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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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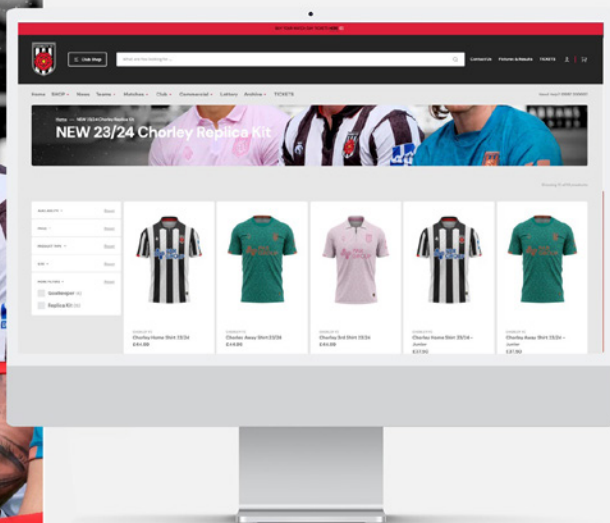
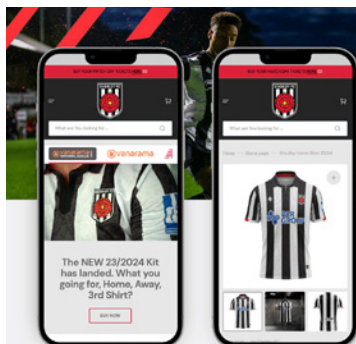
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## *A WORD FROM THE MANAGER* **PREECY'S PIECE**

### **Welcome to the players, staff, supporters and directors of Peterborough Sports.**

Peterborough Sports are on an excellent run of form and are unbeaten in six games. We had two really tight games last season and expect the game to be very close again today. Michael Gash has done a very good job since coming in last season and looks to have recruited really well in the summer.

We showed a big improvement on performance on Tuesday night at Scarborough Athletic. After having Saturday's game called off vs Banbury it was beneficial that we didn't have to travel back-to-back.

The fixture list for us is a joke compared to others in the league, it's great when you can overcome disadvantages and Scarborough was a great point.

Travelling midweek and playing on a 3G pitch is a real test so for us to push them all the way and finish strongly was encouraging.

We have been tested recently with a few injuries and suspensions which has given opportunities to a couple of our young lads.

The whole point of our youth structure is to give them a pathway to the first team if good enough. Noel and Amadou have been excellent this season and fully deserved their places on bench.

We are grateful to all the coaches, support staff and parents for keeping the academy progressing forwards.

This is the start of 3 home games we are thankful for all your support whether it's for one or all three games.

We can only achieve with everyone sticking together. Keep banging that drum and singing the songs it really helps.

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.

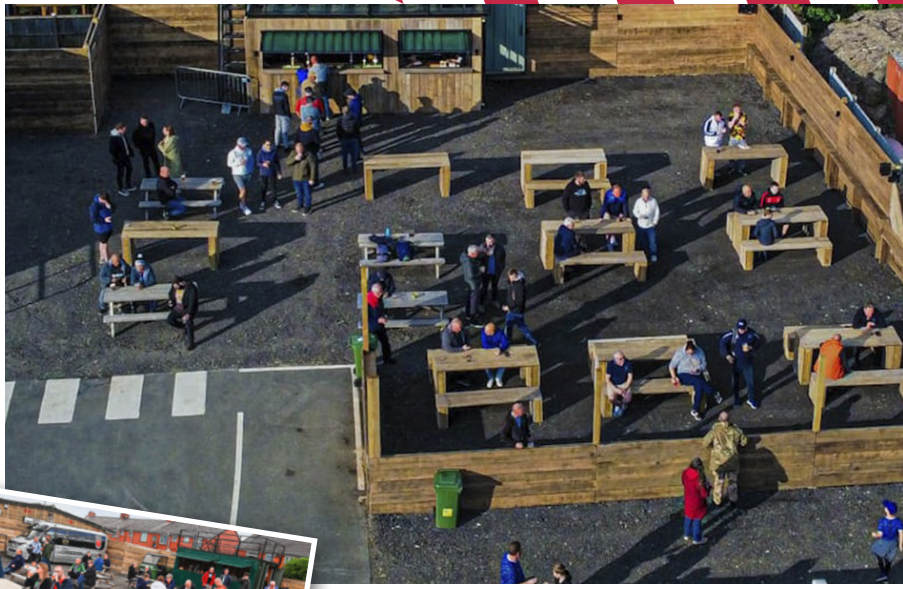
Please note that specific details and additional attractions within the Fan Zone will be announced closer to the start of the season. Stay tuned to our official website and social media channels for updates on the Fan Zone and its exciting offerings.

