

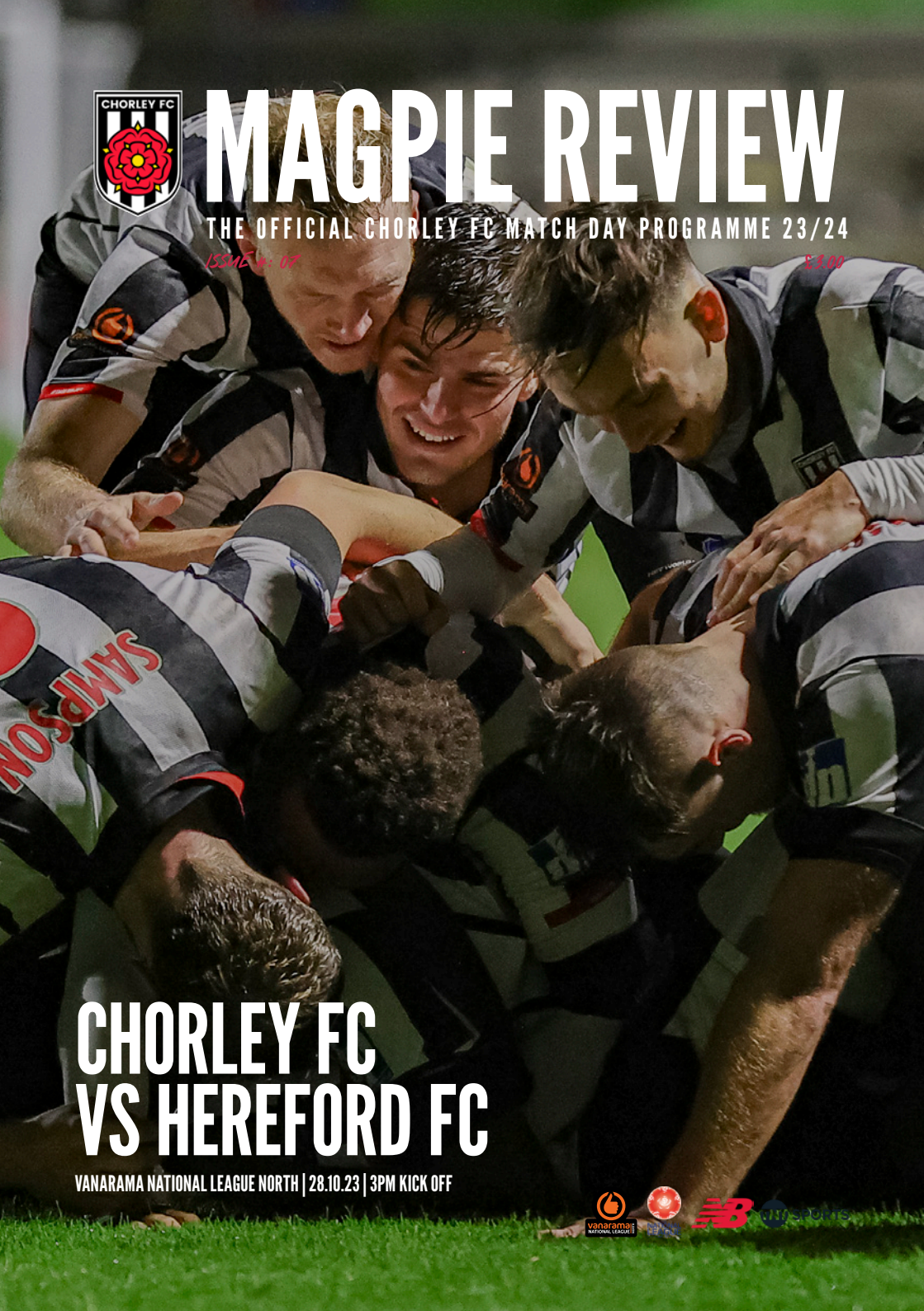


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FA Trophy Quarter-Final: 1976-77
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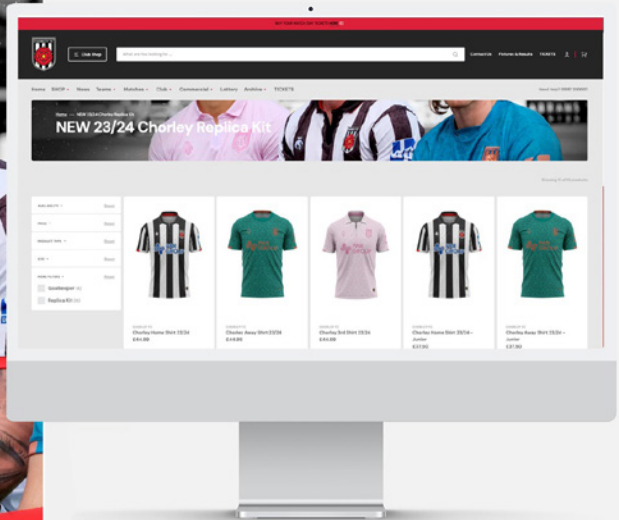
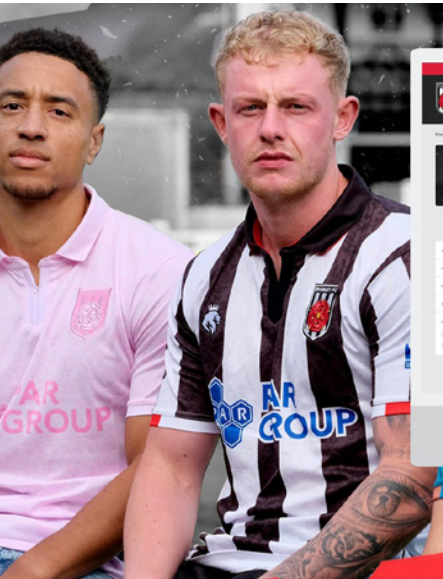
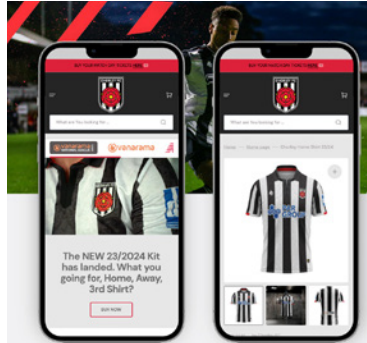
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A WORD FROM THE MANAGER **PREECY'S PIECE**

Welcome to the players, staff supporters and directors of Hereford FC.

Hereford were one of the bookies favourites to gain promotion and have had a great run in the FA Cup.

They are in a good position in the league not too far off the playoffs so today will be another tough test.

We have had two contrasting results over the last week.

A really tough result on Saturday where everything that could go wrong went wrong although we must give credit to Rushall they were clinical every time they got in front of goal.

When you get results like that it's important that you all stick together and look at the bigger picture.

That's exactly what we did. We didn't dwell on it we just had to make sure that we got back to what we are doing so well in previous games that got us into the playoffs

Tuesday night was a difficult game against a very very good side. South Shields are probably the best team that we played this

season and the manager said that's the best they've played all season

Massive credit to the players for the way they hung in when under massive pressure in the second half, put the bodies on the line as they always do to make sure we came out with three points and consolidating a position in the playoffs.

I thought Matty was outstanding made some great saves for us and I was really pleased for Carlton to get the stunning winning goal.

That goal was a reward for all the hard work is put in.

The supporters were great, never shut up and probably felt that we needed them in the second half.

That togetherness will get us through when we will experience tough times during a season has most team's experience.

Thank you for your support. Enjoy the game,

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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.

