

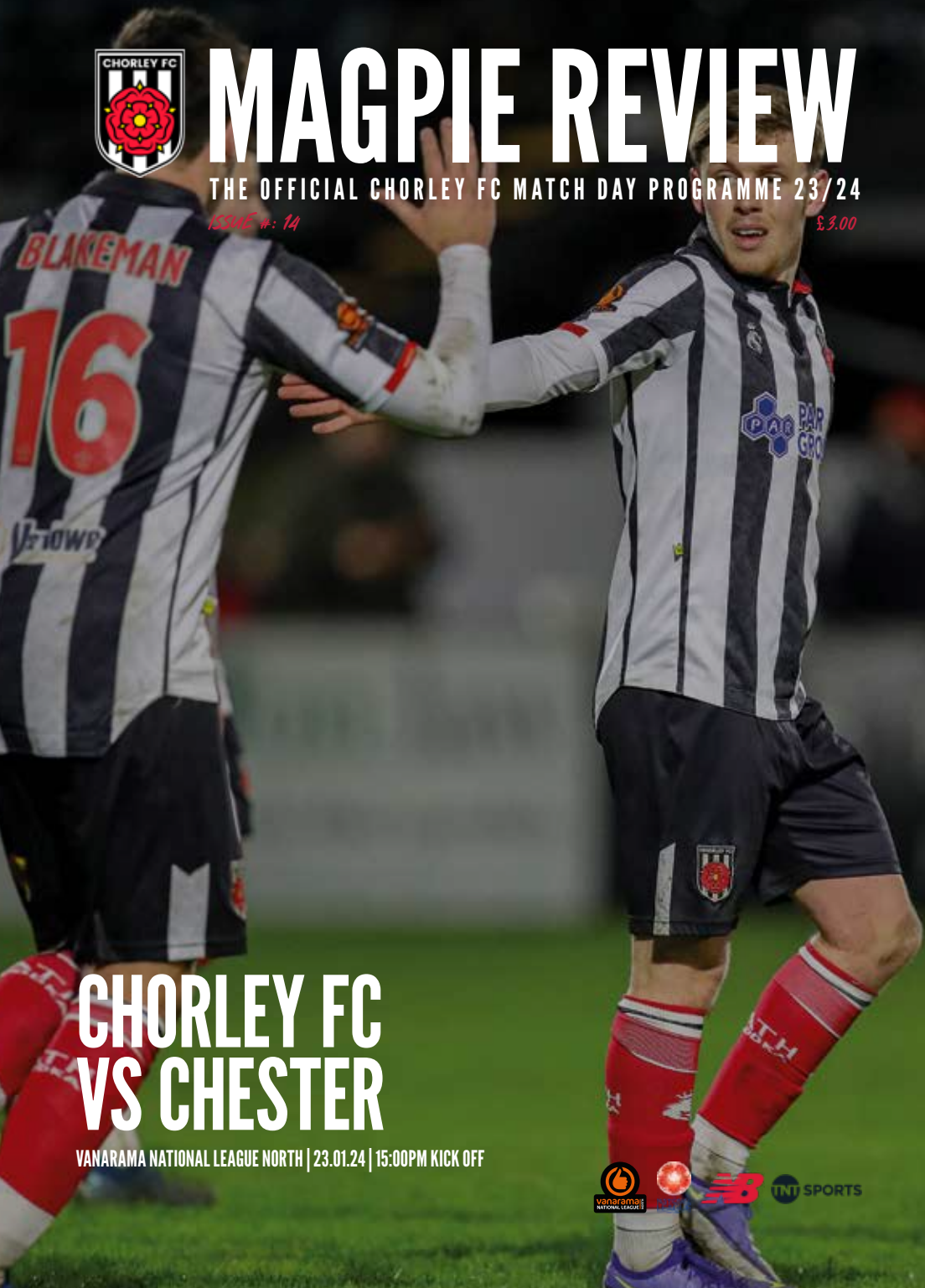


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CLUB HONOURS

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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GROUND INFORMATION NAVIGATING CHORLEY FC

PARKING

We understand that arriving at the match hassle-free is crucial to enhancing your overall experience at Chorley FC. That's why we're pleased to provide parking options for our valued fans. Limited parking spaces are available at the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium.