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**IN NUMBERS**

**CLUB**

**FOUNDED:** 1908

**MANAGER:** LUKE STEELE (PLAYER MANAGER)

**GROUND:** LINCOLN ROAD

**DIVISION:** NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH

**CLUB RECORDS**

**FA CUP FOURTH QUALIFYING ROUND** - 2019-2020, 2021-2022

**FA TROPHY THIRD QUALIFYING ROUND** - 2019-2020

**FA VASE FOURTH ROUND** - 2016-2017

**FOLLOWERS**

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  9.2k
  0.1k







*FIRST TEAM*  
**PETERBOROUGH SPORTS FC**

*GOALKEEPER*

**1. PETER CROOK**



*ASST. MANAGER*

**DANIEL RUSCILLO**



*DEFENDER*

**2. MATTHEW TOOTLE**



*DEFENDER*

**3. HAYDEN CANN**



*DEFENDER*

**4. RYAN FRYATT**



*DEFENDER*

**5. CONNOR JOHNSON**



*MIDFIELDER*

**6. DANIEL LAWLOR**



*FORWARD*

**7. BEN FOWKES**



*MIDFIELDER*

**8. JOSH MCCAMMON**



*FORWARD*

**9. MARK JONES**



MIDFIELDER

10. DAN JARVIS



MIDFIELDER

11. JORDAN NICHOLSON



GOALKEEPER

13. LEWIS ELSOM



MIDFIELDER

14. HUGH ALBAN-JONES



PLAYER/MANAGER

15. LUKE STEELE



MIDFIELDER

16. RODDY MCGLINCHEY



FORWARD

17. SIDNEY PEREIRA



DEFENDER

18. ASHTON FOX



MIDFIELDER

19. CUBA MEYER



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20. HARRISON NEE



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21. DION SEMBIE-FERRIS



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22. KAINE FELIX





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# CHORLEY FC'S STRONGEST SUPPORTER



## A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN JAMIE VERMIGLIO

### A warm welcome to Peterborough Sports and all of their team and supporters to Victory Park.

Although we met last season, I remember first learning about Peterborough Sports during our FA cup run in 2018 when we managed to beat Jimmy Dean's progressive team away from home - the final score was 3-0. That was the season we were so close to defeating Doncaster at home, before being battered 7-0 away in the replay. Peterborough have created many of their own memories and have experienced lots of successes over the past few years - like us here at Chorley FC, they a very loyal fan base.

Fans are pivotal in the success of a football club - we are very aware of this at our club. Our fans help to maintain the integrity of a club, build atmosphere and of course, help to financially sustain a club. I've been fortunate to build up strong relationships with some of our supporters over the past 20 years since my debut in 2003. I know how much this club means to you.

Unfortunately over the past week we have learned of the passing of two of our well known and loyal supporters:

#### **Derek Heighway and Alan Pilkington.**

Derek Heighway, a referee of many years standing, who until his illness was still active, succumbed to the cancer from which he was suffering and has sadly passed away.



Derek served the Chorley Football Community and beyond as a referee, official on Chorley Sunday League, official of Chorley Referees



Association & a lifelong supporter of Chorley FC.

Alan Pilkington, described by Alan House and his very good friends from the terraces as a superfan. He loved this club and followed the Magpies home and away until ill health affected him badly. He was fun to be with and very loud in support of his beloved team. He wore his Magpie shirt with pride. A real Magpie superfan.

