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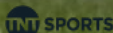
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CLUB HONOURS

- National League North Play-off Winners: 2018-19
- Northern Premier League Champions: 1987-88, 2013-14
- Challenge Shield Winners: 1988
- First Division North: Play-off Winners: 1922-23, 1927-28, 1928-29, 1932-33, 1933-34, 1939-40, 1945-46, 1959-60, 1960-61, 1963-64
- Lancashire League Champions: 1896-97, 1898-99
- Lancashire Alliance Champions: 1892-93
- FA Cup 1st Round: 1899-00, 1938-39, 1945-46, 1963-64, 1978-79, 1985-86, 1987-88, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20
- FA Cup 2nd Round: 1986-87, 1990-91
- FA Cup 4th Round: 2020-21
- FA Trophy Quarter-Final: 1976-77
- FA Trophy Semi-Final: 1995-96
- Lancashire FA Challenge Trophy Winners: 1893-94, 1908-09, 1923-24, 1939-40, 1945-46, 1957-58, 1958-59, 1960-61, 1963-64, 1964-65, 1975-76, 1979-80, 1981-82, 1982-83, 2011-12, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2017-18



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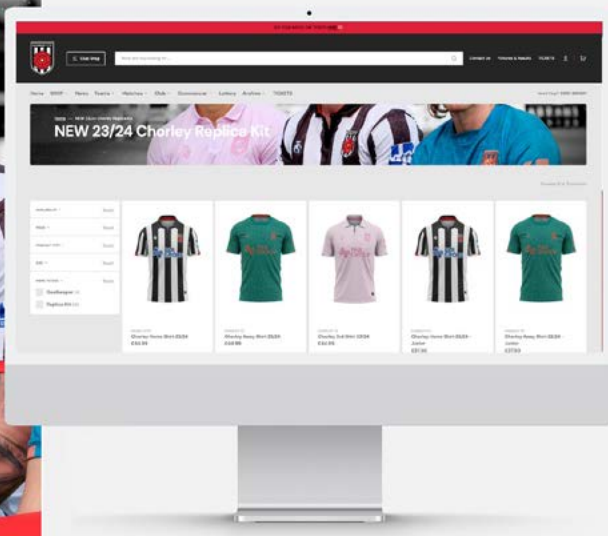
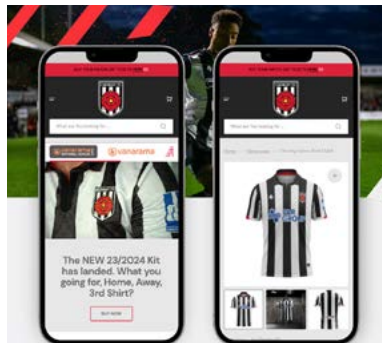
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A WORD FROM THE MANAGER PREECY'S PIECE

Welcome to the players, staff, supporters and directors of **Blyth Spartans Football Club**.

Blyth had a really good start to the season. They were right up amongst the early pace setters.

This was a great achievement and they've managed to consolidate a strong position in the top half with some excellent performances.

Blyth are a very good footballing side and we had a tight game only recently.

We were only seconds away from a hard-fought win but over the whole game a draw may have been fair.

Blyth knocked us out of the FA Cup late on last season so we will have to be at our best today to have any chance of progressing.

The FA Trophy is an opportunity for teams at our level to go deep into the competition.

Some National League teams will rest players and be more focused on getting promoted.

This can open the competition up for a club at our level as Hereford and Horsham showed a couple of seasons ago when they reached the final.

It's been disappointing not to have had a game for two weeks when we've been on such a good run of results.

Unfortunately, the weather will bite at some point during the season and despite all our efforts the pitch was unplayable last Saturday.

Hopefully the rest will allow our lads to recover after a tough month of games and travelling.

I'm sure you will get behind us again like you did against Scarborough in the previous round.

Enjoy the game.

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FULL INFORMATION

Introducing the Exciting New Fan Zone at Chorley FC!

We are delighted to announce that for the 2023/24 season, Chorley FC will be unveiling a brand-new Fan Zone, offering an incredible space for our devoted fans to enhance their matchday experience like never before.

Located within the vicinity of the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium, the Fan Zone is designed to provide a vibrant and engaging environment for supporters to gather, socialize, and immerse themselves in the excitement of the game.