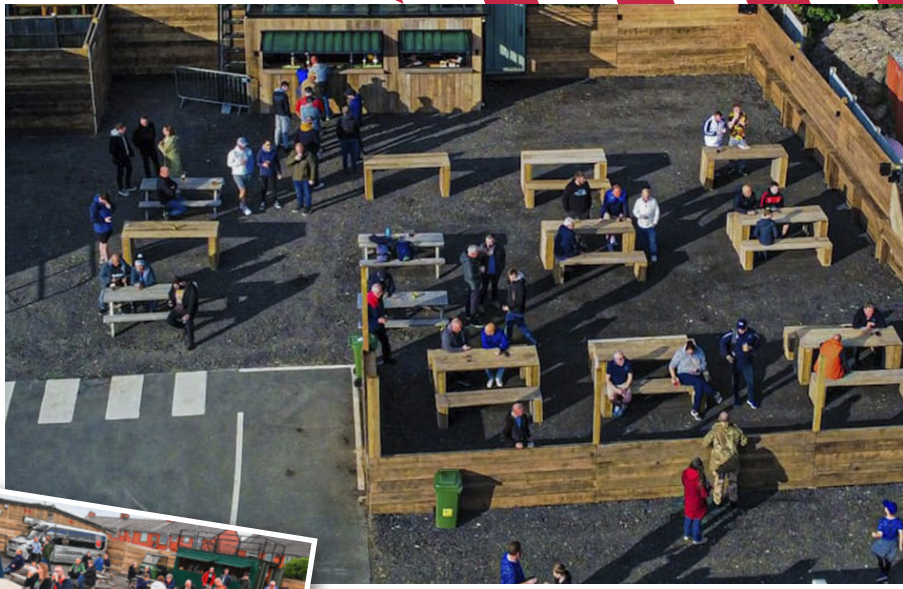
We invite you to join us in the all-new Fan Zone, where camaraderie, excitement, and the spirit of Chorley FC thrive. Immerse yourself in the vibrant pre-match buzz, connect with fellow supporters, and experience the thrill of cheering on our beloved team in an atmosphere tailored to enhance your matchday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

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GROUND: EDGAR STREET

DIVISION: NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH

CLUB RECORDS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION CHAMPIONS - 1975-1976

FOOTBALL LEAGUE FOURTH DIVISION RUNNER-UP - 1972-1973

NATIONAL LEAGUE RUNNER-UP - 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006

SOUTHERN LEAGUE RUNNER-UP - 1945-1946, 1950-1951, 1971-1972

FAW WELSH CUP WINNERS - 1989-1990

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP - 1951-1952, 1956-1957, 1958-1959

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PAUL CADDIS



ASST MANAGER

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DEFENDER

2. AARON SKINNER



DEFENDER

3. ADAM LIVINGSTONE



MIDFIELDER

4. AURIO TEIXEIRA



MIDFIELDER

5. JORDAN LYDEN



DEFENDER

6. PAUL DOWNING



MIDFIELDER

7. YUSIFU CEESAY



MIDFIELDER

8. ALEX BABOS



FORWARD

9. JASON COWLEY



MIDFIELDER

10. ANDY WILLIAMS



DEFENDER

11. JORDAN CRANSTON



DEFENDER

14. MARK DERRICOTT



MIDFIELDER

16. JACK TOLLEY



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18. CONNOR STANLEY



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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN
JAMIE VERMIGLIO

A warm welcome to the directors, players, staff and supporters of Hereford FC. We hope you enjoy the game and the matchday experience at Victory Park today.

It has been a very mixed week for Chorley, with our heaviest league defeat in some years last Saturday at Rushall Olympic, followed on Tuesday by a resolute and determined win against a really good South Shields team. Preecy was delighted; we rode our luck at times but Matty made some really top drawer saves and Carlton scored a goal that was worthy of winning any game.