#### **RIP two very loyal Magpies.**

Both fans would've been proud of the performance their beloved Magpies put in against Scarborough on Tuesday night away from home. Perhaps they would even have joined the 8 magnificent travelling supporters who could be heard from home end of the ground. On behalf of the team - thank you.

Thank you too to Glen and Emma Hutchinson of The Spinners and the Cardwell Arms who have agreed to support the first team players by providing food for our away fixtures throughout this season. The support we receive from local supporters, businesses and local people is phenomenal.

Today all of our support will be needed to help us to defeat a team who are in good form.

#### **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.

GROUND UPDATE

# CALLUM'S COLUMN



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

A bit of technical information for you all; October saw 180ml of rainfall across the month, which is above the average for this time of year.

As I'm sure most of you will have seen, November has been an extremely wet month for us so far, we've had over 90ml of rain in the first seven days of the month which is far higher than what you typically would anticipate, especially over such a short period of time.

We've also had plenty of pitch usage with the recent FA Youth Cup fixture between Bolton Wanderers and Blackpool FC, along with Steven Gerrard Academy trials taking place as part of our partnership with them.

Hopefully we can kick on for the remainder of the month starting with today's match against Peterborough Sports, let's not forget we've three games in seven days at home so your support will be vital today, on Tuesday against Darlington and then a week today against Scarborough Athletic in the FA Trophy.

Got a question for Callum email him on: [groundsman@chorleyfc.com](mailto:groundsman@chorleyfc.com)

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. Varlowe 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 AW Fire Security Specialist and Iain Lohan Ltd.

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







MAGPIES TRUST UPDATE

# MAGPIES COLUMN

A warm welcome to supporters and directors from Peterborough Sports – We hope you enjoy your visit to Victory Park and have a safe journey home after the game.

## Membership Update

We are 11 members shy of reaching 100. If we could reach that number then it would be 10% of our average attendance which currently stands at just over 1,000. Here's a snapshot of a few questions we get asked about membership.

**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.

## Meeting Update

As discussed at our meeting on 2nd November, we will be moving to a new format of a meeting every other month. Each month that there is no meeting, we will instead be providing an update featuring the usual information that you would receive at a meeting such as membership and financial information along with any further updates from the Trust or Club that are ready to be released.

## Christmas Food Bank Collection

In previous years we have supported numerous charitable organisations and this Christmas is no different. Prior to the game against Buxton on 2nd December, we will be accepting donations which will then be taken to Living Waters Church in Chorley. Christmas can be a challenging time of year for many families and we want to do our part as Chorley Football Club to help where we can. An extensive list

of items that the foodbank are short of can be found on our website but we will of course be accepting any non-perishable items for the collection. And we thank you in advance for your support.

## Merry Quizmass!

Making its return is our eagerly anticipated Christmas Quiz which takes place on Thursday 7th December inside the social club at Victory Park. Doors open at 7pm with a brief Trust update taking place at 8pm before starting a different Q&A session at 8.30pm which could win you a CASH PRIZE. Tickets are available for just £3.00 for members and £4.00 for non-members and these can be purchased either on the Trust website or from Trust HQ. Included in your ticket price is a festive hot support and of course a great night of entertainment! Families are welcomed and most definitely encouraged to attend what we class as our pinnacle event of the year.

Please visit our website for further news and updates: [www.magpiestrust.org](http://www.magpiestrust.org)