What to Expect in the Fan Zone

Entertainment and Activities: Get ready for a wide range of entertainment and activities tailored specifically for our passionate fans. From live music performances by local talents to interactive games and competitions, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Test your football skills, challenge your friends to a game of table football, or simply soak in the lively atmosphere as you connect with fellow supporters.

Family-Friendly Environment: The Fan Zone aims to create a welcoming and family-friendly atmosphere, ensuring that fans of all ages can have a memorable time. Bring your little ones along and enjoy a range of activities specially designed for children, including face painting, mini-games, and other exciting surprises. Create lasting memories as you introduce the next generation of Magpies fans to the joys of matchday.

We invite you to join us in the all-new Fan Zone, where camaraderie, excitement, and the spirit of Chorley FC thrive. Immerse yourself in the vibrant pre-match buzz, connect with fellow supporters, and experience the thrill of cheering on our beloved team in an atmosphere tailored to enhance your matchday enjoyment.

Please note that specific details and additional attractions within the Fan Zone will be announced closer to the start of the season. Stay tuned to our official website and social media channels for updates on the Fan Zone and its exciting offerings.

Up the Magpies!





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MANAGER: GRAHAM FENTON
GROUND: CROFT PARK
DIVISION: NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH

CLUB RECORDS
UNIBOND PREMIER DIVISION CHAMPIONS - CHAMPIONS 2016-17
F.A. CUP FIFTH ROUND REPLAY - 1977-78 (WREXHAM 1-2)
F.A. TROPHY QUARTER FINAL REPLAY - 1979-80, 1982-83

FOLLOWERS

 5.1k
  14.4k
  28.7k
  2.4k



IMAGE: PAUL SCOTT



FIRST TEAM BLYTH SPARTANS AFC

MANAGER

GRAHAM FENTON



ASST MANAGER

JON SHAW



GOALKEEPER

ALEX MITCHELL



DEFENDER

RHYS EVANS



DEFENDER

MICHAEL LIDDLE



DEFENDER

HARRISON CLARK



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CHORLEY FC'S STRONGEST SUPPORTER



A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN JAMIE VERMIGLIO

We would like to offer a warm welcome to all representatives from Blyth Spartans for the second meeting between the two teams this season.

The first game was a close encounter with some good attacking football from both sides. After us holding onto a one goal lead for over half the game, Blyth scored in the 94th minute.

In the circumstances, we were disappointed that night. Of course, we inflicted the same misery on Boston when we scored our well-deserved equaliser in the 97th minute in the last game we played before the temperature dropped!

In the space of one week, we managed to experience a draw which felt like a win and a draw which felt like a loss - very mixed emotions despite a point gained for each.

Today though, points aren't up for grabs, it's a chance to progress in the FA Trophy. A competition we haven't traditionally performed well in. Hopefully this season will be different.

In February 2009 I played my last competitive game for AFC Telford in the quarter final of the FA Trophy. It was a game we eventually went onto win but a game I remember for different reasons. After suffering from back pain and sciatica down both legs for large parts of that season, I was instructed to see a specialist and undergo a scan. One week before the Southport game I was informed that I had two-disc protrusions (slipped discs) caused by a fracture in my vertebrae. The medical name for this is Spondylolisthesis. Apparently, I had played most of the season with this issue. I was told I could never play football again.



Keen for the chance of playing at Wembley, I stupidly didn't listen to the advice and put pressure on the club - I signed a disclaimer form meaning that if anything significant did happen to me whilst playing, the club (AFC Telford) would not be liable. I played in the quarter final, against advice, but we won! - and we booked a place in the semi-final against York City - just one game away from Wembley.

Unfortunately for me, the pain had become unbearable and no pain killers would take the pain away. Unfortunately, we were defeated by York and that was the end of the Wembley Dream for that season.

But - I had managed to experience the feeling of being just one game away from the final as a team in the National League North. Brackley experienced winning the trophy a few years ago. It's the best possible chance for players at our level to experience playing at Wembley.

Players from both teams will recognise this and I'm sure both sides will be determined to qualify for the next round.

Today I wanted to send condolences on behalf of all associated with our club to the family of Chorley supporter David Walker. David, known as 'LVC' recently passed away. He supported the club through the good and bad - he amassed a huge collection of Magpie programmes and memorabilia over the years. RIP David.