CLUB SHOP

Step into a world of Magpies pride and merchandise excellence at our Chorley FC Club Shop. Discover a range of official team apparel, scarves, hats, and more - all designed to showcase your support for the club you love.

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Experience matchday buzz at its best in our vibrant Fan Zone. Join us for unforgettable moments!

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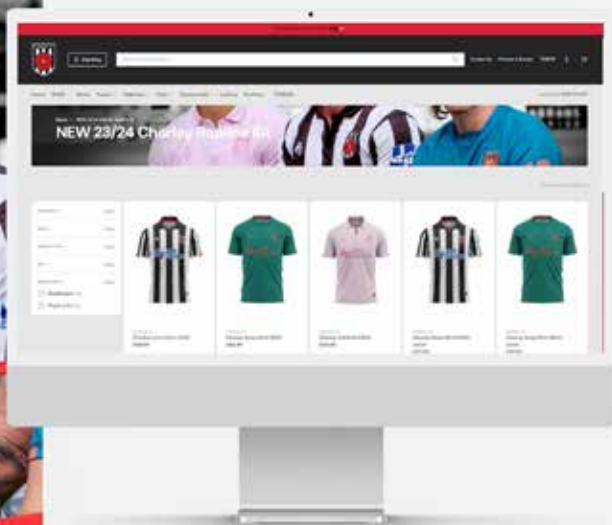
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A WORD FROM THE MANAGER

PREECY'S PIECE

Welcome to the players, staff, supporters and directors of Chester Football Club.

Chester had a fantastic season last year finishing third and are right in the hunt to match that again this time around.

They always have great numbers travel in support of their team so I expect a big crowd for tonight's game.

We go into the second half of the season in a good position in the league so games like tonight are huge six pointers.

Chester are a very good footballing team so I expect an open and exciting game for the fans this evening.

Well done to everyone at the club for winning the Manager of the Month award for December.

An incredible achievement considering the tough away fixtures we had during the month. It is reward for all the effort and sacrifices we all make week in week

out to be as successful as we can in such a competitive league.

We progressed to the last 16 of the FA Trophy with a hard-fought win at Hythe United. The conditions were extremely difficult with both sides showing a desire and commitment to overcome them.

Hythe had only lost 2 games at home in 14 months so to go there and progress has to be one of our performances of the season. Our team spirit really shone through not just on the pitch but off the pitch.

Going overnight you get to see how close everyone is and that's something that will stand us in good stead for the challenges ahead. Our fans at Hythe played a massive part and showed that same commitment and togetherness.

We will need more of the same tonight make it noisy and drive the lads on.

Enjoy the game.

Preecy

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Dene Field

GIS graduate, First Team Analyst and Coaching Assistant at **Watford FC Women**



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Mya Graham,

UCFB graduate, Assistant Producer at **talkSPORT**



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FAN ZONE AREA

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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CLUB

FOUNDED: 2010

MANAGER: CALUM MCINTYRE

GROUND: LEAP76 STADIUM

DIVISION: NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH

CLUB RECORDS

CONFERENCE NORTH CHAMPIONS - 2012-13

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION CHAMPIONS - 2011-12

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE DIVISION ONE NORTH CHAMPIONS - 2010-11

FOLLOWERS

 14.2k
  17k
  52.4k
  3.8k





FIRST TEAM
CHESTER

MANAGER

CALUM MCINTYRE



GOALKEEPER

1. WYLL STANWAY



DEFENDER

2. NATHAN WOODTHORPE



DEFENDER

3. JOEL TAYLOR



MIDFIELDER

4. DECLAN WEEKS



DEFENDER

5. HARRISON BURKE



DEFENDER

6. MATTY WILLIAMS



FORWARD

7. TOM PEERS



MIDFIELDER

8. GEORGE GLENDON



FORWARD

9. CHARLIE CATON



MIDFIELDER

10. ELLIOTT WHITEHOUSE



MIDFIELDER

11. ADAM THOMAS



FORWARD

14. OWEN WINDSOR



15

FORWARD

17. CHRISTIAN NORTON



MIDFIELDER

19. REECE DALY



MIDFIELDER

20. IWAN MURRAY



FORWARD

21. KOLE HALL



DEFENDER

22. OLLIE HEYWOOD



DEFENDER

23. KIERAN COATES



DEFENDER

25. KEVIN ROBERTS



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27. JAKE BURTON



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29. ZACK CLARKE



DEFENDER

33. LIAM EDWARDS





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CHORLEY FC'S STRONGEST SUPPORTER



A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN
JAMIE VERMIGLIO

A warm welcome to Chester FC's board of directors, staff and playing team. Chester are a big club with a superb fan base and I'm sure tonight will be a tough game for us!