A few injuries in our squad means that we are a bit thin on numbers at the moment but this does provide opportunities for others. There is also the option to recall some players from loan. Preecy has discussed this option but we wouldn't want to hamper player minutes and development elsewhere and would only really consider doing this if players were to go straight into the team.

After Tuesday's game, we are 13 matches into the 2023-24 NLN season and in a play-off position with a game in hand and the 4th best defensive record despite conceding five in one game. The players are continuing to build strong relationships and camaraderie is growing. Personalities such as Mike Calveley and Jack Sampson play a major part in that aspect of the club. Amongst others, these two help bring the changing room together and their presence is invaluable in the same way as Leather, Whitham, Teague and Meppen Walters in the past.

Off the field, the owners continue to work behind the scenes on improving the infrastructure at the club and to build relationships with the people of Chorley. Many areas are developing well, including commercial backing, our educational offer and youth set-up and work on capital



projects to further improve the overall matchday experience. The Magpies Trust and Community Foundation continue to support the overall vision of the club and provide invaluable assistance. Thank you to everyone involved in these organisations.

We have an important cluster of upcoming fixtures which could potentially put us in a very strong position come the end of November. If we continue our form over the past 10 games (19 points and almost 2 points per game – 2nd best in the league) we could be in an excitingly strong position as we approach the Christmas/New Year period.

Does your child go to a local primary school? Please urge your school to get in touch with us, because we have some amazing opportunities for them.

Thank you again to all our fans who continue to support the team and the club with so much enthusiasm and positivity – and also for making me feel really welcome back at Victory Park. I look forward to seeing and speaking to lots of you at the game today.

Up the Maggies!

Vermiglio, Jamie

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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.

THE MAGGIES TRUST UPDATE

INTRODUCING OUR TWO NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

Martin Ramsbotham Digital Co-Ordinator

Born in Chorley, three generations of Martin's family have been Chorley supporters, his father having served a short spell as goalkeeper at the club in the 1970s. He spent part of 2019/20 on the Trust board and has decided to return for 2023/24. Martin works as an Archivist for an International Architecture and Engineering firm.



Margaret Rogerson Supporter Director

Margaret has lived in Chorley all her life and started watching Chorley FC around 1968-69, home and away. She quickly began volunteering around the ground such as selling programmes painting plus other voluntary roles.



COMMERCIAL COLUMN

JEFF'S UPDATE

Great news we have secured more new sponsors from Jeff's last update we welcome Iain Lohan Ltd. Chorley Bottle Gas. Alfresco Chapel BBQ. Perfect Recruitment. SAS Schools. Vartowe industrial services. Also we would like to thank Chorley Scaffolding Ltd for help with the ongoing work at HQ. As ever the support for Chorley FC from fans, supporters and all our sponsors we would like to say a big thank you we could not do it with out you. We would like to welcome on board and thank Majestic Coffee Lounge - Chorley for kindly sponsoring our Goal of the Month through to the end of the 2023/24 season.

The future is looking bright at Chorley FC if you would like to enquire about supporting your club, please contact Jeff: commercial@chorleyfc.com





