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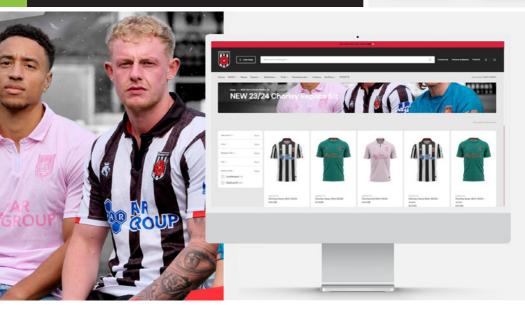
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# PREECY'S PIECE

I would like to welcome all the directors players coaching staff and fans of South Shields to Victory Park this evening

South shields had a great start to the season.

Julian Arca has recruited really well and have the team playing some very good football.

Getting promoted last season was well earned after some near misses mainly down to some bad luck.

They are definitely one of the favourites to get promoted and win the league.

We know the quality South Shields have in their squad with Martin Smith being well known to us.

Smudger had a really good spell with us when on loan from Salford.

We remain in good form ourselves our latest win coming at Gloucester.

Always a difficult place to go so to win as well as we did is very positive for us.

I was really pleased for JJ to get the type of goal he scored.

He is working really hard in training to improve his final pass shot or decision. Hard work pays off and the lads are giving everything on and off the field.

Noel Brindle a first year scholar got into the squad and was on the bench at Gloucester.

Noel was only 16 in July and has impressed in games and in training.

It's early in his career but if he maintains his progress it won't be the last time he's around the first team.

It was nice to have a short break after the Gloucester game and recharge our batteries. We have a heavy fixture load now until the end of November so we will be tested to our maximum.

Your support will be vital and we appreciate everyone who comes through the gate to get behind us.

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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

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# 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

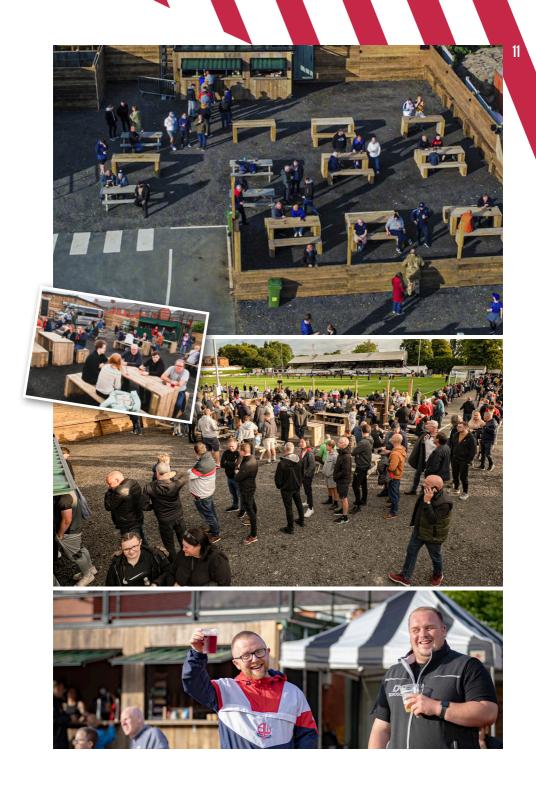
Entertainment and Activities: Get ready for a wide range of entertainment and activities tailored specifically for our passionate fans. From live music performances by local talents to interactive games and competitions, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Test your football skills, challenge 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 familyfriendly 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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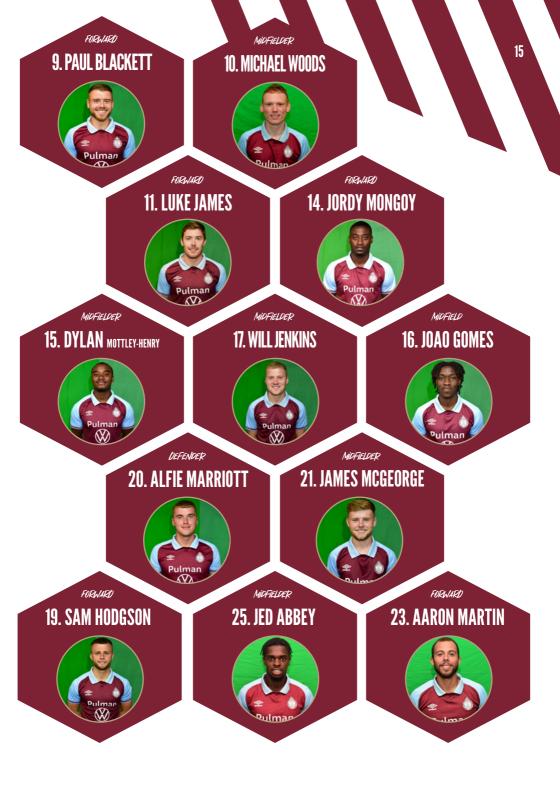
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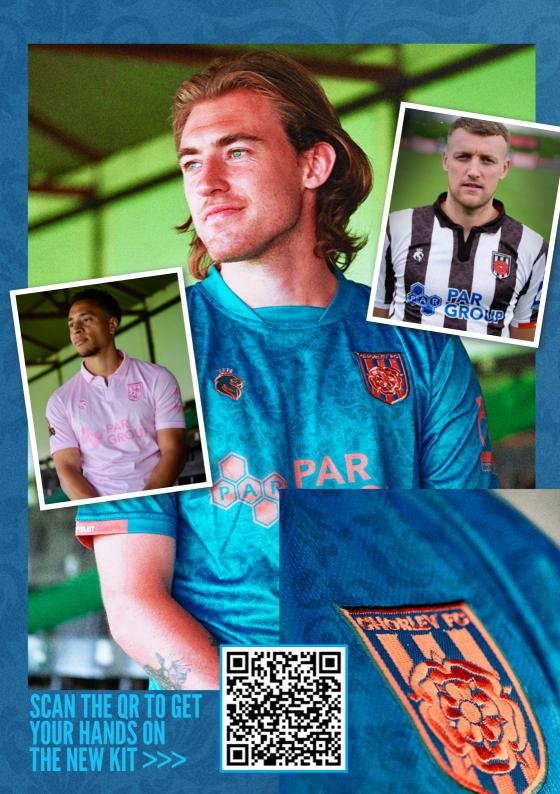