Myself and Preecy went to watch Chester v Buxton last week and although they weren't at their best and were beaten 0-1, you can see the quality Callum has in his team.

They're a ball playing, sharp and energetic team who have done well this season.

They've been hampered by a few key injuries but I'm sure they will be challenging. Games against Chester always bring a good atmosphere and I'm hoping tonight's no different.

Last week's superb performance against Hythe Town was a real highlight of the season so far.

Those that travelled will really understand the magnitude of the win and the performance.

Although over 50 league places separated us from Hythe, their quality, style of play and pitch meant that it was a very even and physically demanding game.

Preecy and the lads represented us valiantly and we are now on the last 16 - a superb achievement and just three wins from Wembley - we can all dream!

I'm sure if we ever did get there, you'd all be there. Thank you to the very vocal contingent who joined us at Hythe and to those who met up with us before the game - thank you for making it even more memorable!

Henners has reached the 100-game milestone for our club. This is something for any player to be proud of.

Very often now, players come and leave within a season.

At Chorley we try to build a squad that can sustain a challenge year on year. Henners only started to train with us after recovering

from an injury - he wasn't coming down to sign.

After some influential talks and a bit of persuading from Matty, we managed to sign a full international and an established Blackburn Rovers player.

It wasn't too long before Henners was convinced to sign a longer-term deal and now, he's a big part of the club. Significant contributions on the pitch are obvious - his dedication to supporting our community projects, less obvious.

Henners is a big part of our club and I hope we can keep him around for at least another 100 more appearances! Thanks, Henners.

Before closing, I want to use this opportunity to emphasise and remind you that Chorley FC is proud to support all of our players and supporters during times of hardship and need. If ever any of our fans or family members are struggling or in a time of need, please reach out to us as a club we will do what we can to help to support you and your family.

Up the Maggies!

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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**

Evening all, First of all, I would like to thank every fan of the club that has reached out to me since the news last week - it really means a lot to me.

The club will always hold a special place in my heart because of how the supporters have always believed in what I've had to do on the pitch to get it where it is now and a big improvement from last year. There won't be many more games now until I embark on a new adventure to Denmark but I would like to wish you all the very best.

My thanks go out to Graham Watkinson who brought me to the club in the first place and I wish him all the best with his new endeavours.

Precy and the lads have been excellent so far this season, keep backing them all the way to the end and I'm sure you'll be celebrating something at the end of the season with the team.

COYM!

Callum

*COMMERCIAL COLUMN***JEFF'S UPDATE**

I'd like to welcome everyone back to the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium this evening for what promises to be an exciting fixture versus Chester.

It feels like an eternity since we had our last game here against Spennymoor Town, last year in fact! It's been a bit of a nightmare for us having to postpone games but unfortunately the elements aren't something you can control, the games we've lost here in Spennymoor (abandoned) was down to rain and the club worked tirelessly to try and get the Gloucester City game on but the conditions remained unplayable.

What a great achievement it was from Precy and his team to beat Hythe Town away and get into the next round of the FA Troors against a National League side in Solihull Moors, we've spaces for

hospitality available for that fixture so please do get in touch with either the club or to me directly if you're interested in coming along!

I would like to thank those who have already booked on for our upcoming games against Farsley Celtic and Southport, the Paul Mariner Sports Bar is set to be packed out for those two and myself and the hospitality are excited and look forward to welcoming you in for those.

Hopefully we can secure our seventh consecutive win at home in a row against Chester, it'll be a tough test for sure but at least now we've plenty of games on our own patch to look forward to over the coming weeks.

Come on you Magpies!

Jeff Clarke





MAGPIES TRUST UPDATE

MAGPIES COLUMN

Good evening and welcome to the Chorley Victory Park Stadium for this evening's fixture against Chester. I would like to extend this welcome to the board and volunteers behind City Fans United who are in fact the proud owners of their Club since 2010 – superb work to all involved.