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MIKE CALVELEY - Q&A

1. FULL NAME - **MICHAEL THOMAS CALVELEY.**
2. PREVIOUS CLUBS - **PORT VALE, NUNEATON, CURZON ASHTON.**
3. SINGLE MARRIED IN A RELATIONSHIP
4. FAVOURITE FOOTBALL MOMENT? - **PLAYING AGAINST WOLVES IN THE 4TH ROUND OF THE FA CUP.**
5. BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT OUTSIDE OF FOOTBALL? - **HITTING MY FIRST 180.**
6. BEST PLAYER YOU HAVE PLAYED WITH? - **JACK SAMPSON.**
7. BEST PLAYER YOU HAVE PLAYED AGAINST? - **TOM HUDDLESTON.**
8. DO YOU HAVE ANY PRE-GAME RITUALS OR SUPERSTITIONS? - **BIT OF A WEIRD ONE BUT EVERY TIME I FINISH WRAPPING MY SHIN PADS I HAVE TO GIVE IT TO BILLY NEXT.**
9. DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS TO CONTINUE YOUR CAREER AFTER YOU RETIRE FROM FOOTBALL? - **I WOULD LIKE TO GET INTO SOME COACHING.**
10. IF YOU COULDN'T BE A FOOTBALL PLAYER, WHAT WOULD YOU DO INSTEAD? - **100% A PROFESSIONAL DARTS PLAYER.**
11. BEST FRIEND IN THE TEAM? - **TOMMO AND SAMPO.**
12. WORST DRESSED IN THE TEAM? - **BILLY WHITEHOUSE.**
13. FAVOURITE TV PROGRAMME? - **LOVE ISLAND.**
14. TEAM YOU SUPPORT NOW / AS A YOUNGSTER - **MAN UNITED.**
15. WHERE DO YOU TRAVEL TO CHORLEY FROM? - **FRODSHAM.**
16. SOMETHING WE ARE UNLIKELY TO KNOW ABOUT YOU? - **I LOVE DARTS.**
17. WORST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL? - **GETTING RELEASED FROM PORT VALE.**
18. CLEVEREST PLAYER AT THE CLUB? - **HARVEY SMITH.**
19. YOU HAVE FIRST PICK, WHICH CHORLEY PLAYER DO YOU PICK IN YOUR TEAM FIRST? WHY? - **HARVEY SMITH. BECAUSE HE'D BATTER ME IF I DIDN'T PICK HIM.**
20. YOU ARE GOING ON A NIGHT OUT BUT CAN ONLY TAKE ONE CHORLEY PLAYER WITH YOU, WHO DO YOU TAKE AND WHY? - **TOUGH TO PICK ONE REALLY. THE PERSON I WOULDN'T TAKE IS MATTY URWIN BECAUSE HE'S RUBBISH ON A NIGHT OUT.**



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ON THIS DAY 28TH OCTOBER

ON THIS DAY...1970 CHORLEY 3-2 WIGAN ATHLETIC

At the end of October 1970, the UK was still firmly under the spell of Freda Payne's hit Band of Gold, which had dominated the Charts for weeks.

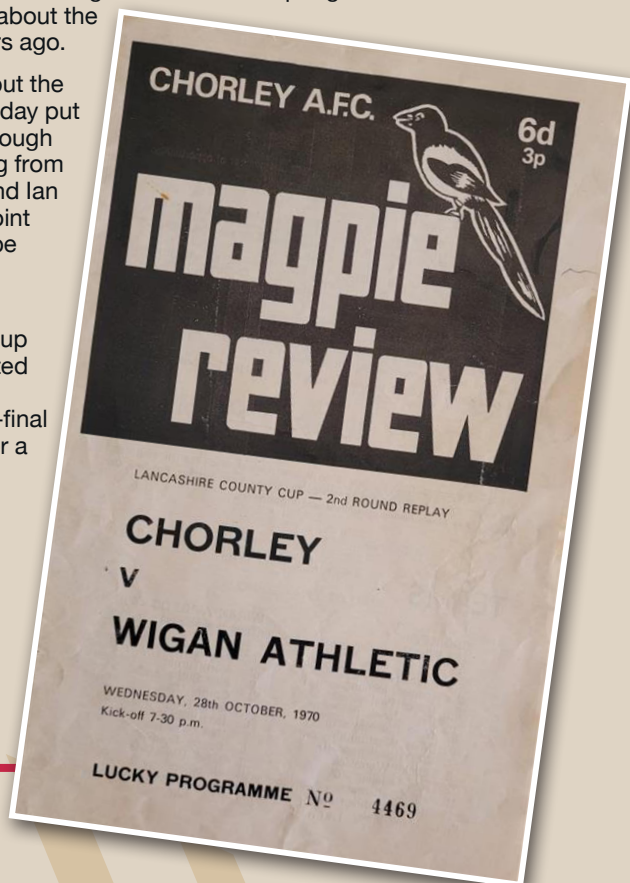
For many a Magpie, looking back on the club's golden age in the Sixties, there wasn't much reason for optimism. Following a return to the Lancashire Combination, Chorley had decided to give the Northern Premier League another go in 1970/71 after finishing nineteenth out of the twenty inaugural clubs in 1968/69.

