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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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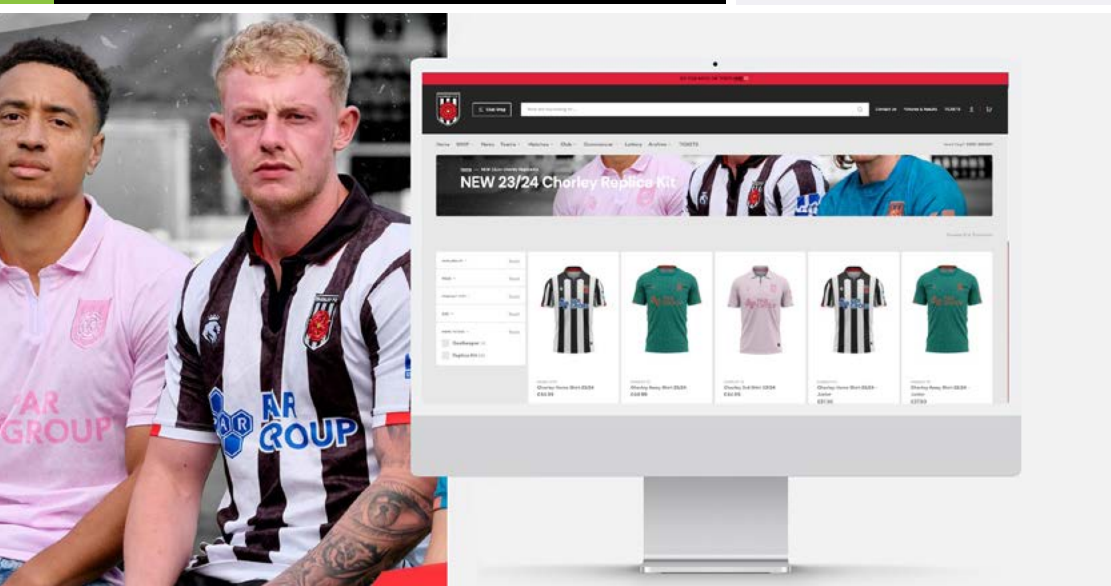
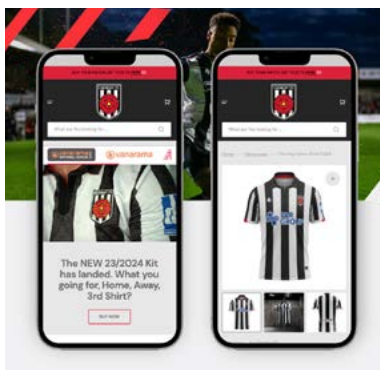
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A WORD FROM THE MANAGER PREECY'S PIECE

Welcome to the players, staff, supporters and directors of Farsley Celtic.

Farsley Celtic have had a steady season so far under Clayton Donaldson and have picked up nicely in this campaign.

They are always a tricky side to play against, especially away and we're going to have to be right up for it as per usual this time around.

We go into Saturday's game on the back of a disappointing defeat in midweek but it's important to remember we'd won each of the last six at home before Tuesday, so there's plenty to be positive about.

We've plenty of games at home to look forward to and several games in hand as well, we will need each and every one of you to get behind us over the coming weeks and months.

There were over 1,200 in attendance for the game on Tuesday and it was great to see such a good turnout for a midweek game, it's a shame we couldn't come out of it with the right result but we've done

everything we can this week to put that right this time around.

It's definitely been a bit odd having to have games postponed due to the weather and not having played for an extended period, to now go into a schedule that's extremely hectic but we'll be up for the fight and will give it our all to keep ourselves towards of very top of the league table.

It looks like we could have six or possibly even more games within the next two to three weeks and the majority of those will be at home and we'll be looking to make the most of those home games especially.

Our match against Solihull Moors in the fifth round of the FA Trophy isn't far away either and that'll be a huge occasion for us, hopefully we can progress even further in the competition and give you, the supporters more excitement and more to write home about.

We will need your support this afternoon, let's be loud, sing proud and get behind the lads right from the first whistle.