It's been just over a week since our travels took us closer to France's capital than Victory Park and I want to start off by saying giving a huge kudos to our travelling fans. Some taking in an overnight stay, others making a full weekend of it and even a group who set off at the crack of dawn relying on the train network to arrive in the small town of Hythe.

Somewhere with this edition of Magpie Review you will have seen that we have started a new fundraiser called Push4Promotion. Without repeating what is already been said in that piece, you really could make a difference.

Enjoy the game!

Julian



50/50 Half Time Draw

You may have noticed that our 50/50 half time draw has had a bit of a mid-season change.

At the Spennymoor Town game we finally sold out of the previous batch which gave us chance to have a look at how we can make the draw more enticing.

After some research and asking other supporters, we have decided to reduce the prizes and will be going with ONE HUGE cash prize – a lucky fan could have walked away with over £200 just before New Year!

You can also buy your tickets prior to the game by visiting our online shop - shop. magpiestrust.org

Want to volunteer?

Do you think you have a certain skillset that could help the Trust achieve their goals?

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help either around match days or behind the scenes at the Trust – If you think you could sell a 50/50 ticket or two, then speak to a Trust board member.

Our full list of volunteer opportunities can be seen on our website.

Membership Update

Our membership numbers stand at 95.

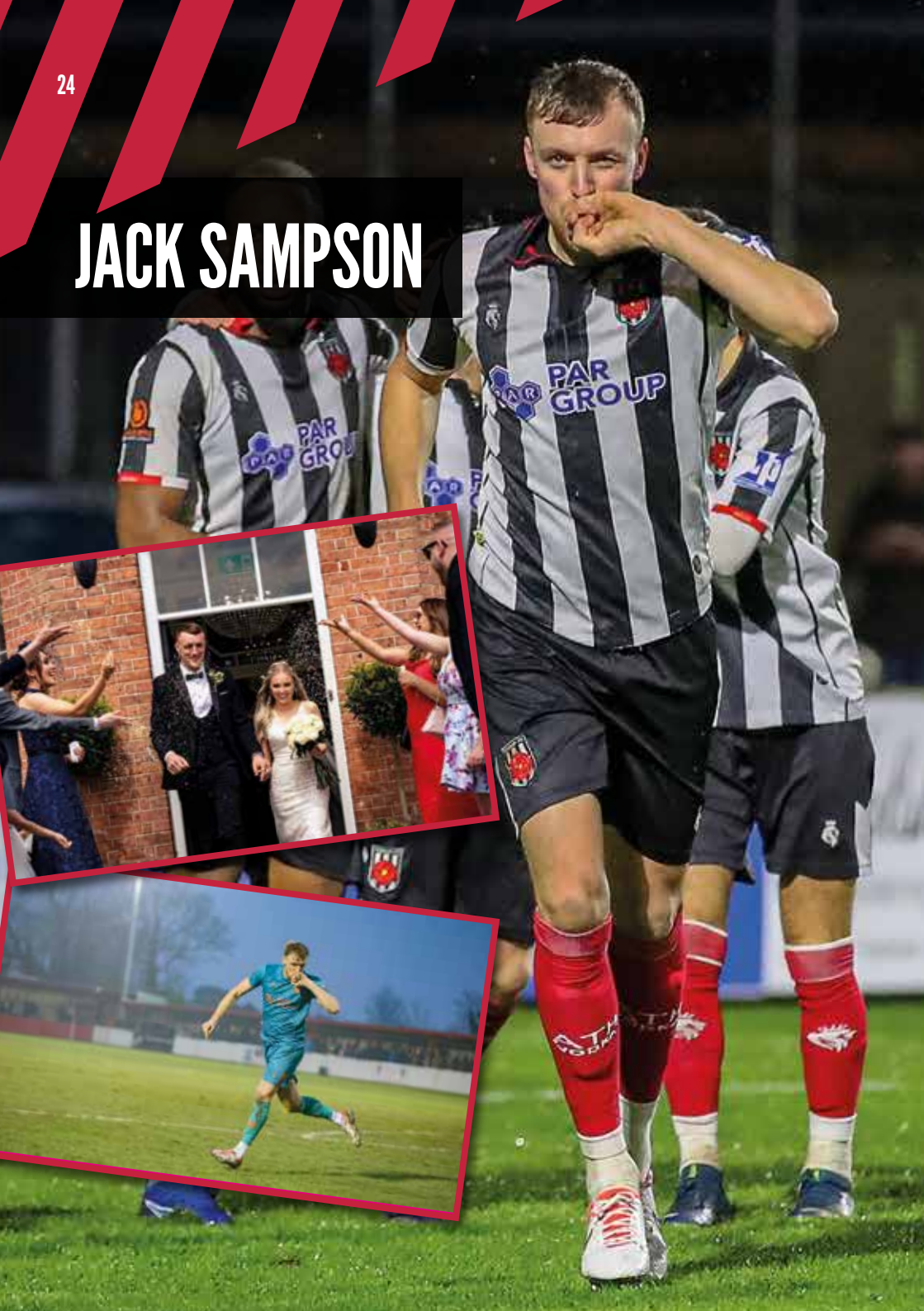
How much does it cost? £10 per year, or £5 per month to be a 'Super Fan'