A mixed bag of results from the opening months of the season had been exposed in October when the Magpies failed to win a single fixture or indeed any points in the league. The only result had come in a goalless draw at Springfield Park in the Lancashire Cup - which brought about the replay played on this day, 53 years ago.

It had been a long time coming, but the players who took to the field that day put in an excellent display to see off tough opponents, with the goals coming from Joe Fletcher, Cliff Hodgkinson, and Ian Humphries. It felt like a turning point - and it was: Chorley went on to be defeated just once during the remainder of 1970.

In the rounds of the Lancashire Cup that followed, the Magpies defeated Bury 4-2 on December 1, and eventually bowed out in the semi-final on March 3 to Rochdale, 2-1, after a goalless first fixture.

Martin Ramsbotham



ON THIS DAY 28TH OCTOBER

ON THIS DAY...1995 LEEK TOWN 2-0 CHORLEY

October 1995 opened with Oasis releasing their second studio album (*What's The Story Morning Glory?*) on Monday 2nd, which would go on to be one of the most successful albums of all time. The following day, former American footballer O. J. Simpson was acquitted in one of the most famous murder trials in criminal history.

On the Wednesday, Chorley opened the month at Wincham Park with a 2-1 defeat against Witton Albion: An inauspicious beginning to an indifferent month in which the Magpies would play six fixtures prior to the Leek Town game and win two, draw two & lose two.

Despite this, a passage to the second qualifying round of the FA Trophy was at least secured, 1-2 away at Atherton Laburnum Rovers. High on manager Dave Sutton's list of concerns though was the lack of goals. Since the 4-0 defeat of Witton Albion at Victory Park on October 7, Chorley had managed just one goal - and none in either of the previous two fixtures.

So, Chorley travelled to Harrison Park, home of Leek Town, on this day 28 years ago, to face a side sitting fourteenth, just a place above Chorley. It was to be a third successive fixture without scoring and the Magpies never looked like scoring either. Diskin and Twigg found the net in each half to give the hosts an easy three points.

It wasn't going to get much better at the start of November either; Chorley won just one game, 2-1 against Eastwood Town in the FA Trophy, and lost their next three fixtures, 2-4 at home to Marine in the Lancashire Challenge Cup; 7-3 away at Accrington Stanley, and 0-6 at home to Gainsborough Trinity, both in the league.

Martin Ramsbotham





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CHORLEY VS SOUTH SHIELDS MATCH RE-CAP

GAME TYPE

LEAGUE

VENUE

VICTORY PARK

REFEREE

OLIVER NOONAN

CHORLEY FC 2
SAMPSON (32'), JOHNSON (36')

CHORLEY bounced back with a terrific win on Tuesday under the lights at the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium - beating South Shields 2-1 thanks to goals from Mike Calveley and Carlton Ubazuonu.

South Shields came out of the blocks quicker than the Magpies, forcing Matt Urwin into a smart save after barely two minutes had been played before Paul Blackett very nearly got in behind a minute later.

The Magpies' first moment of magic came from the in-form Justin Johnson who did brilliantly to beat Blair Adams, take-on Gary Liddle then cross towards Josh Popoola - who just couldn't strike it cleanly to beat Myles Boney in goal.

Chorley's efforts in attack were eventually rewarded after 31 minutes, Mike Calveley found himself in acres of space inside the box and made no mistake in taking full advantage - firing past a helpless Boney.

