended until the end of the season . Boucaud signed a two @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half @-@ year contract for a fee of £ 20 @,@ 000 and Chris Smith signed a one @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half @-@ year contract to join the club permanently , while Lawless departed for Luton permanently . Jamie Reed was signed from Welsh Premier League side Bangor City for an undisclosed fee , on a two @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half @-@ year contract , after York had a bid for him rejected in November 2010 . York were defeated 2 ? 0 away by Premier League side Bolton Wanderers in the FA Cup third round , with Kevin Davies and Johan Elmander scoring late in the match . Weir returned to Sunderland after his loan expired , although Mills wanted to re @-@ sign the player . Constantine scored the only goal in

a 1 ? 0 victory at home to Grimsby with a lob over goalkeeper Kenny Arthur . York came from behind to beat Histon 2 ? 1 away after Constantine and Till scored in the last fifteen minutes . A 5 ? 0 defeat at Luton followed after Ingham was sent off in the fifteenth @-@ minute , with Chris Smith subsequently playing in goal until half time when Young took over .

Following a trial with League Two club Cheltenham Town , Courtney was released by the club after having his contract cancelled . Mackin scored the winning goal in the eighty @-@ fifth @-@ minute of a 2 ? 1 home victory over Forest Green , in which Reed scored his first goal for the club . Leeds United midfielder Will Hatfield was signed on a one @-@ month loan following a trial . York were beaten 4 ? 0 at Southport , with McGurk being sent off in the second @-@ minute . On transfer deadline day , former Leeds defender Liam Darville signed a contract until the end of the season and former Lincoln City midfielder Scott Kerr signed a one @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half @-@ year contract , following their release by their respective clubs . Fyfield joined former club Maidenhead on a one @-@ month loan and Purcell joined Eastbourne on loan until the end of the season .

= = = February = = =

Danny Parslow , James Meredith , Rankine and Chambers scored as York beat league leaders AFC Wimbledon 4 ? 1 at home . Young returned to Altrincham on an emergency loan for the rest of the season . York played a second consecutive match against Wimbledon , being beaten 1 ? 0 away . This was followed by a 1 ? 0 victory at home to Fleetwood , with Reed scoring the only goal of the game in the second half . York drew 0 ? 0 away to Altrincham , which was the team 's first draw since November 2010 , before Jonathan Smith and Rankine scored as York won 2 ? 1 away to Hayes & Yeading .

= = = March = = =

Jonathan Smith scored in a second successive match to give York the lead at home to Gateshead , although the winning goal of a 2 ? 1 victory was scored by Constantine from the penalty spot . Hatfield 's loan from Leeds was extended until the end of the season , after he made two appearances during his first month at the club . McGurk signed a new contract with York , which contracted him to the club until the summer of 2013 . York drew 0 ? 0 away at Barrow . Fyfield opted not to extend his loan at Maidenhead , to fight for a place in the team . Rankine scored the only goal to give York a 1 ? 0 victory at home to Eastbourne , with a header from a Till cross during the first half . Reed came off the bench to score both goals as York came from behind to beat Mansfield 2 ? 1 at home . He scored for a second successive game away to Cambridge United , although York lost 2 ? 1 . Winger Aidan Chippendale was signed on loan from Huddersfield Town for the rest of the season . Reed scored his fourth goal in three games as York beat Histon 1 ? 0 at home .

= = = April and May = = =

Rankine missed an eighty @-@ seventh @-@ minute penalty for York away at Kettering , with Reed scoring the team 's goal in a 1 ? 1 draw . Jonathan Smith scored in the first half for York at home to league @-@ leaders Crawley , who equalised in the second half , with the match finishing a 1 ? 1 draw . Racchi was released from his contract with immediate effect after requesting a transfer , having failed to establish himself in the team . York beat Newport 2 ? 1 at home , with Rankine opening the scoring before assisting Reed for the second goal . During this match McGurk picked up an ankle ligament injury , which ruled him out for the rest of the season . York suffered their first defeat at home since December 2010 after losing 2 ? 1 to Tamworth , in which Constantine scored a consolation goal in the eighty @-@ ninth @-@ minute . Having not made any appearances for the club , Chippendale was recalled by Huddersfield . Reed scored the only goal to give York a 1 ? 0 victory at home to Luton . Young was recalled from his loan at Altrincham after Parslow suffered a head injury during the match against Luton .

York were beaten 2 ? 1 away to Darlington , in which Chris Carruthers scored a consolation goal in

the eighty @-@ seventh @-@ minute . York 's hopes of making the play @-@ offs were ended after drawing 0 ? 0 with Cambridge in the last home match of the season . The last match of the season was a 1 ? 1 draw away to champions @-@ elect Crawley ; York took the lead in the fifth @-@ minute through an own goal scored by David Hunt , before the home side equalised with a Matt Tubbs penalty in the sixty @-@ eighth @-@ minute . York finished the season in eighth place in the Conference Premier table , seven points adrift of a play @-@ off spot . The Clubman of the Year award , voted for by the club 's supporters , was won by Parslow for the second time in three seasons . He was presented with the trophy at an awards ' ceremony held at Bootham Crescent .

= = Summary and aftermath = =

York spent most of the season in mid @-@ table , and having been as low as nineteenth in the table in November went on to reach sixth place during the last month of the season . The team 's goals scored tally of fifty @-@ five was the lowest of any team in the top half of the table , and the sixth lowest of any team in the division . Ingham and Meredith made the highest number of appearances during the season , each appearing in fifty @-@ one of York 's fifty @-@ two games . Rankine was York 's top scorer in the league and in all competitions , with twelve league goals and fourteen in total . He was the only player to reach double figures , and was followed by Reed with nine goals .

Before the start of the new season York released Barrett , Carruthers , Constantine , Darville , Gash , Mackin and McWilliams , with Purcell , Rankine , Jonathan Smith , Till and Young leaving for Dover Athletic , Aldershot Town , Swindon Town , Fleetwood and Alfreton Town respectively . Fyfield , Ingham and Meredith signed new contracts with York , and McDermott was retained on non @-@ contract terms . The club 's new arrivals were goalkeeper Paul Musselwhite from Lincoln , defender Lanre Oyebanjo from Histon , midfielders Patrick McLaughlin from Newcastle United , Adriano Moké from Jerez Industrial and Michael Potts from Blackburn Rovers , winger Matty Blair from Kidderminster and strikers Chambers from Leicester , Liam Henderson from Watford and Jason Walker from Luton .

= = Match details = =

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

= = = Conference Premier = = =

= = = League table (part) = = =

= = = FA Cup = = =

= = = FA 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