Enjoy the game,

Vermo



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A MESSAGE TO YOU FROM THE OWNERS

WELCOME TO CHORLEY FC MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

Exciting Changes to Enhance Your Matchday Experience! We are thrilled to announce that, as part of our new ownership's commitment to improving and modernising the matchday experience, we have made some significant changes for the 2023/24 season. These changes coincide with the implementation of our new integrated ticketing system, which will go live for our first game of the season!

Online Tickets

In a change from previous seasons, we are now offering discounted ticket prices to everyone who purchases their tickets online for matches at the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium. To secure the best price on single match tickets, simply visit our new ticket site and purchase your tickets. Online ticket sales will be available until shortly before kick-off (online ticket sales will close 2 hours prior). Then, on matchday, all you need to do is show up at the turnstiles, have your e-ticket scanned on your phone, and you're in! It's that simple.

In-person Tickets

We will continue to offer on-the-day in-person ticket sales for the 2023/24 season. However, the price of these tickets will be slightly higher compared to our online option. Please note that payment at the turnstiles will no longer be available. Instead, on-the-day in-person ticket purchases will be facilitated through our new ticket booth at the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium. The ticket booth will accept both cash and card payments. Once you've obtained your ticket, you can proceed to the turnstiles as usual for ticket scanning and entry.

WELCOME TO CHORLEY FC MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

In addition to the ticket purchasing changes, we have revised our admission categories for the first time since 2019. To address instances where individuals deliberately attempted to purchase tickets incorrectly to gain access to cheaper admission prices, we have simplified the process to ensure fairness for all supporters. From now on, anyone aged 18 to 64 will be classified as an adult and will be required to purchase an adult admission ticket.

GROUND UPDATE

CALLUM'S COLUMN



Good afternoon, Magpie fans. The games are coming thick and fast for us at home across what is going to be an extremely busy period for myself, the players, staff and those involved within the football club.

We saw extremely high levels of rain throughout the month of November, far higher than we initially anticipated and more than managed to fulfil all of our home matches, including three on the trot – staying unbeaten and scoring so many goals with great results was equally pleasing too.

Our game against Buxton unfortunately fell victim to the bitterly cold weather last weekend despite

all of our efforts to get the game on with covers, several heaters and equipment in place to give ourselves the best chance. The temperatures dropped below -4 celsius going into Saturday and it was still -2 when the pitch inspection was taking place, where ultimately the pitch was frozen solid and unplayable.

Hopefully we can continue to perform on the pitch, the lads have done fantastically well to put us where we are at the moment in fifth place in the league table and we need all of the support we can get over Christmas and through to the New Year.

COMMERCIAL COLUMN

JEFF'S UPDATE

I would first of all like to say thank you to all supporters who have kindly sent in comments directed to the club's press release regarding my new position as Chorley FC's Commercial Director. It fills me with great pride to make this step and to continue the hard work behind the scenes on the commercial side of things, we have built up a real healthy and happy relationship with a number of different parties since I came into the club and I've no doubt that will continue into the future with many more exciting things on the horizon.

It's a very busy time for all of the players, coaches, staff and volunteers involved and equally a great time for our kind sponsors who continue to support the football club. We do still have a handful of matchday sponsorship packages available between now and the end of the season so if you are interested in coming on board for a fixture, please contact me on commercial@chorleyfc.com

Don't forget, our Christmas Raffle is now live and tickets are available to purchase online and there will be volunteers around the ground selling tickets on matchdays, Tickets are only £1 per entry and the grand prize is a £1,000 cash jackpot.



MAGPIES TRUST UPDATE

MAGPIES COLUMN



A warm welcome to the supporters and directors from Blyth Spartans, we hope you had a pleasurable journey to Lancashire, enjoy your visit to Victory Park and have a safe journey home following the conclusion of the game.

Prize Draw

In case you have missed it – We are giving one lucky supporter the chance to win a half-season ticket and all you have to do is be a member of the Trust.

How much does it cost? £10 per year, or £5 per month to be a 'Super Fan'

How do I register? On our website, at Trust HQ on matchdays or speak with a Trust board member – Look out for our lanyards to identify us.

Do I need to do anything else? You can be as active or inactive as you like. We are always looking for volunteers but if you can't commit the time, your membership is commitment enough.

T&Cs – The draw will be made once we have received a further 40 new members.

Meeting Update

As previously discussed at our November meeting, we will no longer be holding monthly meetings. Instead of these meetings we will be providing a detailed update on our website. The months where we have no meeting will either give us chance to continue with the projects that have been set or we could look at arranging events. We would like to thank our members for their understanding and we look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting which is Thursday 1st February 2024.