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.

Please visit our website for further news and updates –
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JACK SAMPSON



On Saturday, February 17 for our fixture versus Southport and during the weeks building up, we are going to be working together to support Hannah - the wife of our towering centre forward, Jack Sampson.



Just before Christmas, Hannah was dealt some devastating news and we as a club would like to do all that we can to support Hannah and Jack through what is without doubt a very difficult period in their life.

Sampo and Hannah have put together a few words to give an update.

"Unfortunately, December brought unexpected challenges into our life that we never anticipated.

My wife, Hannah, was unfortunately diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer aged 30.

Triple negative breast cancer tends to be more aggressive and has a higher likelihood of recurrence compared to other types of breast cancer.

As we prepare for the upcoming treatments and the inevitable time away from work, the financial strain has become an additional worry for us. Hannah also anticipates the emotional toll of losing her hair during chemotherapy, prompting the need for a wig to help her maintain a sense of normality.

In light of these challenges, we are reaching out to you for support. We have started a fundraising campaign to help alleviate the financial burden that comes with battling cancer. Your generosity will go towards securing a wig, and ensuring that we can focus on Hannah's recovery without the added stress of financial worry.

A portion of the funds raised will also be donated to a reputable breast cancer charity.

By supporting this cause, not only are you helping me and Hannah navigate this difficult chapter, but you are also contributing to the broader fight against breast cancer.

I understand that times are tough for everyone, and any amount you can contribute will make a meaningful impact.

Your thoughts, prayers, and support are immensely appreciated during this challenging time."

We will, through our social media channels and other avenues be letting you know in more detail on how we aim to work together to support Jack and Hannah.

If you feel you're able to help by donating any prizes or events which could be used as raffle or auction items, or have any other ideas, please email jamie.vermiglio@chorleyfc.com

If you'd like to make a donation, please use the QR code on this page.

On behalf of Hannah and Jack and all of their family, thank you for your support.





Have you heard about our budget booster? You could personally be held responsible for helping Andy and his team achieve the goal of promotion this season - £1, £5 – Even 50p, it all helps towards the goal.

Why do we have it?

Historically, the Trust has been proactive around the Club providing financial support to various projects ranging from the access ramp into the social club to the original improvement of the PA system many years ago and more recently bought jackets for our match day stewards. It is often the common misconception that it is purely the majority owners of the Club who should be financially supporting the success of the team. However, as part owners of the Club, we feel it is our duty to help directly towards the playing costs where we can and with that in mind, Push4Promotion was launched.

What is the aim?

We breezed past the £40 and recently passed the £400 mark. The real target is £4,000. In the grand scheme of things, a relatively small target but it's one that we can only reach with your help.



What will it get?

It doesn't sound a lot does it? However, £4,000 could be the difference between a player returning from injury sooner or even contribute heavily towards the wages of that loanee who could see us over the finish line at the end of the campaign. Here are some example figures.