South Shields got themselves back on terms deep into stoppage time at the end of the first-half, Paul Blackett tapping home at the back post after some smart work from Jed Abbey to control the ball after a long diagonal ball was sent through over the top.

The Mariners started out after the restart much as they left off in the first-half, forcing Urwin into

SOUTH SHIELDS 1
BLACKETT (45+3')

more action between the posts as he denied Blackett superbly from close range.

Despite all of the pressure from the visitors it was to be Andy Preece's side who hit the front on 68 minutes, an absolute wonderstrike from Carlton Ubazuonu who hammered the ball home with an absolute rocket from his left-foot from range.

Julio Arca's side threw absolutely everything at Chorley right to the final whistle and even in the dying embers, hit the post through Blackett in the fourth minute of injury time at the end of the second-half.

Chorley: Urwin, Moore, Ellis, H. Smith, Popoola (Ubazuonu, 60') Henley, Calveley, Sampson (Moyo, 81'), Nolan, Johnson (Blakeman, 90+1), Whitehouse. Unused: Brindle, Shenton.

South Shields: Boney, Clarke, Adams, Liddle, Broadbent, Hasani, Heaney, Briggs (M. Smith, 45'), Blackett, Abbey (Martin, 78'), James. Unused: Mongoy, Lufudu (Woods, 74').

Goalscorers: Calveley (31'), Blackett (45+3'), Ubazuonu (68')

Cautions: ■ Heaney (30'), Adams (35'), M. Smith (60'), Ellis (61').

Referee: Oliver Noonan.

Assistants: Adam Watson & James Garsud.

RUSHALL OLYMPIC VS CHORLEY MATCH RE-CAP

GAME TYPE

LEAGUE

VENUE

DALES LANE

REFEREE

H. WARNER

RUSHALL OLYMPIC 5
WALDRON (38', 42', 65' 68'), MUNAKANDAFI (79')

CHORLEY FC 0

Chorley fell to defeat on their travels on Saturday afternoon, conceding five to newly-promoted Rushall Olympic at Dales Lane.

Rushall had the ball in the back of the net early on through Andre Carvalho-Landell, only to be flagged for offside.

The Pics would eventually take the lead after 38 minutes through Daniel Waldron, a terrific strike into the far corner that even a fully outstretched Matt Urwin had no chance of keeping out.

Liam MacDonald's side then doubled their lead four minutes later, Waldron again on the spot to tap in from close range after Urwin initially saved well from Ronan Maher.

Chorley came out after the restart with work to do and to their credit, gave it a good go - Billy Whitehouse forcing Jacob Weaver into a smart save down low.

Rushall bagged their third on 65 minutes, Waldron completing his hat-trick in the process after the hosts broke away well from clearing a Chorley corner.

Waldron notched his fourth of the afternoon shortly after, his eighth goal of the season after capitalising on a mistake at the back - tapping in to an empty net.

The hosts then completed the rout with just over ten minutes to go, Luther Mukandafa

squeezing it in from an acute angle from the left past Urwin.

Rushall Olympic: Weaver, Green, Hudson, Fletcher, Masidi, Clarke, Coyle, Moore (Tonks, 84'), Waldron (Skeen-Hamilton, 75'), Carvalho-Landell (Mukandafa, 77'), Maher. Unused: Cooper, Gosling.

Chorley: Urwin, Moore, Wilson (Shenton, 6'), Ellis, Blakeman, Whitehouse, Nolan, Calveley, Johnson, Hazlehurst (Popoola, 45'), Sampson (Moyo, 75'). Unused: Henley, Ubazouunu.

Goalscorers: Waldron (38', 42', 65' 68'), Munakandafa (79').

Cautions: ■ Masidi (25'), A. Moore (45'+1), Ellis (66'), Carvalho-Landell (74'), Blakeman (74').