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# JAMIE VERMIGLIO

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the South Shields team, board of directors and supporters who have made the long journey from Tyneside for this evening's match. For the Maggies, this our first home league game since the epic contest against Scunthorpe United on 23rd September.

The Mariners have made a strong start to the 2023-24 National League North season following their promotion from the Northern Premier League, having finished last season as Champions, eight points clear of 2nd place Warrington Town.

Julio Arca, who spent the majority of his playing career in the North East of England, at Sunderland and Middlesbrough respectively, was appointed as South Shields manager in April. Now - a quarter of the way through the 2023-24 campaign – he has, with the help of a good friend, Tommy Miller (who assisted me at Buxton FC), led the team to the business end of the NLN league table and, like us, the Mariners will fancy their chances of being in the promotion mix come next April. It promises to be a close and exciting contest this evening.

Exiting the FA Cup in the qualifying rounds was disappointing, and Chorley are also out of the Lancashire FA Trophy, but the positive side is that we can now focus strongly on the league campaign. After a bit of a slow start to the 2023-24 season the we have made great progress and we find ourselves in our accustomed spot in the top half of the league table. In terms of Cup competitions, we also of course still have the FA Trophy coming up soon and will be joining that competition in the 2nd Qualifying Round next month.

Our position in the league should not be taken for granted. Our team, led by Preecy and Ando have done brilliantly again to give us all the belief that we could have a successful season. The culture at the club and in the changing room is as strong as ever with players like Billy and Harvey hitting impressive milestones in their Chorley FC careers. It is also great to see the likes of Jack, JJ, Moyo, Moore and Ellis becoming more settled and making positive contributions (what a goal from JJ v Gloucester!).



We currently are averaging 1.72 points per game which is just below the targets we set ourselves (2 points per game) but it does put us on track for a finish of between 75-80 points for the season. This is without doubt enough to secure a play off place. Of course our ambition is always to aim for promotion - as it stands, the players have given us a good foundation for that. There's still a long way to go and tonight's game will be a real marker on how well we can compete with the top, full time sides.

As always, we hugely appreciate the loyal support of Chorley FC's supporters. The new owners continue to work on improving the matchday experience for everyone and there are clear signs that work done in various areas to ensure that fans get the best value for money when they come to Victory Park has been recognised and is succeeding. It has also been pleasing to note that visiting supporters are reporting favourably on their experience at VP. Owners have reduced the match day admission costs for when a ticket is bought online. The tickets are more expensive when bought immediately before the game but if you know of any supporters who find the purchasing of a ticket in this way a challenge, please make contact with the club and we will support these purchases so that all of our supporters can feel the benefit of the reduced prices. I think vou'll agree the free digital and match day programmes are also a welcome saving to the cost of a match day experience!