Magpies Trust Increase Share Holding

In July, as a gesture of support to the new ownership of Chorley Football Club, the Trust offered to donate a sum towards the renovation of the Victory Park toilets. This offer was declined in favour of looking at future appropriate projects within our budget.

At our November members' meeting, Magpies Trust Chair Julian Vass presented the board's proposal to offer the club a £7,000 donation to be used on a

project they thought best. In return, the Trust would increase its shareholding to 10%. This proposal has been agreed in principle, awaiting confirmation.

In the meantime, a vote on the proposal was sent out to the membership and we can now confirm, following that vote, the results stand as follows:

In Favour – 86.3%
Against – 9.8%
Abstain – 3.9%

With the voting concluded, we can also now confirm that we are starting the legal process with the Club to increase our shares.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our members for their participation in this vote and also to the management of Chorley Football Club to allow us the opportunity.

Food Bank Collection

As we have done in previous years, Magpies Trust are supporting Living Waters Church in Chorley during the festive season by organising a foodbank collection. With the recent postponements of the Buxton and Alfreton game, our collection dates have dwindled leaving our quiz which took place on Thursday and today's game. We would like to take this chance to say thank you to everyone for their support with the foodbank and to also let you know that it's never too late to help. Visit www.lwchurch.uk to see how you can help those in need during this festive season.

Please visit our website for further news and updates
– www.magpiestrust.org

MIDFIELDER

OLIVER SHENTON - Q&A



1. FULL NAME - **OLIVER GREGORY SHENTON.**
2. PREVIOUS CLUBS - **STOKE CITY, WREXHAM (LOAN) KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS (LOAN).**
3. SINGLE MARRIED IN A RELATIONSHIP
4. FAVOURITE FOOTBALL MOMENT? - **MAKING MY PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT.**
5. BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT OUTSIDE OF FOOTBALL? - **OWNING MY OWN HOUSE.**
6. BEST PLAYER YOU HAVE PLAYED WITH? - **PETER CROUCH.**
7. BEST PLAYER YOU HAVE PLAYED AGAINST? - **JACK GREALISH.**
8. DO YOU HAVE ANY PRE-GAME RITUALS OR SUPERSTITIONS? - **NO, NOTHING SPECIAL.**
9. DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS TO CONTINUE YOUR CAREER AFTER YOU RETIRE FROM FOOTBALL? - **DEVELOP INTO A FOOTBALL COACH.**
10. IF YOU COULDN'T BE A FOOTBALL PLAYER, WHAT WOULD YOU DO INSTEAD? - **FOOTBALL COACH.**
11. BEST FRIEND IN THE TEAM? - **HARVEY SMITH.**
12. FAVOURITE TV PROGRAMME? - **THE INBETWEENERS.**
13. TEAM YOU SUPPORT NOW / AS A YOUNGSTER - **STOKE CITY.**
14. WHERE DO YOU TRAVEL TO CHORLEY FROM? - **STOKE ON TRENT.**
15. ANY PETS? - **I HAVE A DOG CALLED WINSTON.**
16. ANY ADVICE TO OUR YOUNGER SUPPORTERS? - **STRIVE TO BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE.**
17. WORST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL? - **LOSING TO PORT VALE 4-0 IN THE CHECKATRADE TROPHY.**
18. CLEVEREST PLAYER AT THE CLUB? - **BILLY WHITEHOUSE.**
19. YOU HAVE FIRST PICK, WHICH CHORLEY PLAYER DO YOU PICK IN YOUR TEAM FIRST? WHY? - **HARVEY SMITH - NO NONSENSE AND VERY RELIABLE.**
20. YOU ARE GOING ON A NIGHT OUT BUT CAN ONLY TAKE ONE CHORLEY PLAYER WITH YOU, WHO DO YOU TAKE AND WHY? - **BILLY WHITEHOUSE - IS A GOOD LAUGH AND KNOWS WHEN ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.**

WE'VE MET BEFORE...1995

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 1995...BLYTH SPARTANS 3-2 CHORLEY

It was Robson & Jerome's terminally optimistic I Believe that sat on top of the charts in early November 1995 when Chorley were served two huge back-to-back defeats. Thirteen goals were conceded in four miserable days, firstly in a 7-3 defeat at Accrington Stanley followed closely by a 0-6 demolition at Victory Park to Gainsborough Trinity.

