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THE OFFICIAL CHORLEY FC MATCH DAY PROGRAMME 23/24

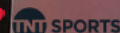
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**Northern Premier League Champions:** 1987-88, 2013-14  
**Challenge Shield Winners:** 1988  
**First Division North: Play-off Winners:** 2010-11  
**Lancashire Combination Champions:**  
1919-20, 1922-23, 1927-28, 1928-29, 1932-33, 1933-34,  
1939-40, 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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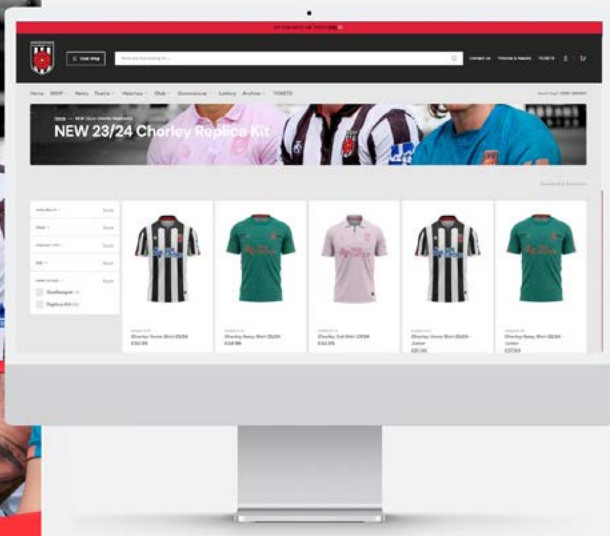
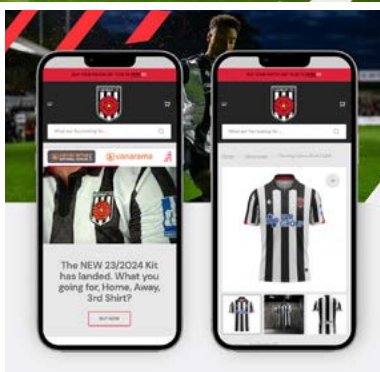
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## A WORD FROM THE MANAGER PREECY'S PIECE

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

Jon has done a magnificent job since taking over in December and we know they're capable of beating anyone on their day. We've had some real battles against Blyth over the years and I've no doubt that today will prove to be a similar sort of test.

Our previous meeting with Blyth at Croft Park in the league felt like a real sucker punch at the time, conceding in added time to draw at the death but we can't forget, we did beat them in the FA Trophy in December so we'll be hoping to replicate that result again this time around.

We suffered a minor setback in at the weekend, a disappointing defeat at home against Boston United but important to look at the bigger picture and we'd won seven or eight out our last league games at home before that but you're always going to get games like that one across a long season where you have an off night and now it's up to myself, my team and the players to draw a line under it quickly and move on to this big fixture back at home.

Also, a big thank you to our supporters who have continued to support us in numbers over what was an extended period of consecutive home games. I for one completely understand how tough times are at the moment, how games can become to feel expensive especially when they're in such quick succession but hopefully you will continue to support us this afternoon and for our final scheduled home game of the regular season against Banbury United.

I would like to thank everybody who supported us in numbers at the weekend as we raised awareness for World Down Syndrome Day. I was really touched at how everybody got behind the campaign along with the added push on Prostate Cancer UK as well. Harry, my Grandson is a real inspiration to me and is a brilliant boy, thank you again.

We will need your support this afternoon, get behind the lads and hopefully we can get the right result this afternoon vs Blyth Spartans.

Enjoy the game,

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**Rio Rosenberg**

BA (Hons) Football Business and Media student and Head of Women's Football at Hayters TV



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# MDC Autos 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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**MANAGER:** JON SHAW  
**GROUND:** CROFT PARK  
**DIVISION:** NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH

**CLUB RECORDS**  
**NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION CHAMPIONS:** 2016-17  
**NORTHERN LEAGUE WINNERS:** 1972-73, 1974-75, 1975-76, 1979-80, 1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84, 1986-87, 1987-88  
**NORTH EASTERN LEAGUE WINNERS:** 1935-36

**FOLLOWERS**  
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IMAGE: PAUL SCOTT



# BLYTH SPARTANS AFC

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# CHORLEY FC'S STRONGEST SUPPORTER



## A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN JAMIE VERMIGLIO

A warm welcome to everybody involved at Blyth Spartans. The club appointed Jon Shaw as manager before the turn of the New Year and Jon and his team have quietly gone about their business ever since. Blyth are a notoriously tough team to break down and get a result out of and we're aware that it'll be no different today. This will be the third time we've played against them this season and so far, we've a win (FA Trophy) and a 1-1 draw away from home back in November, one that really hurt at the time to concede the equaliser so late on.