### Up the Maggies!

Vermiglio, Jamie

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# 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.





Greetings, fellow Magpies enthusiasts! Allow me to introduce Callum, the unsung hero behind our pristine pitch. Week after week, Callum meticulously nurtures and tends to our hallowed turf, ensuring it's a canvas fit for epic clashes. His dedication and expertise make every slide tackle and dazzling goal a testament to his hard work. Rain or shine, he's the keeper of the green, ensuring each matchday experience is unforgettable. Let's raise our scarves and salute Callum – a true champion of Chorley FC's success on and off the field.

Up the Magpies! Got a question for Callum email him on: groundsman@chorleyfc.com

# JEFF'S UPDATE

Great news we have secured more new sponsors from Jeff's last update we welcome lain 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.

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



# MAGPIES COLUMN

We would like to welcome everyone associated with Scunthorpe United including its members and board of directors of 'Iron Trust'. The Iron Trust celebrated its 11th birthday in April this year and have been instrumental in fan engagement at Glanford Park since their formation in 2012. We hope you enjoy your visit to Victory Park this afternoon.

### Membership continues to rise

We are just 12 members short of reaching our first target of the season. Our minimum target for members this season was to recruit 100 supporters to sign up, that's just 10% of our average attendance which currently stands at 938. 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.

### Pledge Scheme 2023-24

Every penny raised from the Pledge Scheme this season will go directly into our newly renamed 'Magpies Fund' - A fund that the members have control over. This scheme has raised thousands for various projects over the years and can be a fun way to donate money towards the Trust and our projects. You can go down the usual route of paying per goal, per clean sheet or something a bit more obscure such as per ball out of the ground? Per spectator catch? The choice is entirely yours. For more information and to take part, visit our website – www.magpiestrust.org

### Walk to the seaside - Final plea

4 weeks ago, Julian (Trust Chair) and Darren (Chorley FC Community Foundation Chair) walked from Duke Street to Haig Avenue for our fixture against Southport. The Local Giving page is still active for a few more days. The current overall total stands at £369.50 with the money being split equally between Magpies Trust, Chorley FC Community Foundation and Derian House Children's Hospice - <u>https://localgiving.</u> org/fundraising/walk-to-the-seaside/

There are plenty of other projects that you can get involved with that support the Trust and they include;

• **50/50 Half time draw** – The more you buy, the bigger the prize! There are 3 cash prizes up for grab during half time.

• Golden Goals – As popular now as it was when it was first introduced onto the Victory Park terrace over 20 years ago. For just £1 per ticket you could bag yourself £30 when that first goal goes in.

All income we receive through these projects goes back into the Trust and ultimately will help us achieve our goals of helping the Club and improving the supporter experience at Victory Park.

Our monthly meeting was held in the social club at Victory Park a couple of weeks ago where we welcomed Andy Preece as our special guest. Read the full transcript on our website along with this months newsletter – Back for 2023/24!



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# JOE NOLAN - Q&A

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19. CLEVEREST PLAYER AT THE CLUB? - MYSELF / HENNERS.

20. YOU HAVE FIRST PICK, WHICH CHORLEY PLAYER DO YOU PICK IN YOUR TEAM FIRST? WHY? - BLAKES = TECHNIQUE. 21. YOU ARE GOING ON A NIGHT OUT BUT CAN ONLY TAKE ONE CHORLEY PLAYER WITH YOU, WHO DO YOU TAKE AND WHY? - CALVS FOR HIS COMPLIMENTARY BEERS.

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# 24TH OCTOBER

### 56 YEARS AGO...CHORLEY 2-2 BLACKPOOL

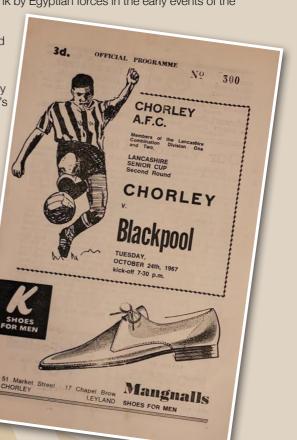
A lot had happened both on and off the field since Chorley's last competitive victory, a 3-0 defeat of Clitheroe in the Northern Premier League, on October 14, 1967. In the opening fixture of the North West Floodlit League on October 16, the Magpies could muster only a solitary goal through Woodward, going down 4-1 at Altrincham in front of 2,627 spectators. Saturday October 21 saw Woodward on the scoresheet again, but it was not enough to take anything away at Great Harwood Town, who ran out 2-1 winners in a league fixture.