*DEFENDER*  
**HARVEY SMITH - Q&A**







1. FULL NAME - **HARVEY SMITH.**
2. PREVIOUS CLUBS - **BRISTOL CITY, HEREFORD, WESTON SUPER MARE, BATH CITY, GLOUCESTER CITY.**
3.  SINGLE  MARRIED  IN A RELATIONSHIP
4. FAVOURITE FOOTBALL MOMENT? - **BEATING PETERBOROUGH IN THE FA CUP RUN 2 YEARS AGO.**
5. BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT OUTSIDE OF FOOTBALL? - **RUNNING A SUCCESSFUL PT BUSINESS.**
6. BEST PLAYER YOU HAVE PLAYED WITH? - **BOBBY DECORDOVA REID.**
7. BEST PLAYER YOU HAVE PLAYED AGAINST? - **DECLAN RICE.**
8. DO YOU HAVE ANY PRE-GAME RITUALS OR SUPERSTITIONS? - **NO.**
9. DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS TO CONTINUE YOUR CAREER AFTER YOU RETIRE FROM FOOTBALL? - **NO PLANS?**
10. IF YOU COULDN'T BE A FOOTBALL PLAYER, WHAT WOULD YOU DO INSTEAD? - **PERSONAL TRAINER.**
11. BEST FRIEND IN THE TEAM? - **SHENTS.**
12. WORST DRESSED IN THE TEAM? - **BILLY WHITEHOUSE - LOOKS HOMELESS MOST OF THE TIME.**
13. FAVOURITE TV PROGRAMME? - **POWER.**
14. TEAM YOU SUPPORT NOW / AS A YOUNGSTER - **MAN UNITED.**
15. WHERE DO YOU TRAVEL TO CHORLEY FROM? - **WIRRAL.**
17. ANY ADVICE TO OUR YOUNGER SUPPORTERS? - **WORK HARD IN TRAINING AND PLAY, TRAIN AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN.**
18. WORST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL? - **LOSING TO GLOUCESTER LAST SEASON.**
19. CLEVEREST PLAYER AT THE CLUB? - **NOT THE BRIGHTEST BUNCH. DON'T THINK ANYONE'S PARTICULARLY CLEVER.**
20. YOU HAVE FIRST PICK, WHICH CHORLEY PLAYER DO YOU PICK IN YOUR TEAM FIRST? WHY? - **BLAKES = LEFT FOOT.**
21. YOU ARE GOING ON A NIGHT OUT BUT CAN ONLY TAKE ONE CHORLEY PLAYER WITH YOU, WHO DO YOU TAKE AND WHY? - **CALVS+SAMPO COME IN A PAIR SO I'LL TAKE THEM BOTH. THEY'RE HILARIOUS ON A NIGHT OUT.**

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*WE'VE MET BEFORE*  
**OCTOBER 6TH, 2018**

## **PETERBOROUGH SPORTS 0-3 CHORLEY**

Chorley had opened their FA Cup account for 2018/19 by defeating Leek Town 3-0 at Victory Park to set up a first ever tie with Evo Stick South Division One's Peterborough Sports at the Bee Arena.

Despite the novelty of the game being broadcast live on the BBC's red button, a healthy contingent of fans made the trip to this curious unknown quantity that were not to be underestimated, having knocked out Boston United in the previous round.

Despite appalling weather conditions, the Magpies put on a commanding display to secure passage to the next round. A goal from Marcus Carver and a brace from Adam Blakeman left the travelling fans extremely satisfied with their afternoon, more so than those who watched it on TV: From the referee's opening whistle, the action was obscured by rain droplets covering the cameraman's lens!

**Martin Ramsbotham**



# ON THIS DAY 11TH NOVEMBER

## 5 YEARS AGO...CHORLEY 2-2 DONCASTER ROVERS

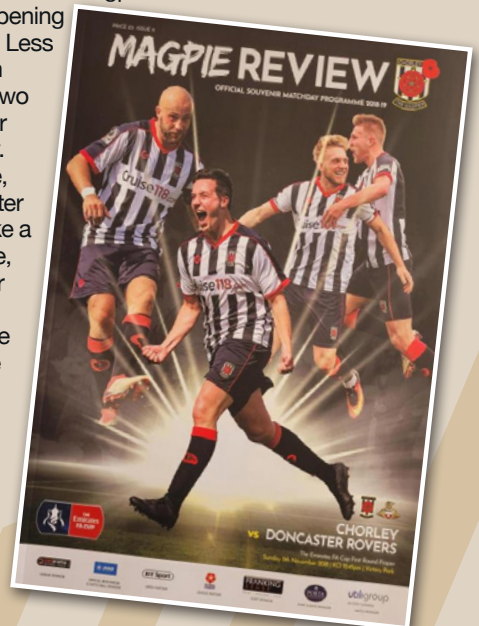
The Magpies began the 2018/19 season at a canter. Unbeaten in August, they won all seven of their league games to complete a perfect record for the opening month of the campaign. It would be on September 1 that the Magpies dropped their first points of the season in a 2-2 draw away at BrackleyTown.