Enjoy the game,

Preecy

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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: CLAYTON DONALDSON
GROUND: THE CITADEL
DIVISION: NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH

CLUB RECORDS
NCEL PREMIER DIVISION: 2010/11
NPL D1N PLAYOFFS: 2016/17
NPL PREMIER DIVISION: 2018-19

FOLLOWERS

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FIRST TEAM FARSLEY CELTIC

MANAGER

CLAYTON DONALDSON



GOALKEEPER

1. ZAN-LUK LEBAN



MIDFIELDER

2. CHRIS ATKINSON



DEFENDER

3. GEORGE SMITH



MIDFIELDER

4. JACK EVANS



DEFENDER

5. RUDY MISAMBO



DEFENDER

6. TOM ALLAN



MIDFIELDER

7. BEN ATKINSON



MIDFIELDER

8. SAM LEVERETT



FORWARD

9. MICHAEL COULSON



DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

10. CONNOR BRANSON



FORWARD

11. JOAO SILVA



MIDFIELDER

12. RYAN WATSON



GOALKEEPER

13. HARRY ALLEN



DEFENDER

14. ISAAC ASSENSO



MIDFIELDER

15. JORDAN CARROLL



FORWARD

16. CLAYTON DONALDSON



FORWARD

17. DYLAN VOUMBI



FORWARD

18. NOAH WADSWORTH



DEFENDER

19. DARREN STEPHENSON



20. LEWIS TURNER





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CHORLEY FC'S STRONGEST SUPPORTER



A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN JAMIE VERMIGLIO

A warm welcome to Farsley Celtic's board of directors, staff and playing team. Farsley are a team on the up and I'm sure this afternoon will be a stern test for us!

Clayton has done a magnificent job since taking over as player/manager this season and they caused us a good few problems in the first few weeks of the season when we played away at their place.

Historically, Farsley have been known as a team that are tough to break down and hard to get a result from and this season has been no different, while they've gradually picked up their points tally as well.

The lads fell to their first defeat in seven games at home on Tuesday night at Chester, having won the previous six on the spin and I've no doubt will be looking to get back on track here.

We've a lot of home games coming up along with the Solihull Moors FA Trophy tie and a local-ish fixture with Southport in the middle of February, plenty to look forward to, that's for sure!

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.

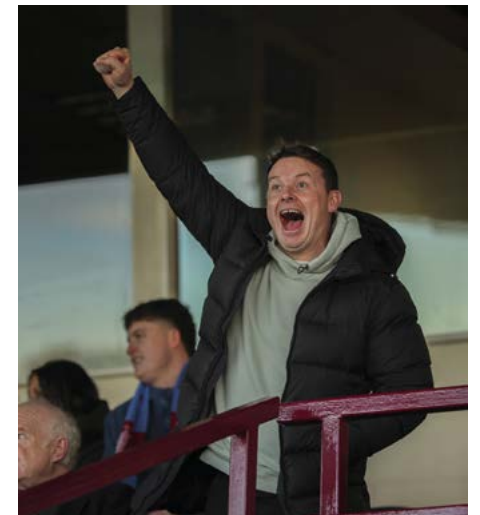
It wasn't too long before Henners was convinced to sign a longer-term deal and now, he's a big part of the club. Significant contributions on the pitch are obvious - his dedication to supporting our community projects, less obvious.

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.

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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.

Preecy 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 afternoon for what promises to be an exciting fixture versus Farsley Celtic.

It's a great time to be involved with Chorley (as always), the lads have got plenty of games coming thick and fast and I've no doubt the result against Chester will only be a minor bump in the road.

It could well be the case that we have upwards of eight home games between now and the February which is excellent, the schedule is going to be hectic but it always helps to be at home.

Don't forget, we've games to reschedule and be confirmed against Spennymoor Town and Gloucester City. As soon as an agreement is in place for those, we'll be inviting guests to register their interest in our hospitality packages in the Paul Mariner Sports Bar as usual!

Also, we've an exciting FA Trophy against a National League side in Solihull Moors coming up very soon and 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 game this afternoon and others that are up and coming, particularly the Southport game, the Paul Mariner Sports Bar is set to be packed out for that one and myself and the hospitality are excited and look forward to welcoming you in for those.

A special thanks as well to our friends over at Park Hall who have kindly agreed to a deal to assist our players for the remainder of the season, your support is greatly appreciated.

Hopefully we can get the right result this afternoon against Farsley Celtic, it'll be a tough game but I've everything crossed that we can get all three points.

Come on you Magpies!

Jeff Clarke



MAGPIES TRUST UPDATE

MAGPIES COLUMN

Tuesday evening wasn't quite the return to Victory Park we had hoped for but in the face of it we came up against a very good Chester side. However, 3 or 4 games in hand of the teams above - We're in a very good position at the important time of the season.

By now you may have seen the very sad news from the Sampson household. The Trust will be supporting the event organised by the Club in a variety of different ways. If you can support, please do. In the meantime, we send our best wishes to Sampo and his wife, Hannah.

I wanted to use the remainder of this article to address two particular topics that have come up whilst talking to supporters around Victory Park. Away travel and volunteers - Coincidentally, they go hand in hand.