At the time of writing this (before our game vs. Darlington), Blyth are unbeaten in three with two wins against Buxton and Southport – so, despite being in a position in the league where they're a little bit in the middle of everyone, it's clear to see that they're by no means "on the beach", as the saying goes.

The team fell to their first home defeat in nine league games at the weekend against play-off chasing Boston United, a real tough result to take by all accounts but equally it's by no means doom and gloom. Preecy and his staff and players have done a remarkable job to get us to where we are now and we're still in a fantastic position with only a handful of games left to go,

with every chance of still catching Scunthorpe United to get second place – we'll need each and every single one of your support today against Blyth and for our final home game of the regular season.

To close, I have to sign off by giving a huge thanks to all who attended on Saturday for Non-League Day while the club supported and raised awareness for both World Down Syndrome Day and Prostate Cancer UK. It was a pleasure to welcome in High Five and Coppull Primary School in as guests among others and it goes without saying, what a delight it was to see Andy Preece's grandson, Harry, out there on the pitch once again for what was a terrific occasion off the field.

I hope you will continue to back the lads all the way today against Blyth Spartans and that we can get the right result.

Enjoy the game,

Up the Maggies!

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.

COMMERCIAL COLUMN

# JEFF'S UPDATE

**I'd like to welcome everyone back to the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium this afternoon for our match against Blyth Spartans.**

It has been absolutely amazing and non-stop over the past few weeks and months and particularly to see so many new and familiar faces in recently, the hospitality lounge has been packed out and your support is greatly appreciated.

We finally had a breather (albeit, a small one at Darlington on Friday) with an away game but I hope I speak for everyone in saying it'll be a great feeling to be back on home soil again today.

I would like to thank those who have already booked on for our game today and our final scheduled home game of the season against Banbury United. The Paul Mariner Sports Bar is set to be packed out today and for that game and myself and the hospitality are excited and look forward to welcoming you in for those.

We've had several new sponsors of the last few months and over the coming months

we'll have a new area for guests being built by our friends at Sanctum Garden Studio. A big thank you as well to each and every one of our existing sponsors as well

Hopefully we can get the right result this afternoon against Blyth Spartans but I've everything crossed that we can get all three points.

Come on you Magpies!

**Jeff Clarke**



MAGPIES TRUST UPDATE

# MAGPIES COLUMN



**A warm welcome to Victory Park for this Easter weekend Bank Holiday Monday fixture against Blyth Spartans. Welcome to our visitors from the North East – We hope you enjoy your visit to Lancashire and have a safe journey home following the game.**

Our visitors this afternoon have gone through a transitional period themselves after their takeover was approved in February. They are now owned by Winners Worldwide which is fronted by Irfan Liaquat, a Tyneside-based businessman, angel investor and philanthropist. We wish Blyth's supporters the very best for this transitional period and hope that this new era works out for them.

All season long we have been questioned about official away travel. After an extensive piece of research and sourcing a volunteer we are able to offer this service for the final two Saturday away games of the regular season. These will be run on a trial basis and if the demand is there, then we will continue to press for the following season.

Finally, programmes. We are asked at every home game about these match day collectables. We have just this week come to an arrangement with the club that the Trust will take over the delivery of physical copies at Victory Park. The club will continue to produce the digital version – A big thank you to Pete Tscherewik for collating and editing the content – and we will order at least 50 hard copies for every home fixture that a digital one is produced for.

Plenty of good news to enjoy this week... Enjoy the game.

**Julian**

**Away Travel**

Thanks to Crowberry Consulting Limited for their sponsorship of our away coaches.

**Saturday 6th April - Buxton FC\***

Departure: 12 noon

Where: Brindle St, Chorley

Price: Non-members £18, Members £12, Under 16s £7

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Departure: 10:30am

Where: Brindle St, Chorley

Price: Non-members £30, Members £25, Under 16s £20

Members have until Wednesday 10th April to claim their space for the Peterborough Sports fixture before general sale begins.

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**Membership Update**

With membership numbers continuing to rise we wanted to confirm that your memberships run from the date you make the payment – This is different to previous years when memberships ran from one AGM to the next.