Yet those starry-eyed believers in the fortunes of the Magpies were to be rewarded the following weekend as Chorley reversed the 0-6 scoreline to inflict a home defeat of their own on Droylsden. Brian Ross would find the Bloods' net a remarkable five times, the first time any Chorley player had managed five goals in a game since Peter Watson – who else – did so in an incredible 11-0 defeat of Accrington Stanley on 23rd January 1965.

Seven days later, passage to the first round of the FA Trophy proper was secured in a 3-1 defeat of Winsford United before Chorley drew the blood of Droylsden again. Incredibly, it was by the same 6-0 scoreline with the Magpies scoring five goals in an unbelievable nineteen minute period.

It was on this day 22 years ago that Robson & Jerome were ousted from the top spot on the UK singles chart by Michael Jackson's Earth Song, and it was the Magpies who were brought back down to earth in the north east that afternoon.

Chorley were behind in the second minute after Stephen Pyle scored for the hosts, beating Simon Marsh in a 1v1. It was the Magpies however who took charge of the game, and it was that man Brian Ross again to level with twenty minutes gone before Steve Hook scored his first goal for the club.

Despite leading with ten minutes to play, the Magpies would rue all the chances created and a disallowed goal as the host scored two quick-fire goals through Stephen Pyle who completed his hattrick to keep the points at Croft Park.



WE'VE MET BEFORE...1996

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 1996...CHORLEY 1-4 BLYTH SPARTANS

Three months had passed since the Magpies last faced the Spartans and whilst there was not much to shout about in the league, excellent progress had been made in the FA Trophy. Chorley had reached the quarter final stage for only the second time in the club's history since the 5-1 replay defeat at the hands of Dagenham in 1976-77.

Including replays, five games and three opponents in Boston United, Gainsborough Trinity and Boreham Wood had all been seen off to award the Magpies with a visit from Conference side Gateshead.

As a warm-up, Chorley entertained Blyth Spartans at Victory Park the weekend prior, and were summarily despatched 1-4. It was opponent Stephen Pyle on hand again to pile on the misery with another hattrick, leaving fans fearing the worst.

Relief after a monumental 3-1 display the following weekend had the Magpies dreaming of Wembley as they reached the semi-final against another tough Conference side in Macclesfield Town. It was not to be though, as the Silkmen ran out 4-2 winners on aggregate over two legs and would go on to defeat Northwich Victoria 3-1 in the final. For the Magpies, that cup run has left a 'what could have been' long in the memory, let's hope today our latest chapter on the road to Wembley continues, with our friends from the north east the visitors...

Martin Ramsbotham






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MATCH ACTION

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COMPETITION

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VENUE

CROFT PARK

REFEREE

THOMAS WILSON

ATTENDANCE

482

BLYTH SPARTANS 1

DEVERDICS (90+3')

CHORLEY were denied all three points on the road at Blyth Spartans deep into stoppage time as the hosts salvaged a 93rd minute equaliser on Tuesday night.

The Magpies had the better start of the two sides, Justin Johnson finding plenty of joy down the wing in getting one-versus-one against Blyth's full-back.

Chorley were rewarded for their early efforts in attack before the half-hour mark, **MIKE CALVELEY** heading home smartly from Adam Blakeman's whipped free-kick.

Andy Preece's side continued to turn on the gas for the remainder of the opening 45 minutes but were value for their lead at the break.

Blyth came out of the blocks quickly after the restart and very nearly got themselves back on terms but for a wonder save from Matt Urwin. Mark Ellis thought he'd doubled the Magpies'

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CALVELEY (27')

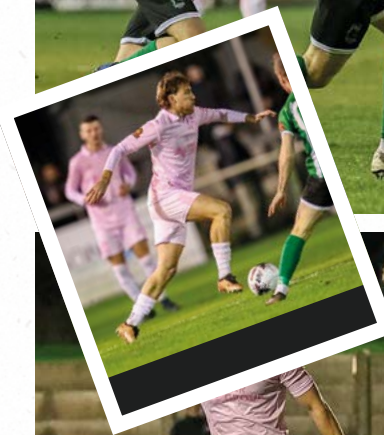
lead minutes later, only to be flagged for offside as the ball went into the back of the net.

The hosts continued to look for a way back into the game and were limited for chances thanks to Chorley's resolute defending, right up until the third minute of added time - **NICKY DEVERDICS** scoring direct from a free-kick that went through a flurry of bodies then past Urwin into the bottom corner.