At the request from our members, we heavily invested some time to research the possibility of organising official away travel. We obtained quotes, calculated costs for supporters and looked at a potential list of volunteers to assist. Ultimately the stumbling block was the latter. The players would be thrilled to see a coach full of supporters behind the goals for our away games and so would the Trust. Unfortunately, our small band of volunteers aren't quite big enough to administrate such a project to every away game - Which is something we believe it should be, everyone, not certain ones.

This leads me nicely on to the next topic - Volunteers. At present our bank of volunteers, not including board members, stands at 4. Do you think you have a certain skillset that could help us achieve our 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, organise events, have a commercial background to help increase funds, or even have a good idea, then speak to a Trust board member. We do have a dedicated section on our website where we list volunteer opportunities for certain roles.

Remember, if you have any issues around Victory Park that you believe Magpies Trust can help with then please speak to a Trust volunteer or board member. We can all be identified by our Trust lanyards or visit Trust HQ near the halfway line to find us.

Enjoy the game!

Julian

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.



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

How can we help?

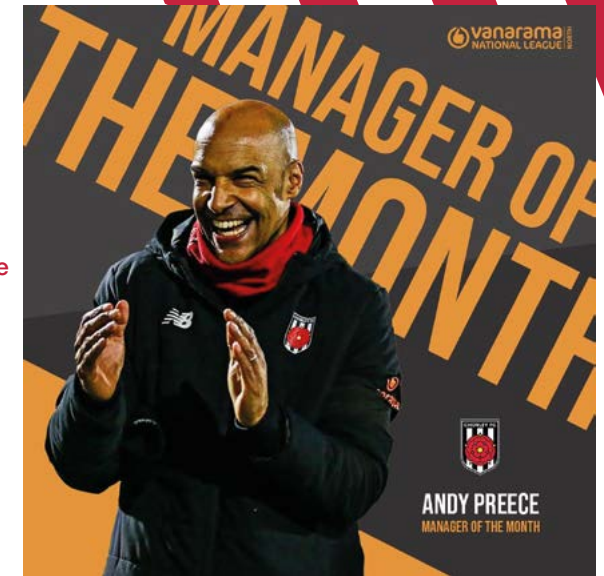
On your way into Victory Park, you will see Magpies Trust volunteers with buckets – They will gladly take your loose change. Want to give a little bit more today? You can easily do that by speaking with a Trust volunteer and they will either take your donation by card. Finally, and by far the much-preferred 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

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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, Stevenon, 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'), Ubaezuonu, Sampson. **Unused:** Drench, Doumbouya, Moyo.

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



TUESDAY JANUARY 23, 2024 MATCH ACTION

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COMPETITION

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ATTENDANCE

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CHESTER FC 2

0 CHORLEY FC

PEERS (5', 38')

CHORLEY fell to only their first defeat in seven games at home, having won each of the last six at the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium prior to this fixture.

Chester got themselves off to the perfect start, **TOM PEERS** slotting the ball home after an initial mistake from Mark Ellis in defence let Charlie Caton in to square the ball to the former to slot home coolly past Matt Urwin.

The visitors continued their fast start and were unfortunate not to grab second goal only minutes later, Caton's effort after an initial counter-attacking move well saved by Urwin who parried the fiercely struck ball away well.

Chorley struggled to settle into the game in the early stages, Jack Sampson heading the ball at Wyll Stanway from Billy Whitehouse's cross to register the Magpies' first effort on target of the night.

Urwin continued to be kept busy in goal and but for an impressive double save to deny Elliot Whitehouse, Calum McIntyre's side could have been 0-2 up.

The visitors were eventually rewarded for their efforts in attack once more before the break, **PEERS** at the double; firing home from 20-yards right into the far-corner past Urwin.

Both sides struggled to create a great deal after the restart, the wind causing real problems to the flow of the game but Stanway was forced to make a diving save to deny B. Whitehouse and tip the ball over for a corner.

Chorley came closest to a goal in the 90th minute where Stanway inadvertently put the ball into his own net, only for the whistle to be blown as Harvey Smith was adjudged to have fouled the goalkeeper in going up for the ball.

Chorley: Urwin, Henley (Blakeman, 68'), Ellis, Smith, Wilson, Calveley, Nolan (Shenton, 75'), Whitehouse, Johnson (Maguire, 55'), Sampson, Ubazounu. **Unused:** Dombouya, Drench.

Chester: Stanway, Woodthorpe, Weeks, Burke, Williams, Peers (Norton, 90'), Glendon, Caton, E. Whitehouse, Daly (Taylor, 62'), Roberts (Heywood, 89'). **Unused:** Hall, Okeke.

Cautions: Burke (65'), E. Whitehouse (67').





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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING WITH OUR GLOBAL WARMING WEATHER?

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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