£150	Ultrasound scan to scan a specific area - Improving the rehabilitation process.
£300	MRI scan to scan a specific area - Improving the rehabilitation process.
£500	Contribute towards player wages/loan expenses

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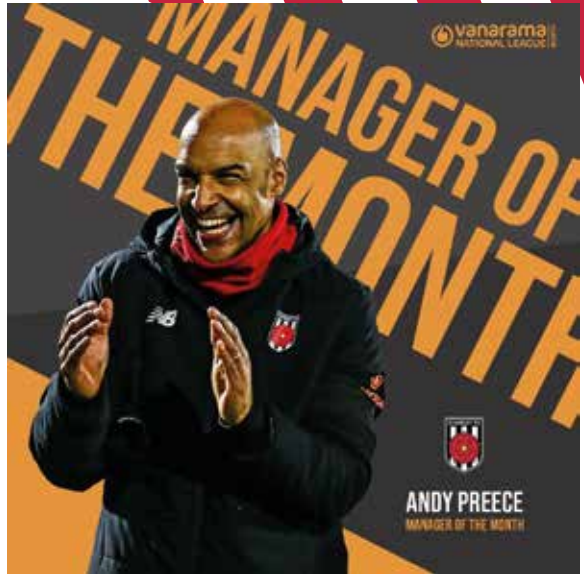
On your way into Victory Park, you will see Magpies Trust volunteers with buckets – They will gladly take your loose change. Want to give a little bit more today? You can easily do that by speaking with a Trust volunteer and they will either take your donation by card. Finally, and by far the much-preferred option, Local Giving. Type this link into your web browser - <https://localgiving.org/appeal/Push4Promotion/> - Everyone donation received via Local Giving can also be registered for Gift Aid.

What happens with the funds?

The money collected is to remain with the Trust until they are requested by Andy Preece. We will then have a conversation with the Club to discuss releasing the funds or even paying the invoice directly – This way we know that the money is going towards the project which it was collected for.

MANAGER OF THE MONTH

Your Vanarama National League North Manager of the Month for December... Andy Preece!




ANDY PREECE

Chorley
December

Goals scored	13
Goals conceded	5
xG	10.2
xG conceded	6.3
Possession percentage	45.78%





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SATURDAY JANUARY 13, 2024

MATCH ACTION

WORDS: PETE TSCHEREWIK PHOTOS: DAVID AIREY

COMPETITION

ISUZU FA TROPHY

VENUE

REACHFIELDS STADIUM

REFEREE

SAM MULHALL

ATTENDANCE

730

HYTHE TOWN 1

EMBERY (31')

CHORLEY battled from a goal behind to come back and win 1-2 away against **Hythe Town** to progress into the fifth round of the Isuzu FA Trophy.

The Magpies struggled to settle into the contest in the early stages, the conditions at Reachfields Stadium playing a big part in the tie right from minute one.

It was to be the Cannon's who had the first big opportunity of the afternoon, Matt Urwin called into action and somehow keeping the ball out of his net with an outstanding save with his leg after initially being wrong-footed.

Andy Preece's side began to find pockets of space and looked dangerous on the counter-attack, largely down Justin Johnson's left-wing but were dealt a sucker punch on the half-hour mark - **JAKE EMBERY** poking the ball home from close range after a deflection forced Urwin to parry the ball out initially.

Chorley, to their credit, did react well to going a goal behind and immediately went in search for an equaliser - both Ollie Shenton and Johnson knocking on the door before Mark Ellis forced Steve Phillips into a smart save from a corner.

The Magpies were rewarded for their attacking efforts before half-time though, **JACK HAZLEHURST** firing the ball home perfectly past Phillips with the outside of his foot into the far corner on 44 minutes.

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HAZLEHURST (44'), SAMPSON (74')

Chorley came out firing and looked all but set to score barely a minute into the second-half, only for Johnson to be flagged offside by the referee but the signs were there - Ellis again coming almightily close to getting on the scoresheet, Phillips somehow keeping the ball out along with the Hythe defence.

JACK SAMPSON then went on to score the Magpies' second goal of the afternoon to complete the comeback, firing the ball in after Hazlehurst's initial free-kick wasn't fully cleared away.

Hythe then looked to attack with urgency as time began to run out for them but Andy Preece's side stood firm and managed the intensity of the Cannons' excellently right through to the final whistle to put themselves into the hat for the fifth round of the Isuzu FA Trophy.

Hythe Town: Phillips, Goldsmith, Schafer, Steventon, L. Smith, Allan, Barnes (Gray, 90'), E. Smith, Caney-Bryan, Collin (Phillip, 85'), Embery (Trespaderne, 58'). **Unused:** Stirman, Webb, Fisher, Garande.

Chorley: Urwin, Whitehouse, Ellis, Smith, Wilson, Calveley (Nolan, 80'), Shenton (Henley, 76'), Hazlehurst, Johnson (Blakeman, 85'), Ubazuonu, Sampson. **Unused:** Drench, Doumbouya, Moyo.