Blyth Spartans: Mitchell, Liddle, Cousin-Dawson, Bodenham, Knight (Ndjoli, 69'), O'Donnell, Deverdics, Oliver (Clark, 64'), Main, Arnison, McGowan (Gordon, 75'). Unused: Shaw, Hogan.

Chorley: Urwin, Moore, Blakeman, Smith, Ellis, Nolan, Calveley, Whitehouse (Wilson, 59'), Sampson, Johnson (Ubaezunu, 70'), Shenton (Hazlehurst, 83'). Unused: Henley, Moyo.

Cautions: Nolan (62'), Blakeman (69').



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25 2023

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ATTENDANCE

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BOSTON UNITED 2

ROWE (24'), WARD (51')

CHORLEY battled tirelessly at the **Jakemans Community Stadium** to claim a last-gasp point at the death on **Saturday afternoon**.

The Magpies were by far and away the best side in the opening exchanges, Harvey Smith seeing his header from a Jack Moore slam against the post.

Andy Preece's side continued to dominate in attacking areas in search for the opening goal, Justin Johnson finding a lot of joy down the left early on but it was to be his opposite number who'd get on the scoresheet first - **JAI ROWE** curling an unstoppable strike past Matt Urwin after the hosts took a corner quickly and short.

Chorley continued to have the lion's share of possession going into the break and after the restart, Johnson continuing to cause all kinds of problems for the Pilgrims' defence along with some excellent set-piece deliveries from Jack Moore.

Having come out after the restart a goal behind, the pattern of the game continued in the Magpies' favour, only to then go on and concede a second - **KEATON WARD** placing the ball home at the back post after Jacob Hazel cut the ball back to him from the by-line.

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NOLAN (88'), UBAEZUONU (90+7')

The Magpies continued to huff and puff as the game edged towards its conclusion and their persistence was eventually rewarded on 88 minutes as they closed the deficit to one, **JOE NOLAN** in the right place at the right time to smash the ball into the roof of the net to set up a thrilling finish to the game.

Chorley refused to give in and right at the death got themselves back on terms, **CARLTON UBAEZUONU** picking up the pieces inside the six-yard box from a Mark Ellis long throw, before calmly slotting the ball into the corner to claim a thoroughly deserved point on the road for Andy Preece's side.

Boston United: Gregory, Rowe, Nicholson, Bostwick, Leak, Ward (Mills, 90+1'), Mooney (Knowles, 63'), Hazel, Sotona (Martin, 76'), Richards, Hill. Unused: Sephton, Edge.

Chorley: Urwin, Moore, Smith, Ellis, Henley (Moyo, 81'), Nolan, Calveley (Whitehouse, 64'), Shenton (Ubaezuonu, 59'), Hazlehurst, Sampson, Johnson. Unused: Wilson, Blakeman.

Cautions: Rowe (73'), Hazlehurst (90+1')

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UNDER-18s

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UNDER-15s

UNDER-14s

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BACK THE MAGPIES THIS DECEMBER

The season rolls on to Christmas but not without excitement for the Magpies, after getting over the disappointment of a late Blyth goal we go to Boston and we score two goals after the 87th minute to come away with a point. What a journey and a thank you to the travelling support and it was returned by generous applause from the players.

The new owners are getting established, the Fan Zone has been a massive success, the work put in by Tom and others was unbelievable, there's ground upgrades taking place both what can be seen and unseen. The new owners are tackling the financial side of the club which as we all know isn't easy and dependent on many outside factors.

Bring a friend to support your Magpies, an increase in the gate is a major income stream which enables upgrades, new players and a stronger football club.

We have many volunteers who help around the club; safety stewards, car park staff, media, the lottery, ground cleaners and volunteers involved

with the community, men in sheds and the sporting memories all involved.

An unsung group of people who don't often come to the fore are the coaches at the academy at Leyland. A strong group of coaches looking after our young players from 13 upwards. They spend a lot of their own time involved in the training and matches.

On behalf of the owners and management a special thank you to the volunteers.

We are seeing changes within management, Pete Tscherewik as our Office and Communications Manager and heading up the media department. A warm welcome to Steve Arnold who will be playing a major part in club and youth administration.

Another change not a new face but recognition of his great work on commercial Jeff Clarke has been designated as the Commercial Director of the club.

Congratulations to all and keep pushing for The Magpies.

Terry

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