**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.

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# MATCH ACTION

SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2024

WORDS: PETE TSCHERBENIK PHOTOS: DAVID AIREY

## COMPETITION

VANARAMA NATIONAL  
LEAGUE NORTH

## VENUE

VICTORY PARK

## REFEREE

BEN ROBINSON

## ATTENDANCE

1,681

## CHORLEY FC 0

## 3 BOSTON UNITED

### KNOWLES (8', 30', 43')

**CHORLEY'S** winning streak on home soil came to a crashing end on Saturday afternoon as Andy Preece's side were beaten 0-3 by promotion-chasing, Boston United.

The Magpies didn't come out of the blocks quickly and found themselves up against it after seven minutes, Max Dearnley picking the ball out of his net after **JIMMY KNOWLES** converted from the spot - the former colliding with Knowles, leaving referee Ben Robinson with no choice but to award a penalty.

Having gone a goal behind, Chorley looked to get back into the game quickly by playing on the front-foot in attacking areas - Jack Hazlehurst proving a real handful to the Pilgrim's defence and had the best of the Magpies' half-chances throughout the opening 45 minutes.

Andy Preece found himself scratching his head on the half-hour mark though, Ethan Sephton getting to the byline before crossing - which evaded everyone before falling into **KNOWLES'S** path, for him to double his tally for the afternoon and tap home at the back post.

Knowles very nearly grabbed his hat-trick barely over a minute later, trying a speculative lob from distance to try and catch Dearnley off his line but his effort sailed just wide.

However, **KNOWLES** would go on and grab his third goal of the afternoon before the break - firing

a shot low and hard from an acute which found it's way under Dearnley and into the corner to leave Chorley with a mountain to climb at the break.

The Magpies were handed a lifeline after the restart, Frankie Maguire taken out by Brad Nicholson inside the box but Justin Johnson couldn't convert from the spot - his spot kick from 12-yards, dragged wide.

To their credit, the Magpies did continue to persist in looking for a goal to get back into the game, Gregory pulling out a save right from the top drawer to deny Johnson from distance.

The real killer blow for Chorley was then to lose Jack Hazlehurst in the 84th minute, the attacking midfielder sent off with a straight red having been adjudged to have gone in too late on Kelsey Mooney.

**Chorley:** Max Dearnley; Adam Henley, Mark Ellis, Harvey Smith, Scott Wilson; Mike Calvey, Kieran Glynn (George Horbury 65); Justin Johnson (Joe Nolan 90), Jack Hazlehurst, Frankie Maguire; Jack Sampson (Carlton Ubaezuonu 70). Subs (not used): Billy Whitehouse, David Moyo.

**Boston United:** Cameron Gregory; Jai Rowe, Michael Bostwick, Brad Nicholson, Ethan Sephton; Martin Woods; Dylan Hill, Lucien Mahovo (Michael Gyasi 77); Keaton Ward; Kelsey Mooney, Jimmy Knowles. Subs (not used): Tom Leak, Deji Sotona, Sam Smart, Zak Mills.







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### KING'S LYNN TOWN VS CHORLEY

*7.45PM KICK OFF, 9TH APRIL 2024*



**VS**



### CHORLEY VS BANBURY UNITED

*3.00PM KICK OFF, 13TH APRIL 2024*





# SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024 MATCH ACTION

WORDS: PETE TSCHEREWIK PHOTOS: DAVID AIREY

## COMPETITION

VANARAMA NATIONAL  
LEAGUE NORTH

## VENUE

VICTORY PARK

## REFEREE

ELLIOT BELL

## ATTENDANCE

1,450

## CHORLEY FC 3

HAZLEHURST (45+1'), CALVELEY (56'), UBAEZUONU (86')

**CHORLEY** secured a dominant 3-0 win against Scarborough Athletic side on Saturday afternoon, three goals for the Magpies enough to seal a big win for Andy Preece's side to extend the Magpies' winning run at home to seven straight home wins in the Vanarama National League North.

The Magpies started the game well, but it looked all but set to be goalless at half-time only for **JACK HAZLEHURST** to pull out an absolute stunner in the first minute of stoppage time, driving towards goal before placing a wicked shot perfectly into the top corner past Ryan Whitley who stood no chance.

Andy Preece's side continued to push on after the restart and one goal quickly became two before the hour mark, **MIKE CALVELEY** tapping home his ninth goal of the season after a headed flick on from Jack Sampson inside the six-yard box.