October saw the Magpies stopped in their tracks somewhat, as a string of defeats followed a late 1-1 draw away to AFC Telford United on October 13th. First, a narrow 1-0 defeat away at Bradford (Park Avenue), before a not-so-narrow 3-0 reverse at Stockport County. A 1-2 home defeat against Spennymoor Town to open November continued the slump.

As we have seen above, the shining light in autumn was FA Cup progression. Following victory over Peterborough Sports, a visit from the National League's Barrow in the fourth qualifying round promised to be a stern and hotly anticipated contest. With the Cumbrians struggling in the league above there was real hope of a Cup upset but it was the visitors who took a 2-0 lead into the break. It wasn't to last though, as the Magpies put in a statement second half to overturn the deficit and win the game 3-2.

Chorley had reached the first round for the second season in a row, having been defeated narrowly 1-2 against Fleetwood Town the year before. It was on this day five years ago that the Magpies returned to the Victory Park surface to compete in the FA Cup proper, with League One's Doncaster Rovers the visitors this time. The Magpies couldn't have made a better start either, with Josh O'Keefe heading the opening goal from a Blakeman corner in the second minute. Less than ten minutes later Doncaster were level through Liverpool loanee Herbie Kane. Not to be deterred, two minutes before the break, Courtney Meppen-Walter had the Magpies back in front with a fine half-volley. In the second half, the visitors piled on the pressure, particularly when Chorley went down to ten men after a horror challenge from Matt Challoner. It would take a wonder goal though, and another from Herbie Kane, to force a replay with just under a quarter of an hour to play. The FA Cup, a competition of magic and dreams in British football culture, was not to sprinkle its stardust in the replay as far as the Magpies were concerned. Plagued by injuries and suspensions, Chorley were defeated 7-0 at Keepmoat Stadium.

**Martin Ramsbotham**





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FA TROPHY SECOND ROUND

## CHORLEY FC VS SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC FC

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# VS



## BLYTH SPARTANS VS CHORLEY FC

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# CHORLEY VS HEREFORD MATCH RE-CAP

GAME TYPE

LEAGUE

VENUE

VICTORY PARK

REFEREE

LEWIS DAWSON

**CHORLEY FC 1**  
SAMPSON (79')

**CHORLEY fell to a disappointing defeat on Saturday afternoon at the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium - losing 2-1 to Hereford, with Jack Sampson's consolation goal on 79 minutes not enough on the day for the Magpies.**

Hereford started the better of the two sides and went to work early on in trying to attack inside the Chorley half, Aaron Skinner and Yusifu Ceesay both with sighters that went high and wide over on the Frank Powell Stand side.

The Magpies' first half-chance of the game fell to Mark Ellis who got on the end of Jack Moore's brilliantly lofted free-kick, however the former couldn't direct his header at goal. Ellis then quickly turned into the saviour at the other end, denying Ethan Freemantle an all but certain one-versus-one opportunity with Matt Urwin.

Paul Caddis's side continued to look dangerous on the break in the opening 45 minutes but Chorley ended up with the two best opportunities of the half and The Bulls had their goalkeeper, Curtis Pond to thank for first, getting a hand to Carlton Ubaezuonu's header from close range before getting down low to stop Justin Johnson's low drive with his left foot.

Chorley came out after the restart and continued much in the fashion they left off before the break but it was to be The Bulls who would hit the front first, Jack Tolley in the right place at the right time to tap home at the back post after Freemantle scuffed the ball across goal into the box into his path.