Cautions: Hazlehurst (69'), Calveley (76'), Schafer (84').



SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

MATCH ACTION

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COMPETITION

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CANTRILL (35'), WALDOCK (58')

CHORLEY fell to a disappointing defeat away at Alfreton Town, the hosts securing a 2-0 win to leave the Magpies still in a strong position domestically in fourth place in the Vanarama National League North.

Both sides struggled to get a foothold in the game in the early exchanges, it took 17 minutes for either team to even get a shot off, Jack Moore firing wide with a well-struck effort from range before Adam Lund had the hosts' first go at goal just before the half-hour mark.

The Magpies began to feel frustrated as the first-half ticked on, Ryan Taylor accumulating a number of fouls for the hosts against Chorley defenders to the annoyance of manager, Andy Preece.

Billy Heath's side would go on to hit the front first after 35 minutes, **GEORGE CANTRILL** firing the ball in past Matt Urwin after an initial set-piece fell to him, the ball did deflect but looked to be on its way in to the far-corner regardless.

Alfreton looked to build on their opening goal towards the break, Lewis Salmon getting the better of Scott Wilson before flashing an effort across goal, just wide - but the hosts had to settle for just the one goal advantage going into half-time.

The pattern of the game continued in much of the same way the opening 45 minutes played

out, the hosts restricting Chorley to very little with persistent fouling a part of their gameplan to stem the flow of any of the Magpies' attacking play.

Matt Urwin was called into action just before the hour-mark and made a smart save to deny Alfreton an all but certain goal, though Billy Heath's side only had to wait another minute before doubling their advantage - **LIAM WALDOCK** volleying the ball home sweetly past Urwin having been left in acres of space after an initial set-piece was half-cleared.

Alfreton very nearly went on to add a third-goal with 20-minutes to go, Urwin again doing exceptionally well to get down low and deny Billy Fewster.

Chorley's best chance of the game to get a goal fell to Carlton Ubaezuonu but even that was shepherded away well by the Alfreton defence, Kennedy Digie sweeping up smartly to avert the danger after great initial play by Justin Johnson and Marco Rus.

Alfreton Town: Willis, Lund, Digie, Wiley, Waldock, Salmon, Perritt, Cantrill, Newall, Fewster (Clackstone, 90'), Taylor.

Chorley: Urwin, Moore, Smith, Ellis, Wilson, (Blakeman, 74'), Nolan, Rus, Hazlehurst, Whitehouse (Sampson, 60'), Ubaezuonu, Johnson (Moyo, 80')

Cautions: Perritt (51'), Wilson (56'), Ellis (90').





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It's been really tough of late with a number of our games being postponed due to the elements, most recently losing our game against Gloucester on Tuesday and ongoing weather seems a problem.

The work that went on to get the pitch ready, borrowing extra covers from Accrington Stanley and Tough Sheet in the end wasn't successful against the weather.

This is an ongoing problem at this time of year and as the fixtures pile up, we have problems fitting the rearranged fixtures in to an overcrowded schedule.

Contrary to expectations, the fixture at Hythe was on and we got a great result.

We are now in the last 16 of the FA Trophy and the Twin Towers beckons (or the new Wembley) to us who can dream.

The Hythe game was a bit of a marathon setting off at 2 pm on Friday returning at 2am Sunday morning.

In-between we had a great result against a strong Hythe team who had built up a bit of a reputation as giant killers in the competition this year.

The people at Hythe had worked miracles to get the game on and although the pitch was heavy it was playable but energy sapping.

Our win has seen us get a game against Solihull Moors and a place in the last eight up for grabs.

There was a warm welcome from everyone at Hythe and we wished them all the best for the rest of the season.

Whilst Hythe is probably not known to people in our area it's a lovely village by the sea, pebble beach and a long promenade which the players had a pre-match walk on and was enjoyed by some of our Chorley supporters.

Our fans came to Kent in good numbers, the team stayed in the Hythe Imperial and a late visit to the bar saw one of our regulars asleep in the same bar after enjoying the local brew.

One or two others we saw around the village but we were met at the ground with around 40 loyalists in great voice rewarded by a great victory.

A heartfelt thank you to them all.

Terry

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