The momentum continued to swing in Chorley's favour after scoring their second, Sampson heading one barely an inch wide of the post before ex-Scarborough man,

## SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC

Kieran Glynn saw his curling effort well-saved by Whitley.

Scarborough had one big opportunity and even that was cleared off the line brilliantly by Adam Henley, Harry Green firing off a powerful effort through a group of bodies only to be denied by the former.

Chorley then sealed the win with five minutes to go, **CARLTON UBAEZUONU** taking down the ball brilliantly with his back to goal before spinning his man and firing a shot past Whitley to add the Magpies' third of the afternoon.

**Chorley:** Dearnley, Henley, Ellis, Smith, S. Wilson, Calveley, Glynn, J. Johnson (Ubaezuonu, 77'), Hazlehurst (Horbury, 85'), Maguire, Sampson (Moyo, 74'). **Unused:** Nolan, Whitehouse.

**Scarborough Athletic:** Whitley, Weledji, Thornton, Gooda, C. Johnson, (Dyson, 64'), Purver (C. Wilson, 64'), Maloney (Tear, 74'), Green, Wiles, Hall. **Unused:** Rutledge, Cracknell.

**Cautions:** Hazlehurst (83'), Wiles (85'), Dyson (90+2').







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In the dedicated Youth Academy Updates section, brace yourself for an insider's journey into our thriving youth ranks. From U13 to U21, we'll shine a spotlight on our budding talents, their meteoric rise, and league progress.

Explore in-depth features on each age group, offering a closer look at their journey, challenges, and achievements. Our coaching team will share insights into their development strategies, imparting a glimpse of the meticulous training that shapes these young contenders.

Discover thrilling tales of triumph as we unveil stories of players who've graduated from our Academy to clinch first-team contracts. Witness the transformation of raw potential into on-pitch prowess and feel the pride of nurturing future stars.

Amidst the updates, don't miss the BTEC programme's impact, showcasing how this specialised training path is moulding players for success both on and off the field.

Join us on this remarkable voyage through our Youth Academy's progress. With each update, you become a part of the legacy being forged at Chorley FC.

**ACADEMY INFORMATION**

**TEAM AGE GROUPS**

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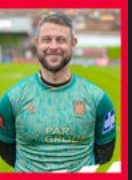
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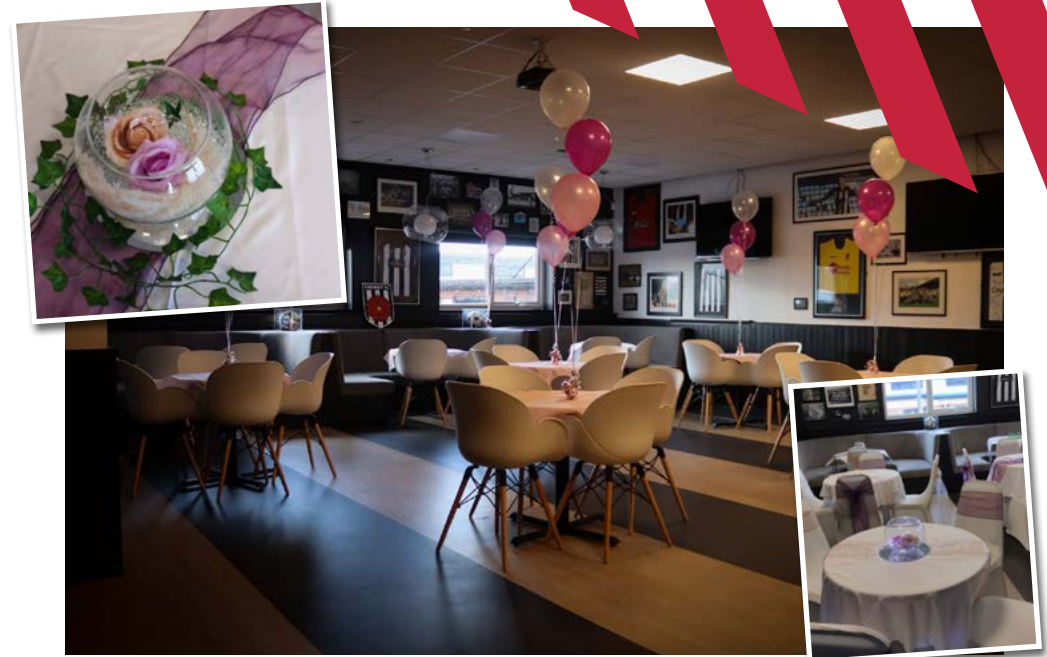
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