**HEREFORD FC 2**  
TOLLEY (56'), BABOS (75')

Andy Preece then responded with an attacking change in the form of David Moyo but unfortunately, his side were soon two goals behind - Alex Babos spinning his marker excellently following a long ball over the top from goalkeeper Pond and the former took his shot off early and it sailed into the far corner.

The Magpies did reduce the deficit with just over ten minutes to go through Jack Sampson, who got up highest to meet Justin Johnson's cross and head powerfully past Pond to set up an exciting climax to the afternoon at the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium.

Chorley, to their credit did huff and puff in search of a late equaliser but The Bulls were more than up to the test and resolutely held on to the final whistle to claim all three points on the day.

**Chorley:** Urwin, Moore (Blakeman, 90+1'), Smith, Ellis, Henley, Calveley, Nolan (Moyo, 70'), Whitehouse (Shenton, 83'), Johnson, Ubaezuonu, Sampson. Unused: Brindle, Doumbouya.

**Hereford:** Pond, Skinner, Livingstone, Teixeira (Cranston, 90'), Ceesay, Babos, Tolley (Arthur, 65'), Mendes, Southern, Freemantle (Cowley, 83'), Cameron. Unused: Stanley, Rooney.

**Goalscorers:** Tolley (56'), Babos (75'), Sampson (79').

**Cautions:** ■ Moore (75'), Cowley (90+5')

**Referee:** Lewis Dawson

# CHORLEY VS SOUTH SHIELDS MATCH RE-CAP

GAME TYPE

LEAGUE

VENUE

VICTORY PARK

REFEREE

OLIVER NOONAN

**CHORLEY FC 2**  
CALVELEY (31'), UBAEZUONU (68')

**SOUTH SHIELDS 1**  
BLACKETT (45+3')

**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 Ubaezunu.

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

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 Ubaezunu 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 (Ubaezunu, 60'), Henley, Calveley, Sampson (Moyo, 81'), Nolan, Johnson (Blakeman, 90+1), Whitehouse. Unused: Brindle, Shenton.

**Runcorn Linnets:** 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'), Ubaezunu (68').

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

**Referee:** Oliver Noonan





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UNDER-15s

UNDER-14s

UNDER-13s

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# CHORLEY FC A TALE FROM SCARBOROUGH.

**What can be worse than having to travel to Scarborough on a cold rainy night in November. There was the coach journey not the one of your childhood with bucket and spade or the one of your youth with crepes and drapes but one of a club facing a team of high flyers 3 wins 2 draws in last five games.**

The memory of last season 3 down in no time finishing a respectable 3 v2 with our lads pushing right to the end.

Anyway we set off from Pilling lane at 3/15 pm followed by pick ups along the route picking Carlton up last at a stop somewhere deep in Yorkshire. It was a good job in the end we found him as we all know now he scored another great goal.

For nobody who's been to Scarborough it's a new council stadium with another dreaded artificial. This one although better than others we have played on this season was showing sign of early wear or damage as there were a number of highly visible patches.

The journey was good, management team and lads in good spirits having last minute instructions and discussions.

The supporters representatives and the media added to the group setting off to the seaside resort of Scarborough in the North Riding's not North Yorkshire as their Chairman reminded me. Obviously a Yorkshireman and proud.

When we are away we the board and executive are always interested in how many spectators have made the journey. A Saturday fixture in August or September could have attracted numbers to watch and then enjoy the seaside for the weekend but not Tuesday night.

We scanned the terraces and found 8 hardy Chorley followers had made the journey. I must say and I think they would agree we were all proud to be Magpies on Tuesday.

A great performance both defensively and going forward. Other than the goal it could have been so different. Billy's shot smacked the bar and Adam's was tipped over the bar. In the end it was a battling draw.

Now what's the moral of the story? Well the supporter representatives Pete and Jue Vass asked if they could send 8 pints over to our 8 supporters. A great gesture even if 8 pints of Bovril might have been more acceptable.

It was organised but there was a proviso, the 8 pints was paid for by the Scarborough Chairman in a gesture of appreciation of our travelling support.

It appears (tongue in cheek) not all YORKSHIRE MEN are tight. Thank you Scarborough Athletic.

**Terry**



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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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