Referee: H. Warner

Assistants: K. Chell & J. Cunningham



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A WORD FROM CHORLEY FC TERRY ROBINSON

There are many areas that make up a football club and as part of the Chorley FC Pathway we run an education programme in conjunction with Steve Gerrard Academy.

This programme consists of training full time at Bamber Bridge Sports Centre with a full education in numeracy, literacy, sports management all leading to B-TEC classes also at Bamber Bridge. These qualifications have the same value as A levels for possible University entry at the conclusion of the course. A regular fixture list of competitive games are played throughout the 2 year course (an extra year is also available). Graduates from previous years have gone on to courses at Sports Colleges in America, University courses in the U.K. and pro contracts at Chorley FC.

The students visit SGA links in Larne Ireland, Academies in Spain all leading to a holistic approach in the student's education. Now this is where we can all play a part in The Chorley FC pathway. We have started having meets and trials on Victory Park. First session was on Wednesday 18th of October. Leavers leaving school summer of 2024 are eligible for

these courses. If you have sons and possibly daughters or friends who would benefit and fancy this type of course contact the club with details of the student's contact details to ceo@chorleyfc.com. It's a great course, great experience for the development of both education and football coaching.

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CHORLEY FC CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF SOCCER SCHOOLS

Almost ten years ago, on August 27, 2013, we opened our first-ever 'Soccer School.' The sessions were led by Adam Roscoe, who is well-known for more than just his overhead kicks and me! The coordinator was the late David Murgatroyd. For the first one or two, we had trouble with the numbers less than 10 children signed up to the first one), but by the fourth and fifth sessions, we were booming and regularly reaching 70 to 100 kids. James Turner, who is pictured with his mother Carole and next to Roscoe in the photograph, was one of the first kids to arrive. Up to the age of approximately 16, James attended pretty much every soccer school he could. James is now a fully committed supporter with his parents.

Murgy was instrumental in the club's new project. His pen would be writing furiously and his phone would be buzzing with the most extravagant ring tones. He would record the information of kids who were signing up on a folded-up piece of paper or a small book he kept on the inside of his jacket. Emails? For Murgy? No! To get the information to me, he used carrier pigeons. Lists would be delivered with capital

letters, carefully written. He would cover any errors with the strongest Tipp-ex you could locate! Everything was organised.

Murgy would plan everything out before serving as the 'front of house' while kids and parents came. Kind, cheerful, and eager to support our families, he would be diligent with everything related to the Soccer Schools, including writing the certificates precisely, organising tickets, gathering autographed balls, etc. I remember he once searched his drawers for a shell suit (1980s style!), to wear so that he could 'look like a coach!' – He wore this on one of the away trips too!

One of Murgy's finest club accomplishments at the club was without a doubt founding, expanding, and most recently maintaining and developing the Soccer Schools with Preecy.

"I made you into the manger that you are!" Murgy would always inform me when we were travelling to and from games. Every time we travelled, Murgy would insist over a glass of red wine and some cheese and crackers that the Soccer School 'HE' founded and offered me the chance at,



was what made me into a football manager. Although we both knew that was not the case, spending so much time with a fantastic man had a positive impact on my attitude and character.

It is quite appropriate that the kids now strive towards the “David Murgatroyd Award” on every Football School. A prize for kids who, like Murgy, have been committed, diligent, and have a constantly positive attitude

We appreciate Carole sharing the picture. The football schools and other community projects will be continued and developed, which is something we are all excited about.





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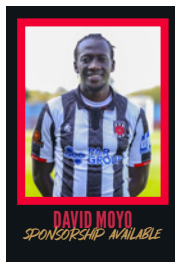
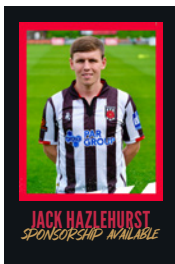
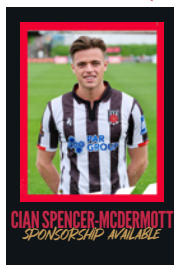


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