It was a busy day in world affairs too. Then, as now, events in the Levant was frontpage news as the Israeli destroyer Eilat was sunk by Egyptian forces in the early events of the

War of Attrition. In Washington D.C., over 70,000 protesters against the Vietnam War marched to the Lincoln Memorial and 50,000 on the Pentagon.

Chorley looked to get back to winning ways on this day, 56 years ago, when they entertained Football League Division Two's Blackpool at Victory Park for round two of the Lancashire Senior Cup. A superb crowd of 1,237 saw the Magpies hold the Tangerines to a 2-2 draw thanks to goals from Morley and Tomlinson in front of an excellent crowd of 1.237. It would take two more attempts, and into 1968, to finally knock Blackpool out. Another 2-2 draw played out on December 11 before a 2-1 win at Victory Park on January 9 saw the Magpies through to the 3rd round where they would bow out 2-0 to Burnley at Turf Moor.

**Martin Ramsbotham** 



# 24TH OCTOBER

### 25 YEARS AGO... ALTRINCHAM 4-0 CHORLEY

In late October 1998, Cher rose to the top of the charts with Believe. The one quality that the Magpies lacked at the time – and all season – was belief. Rooted to the foot of the Unibond Premier League, Chorley had not won a competitive fixture since defeating Northern League Division One side Penrith, 1-0, in the FA Cup second qualifying round replay on October 6. Defeat in successive home league games, 0-2 to Altrincham on October 10, and 1-2 to Colwyn Bay on October 13 preceded exit in the next round of the FA Cup. A late penalty by Colin Potts against Guiseley at Nethermoor Park had been enough to earn a replay but a Jim McCluskie goal at Victory Park could not stop Guiseley advancing into the next round, 1-2.

As news was breaking of the death of poet laureate Ted Hughes on this day 25 years ago, Chorley took to the Moss Lane playing field where a punt and oar would not have been amiss. Splashing about on a shocking surface, the Magpies were not up to the battle and

were summarily despatched 4-0. Chambers opened the scoring, followed by a brace from Russell, before former-Magpie Phil Power completed the rout.

It would be another three games until Chorley recorded another win, 2-1 against Stalybridge Celtic on November 14, but unfortunately the results were few and far between and Chorley were relegated at the end of the season.

**Martin Ramsbotham** 

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### Chorley provided a dominant display from start to finish on Saturday afternoon to secure all three points away at Gloucester City, winning 2-0.

The Magpies took their time to settle into the contest but had two chances in quick succession after 20 minutes - Justin Johnson's shot denied by a last-ditch block first, before Hazlehurst couldn't get a clean contact on an effort of his own that went over the bar.

Scott Wilson very nearly repeated a carbon copy of his unbelievable goal against Curzon Ashton but for an excellent save from Zach Jeacock to deny him.

Chorley would only have to wait a minute longer to be rewarded for their attacking efforts though, Jack Sampson firing home after Harvey Smith teed the former up from Justin Johnson's cross after an initial corner.

Johnson then doubled the Magpies' advantage before the break, an absolute wonder-strike from distance after jinking between two defenders from Jack Hazlehurst's lay-off.

The Magpies very nearly bagged a third quickly after the restart, again Johnson continuing to cause all kinds of problems but Jeacock saved City's blushes once more.

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

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NIAII SMITH

It wasn't until the 68th minute that the hosts got their first corner of the game, forcing Matt Urwin into what would be his only save of the match as he tipped Joe Parker's effort over the bar.

To their credit, Chorley refused to sit on their lead and continued to push for a third but couldn't break the deadlock once more - comfortably running out 2-0 winners on the day.

**Gloucester City:** Jeacock, Ram, Reckford, Parker, McGrory, Williams (Wright, 69'), Pinchard, Hanks, Richards-Everton, Smalley (Durrell, 62'), McDonald (Bennett, 81'). Unused: Armstrong, Emmett.

**Chorley:** Urwin, Moore, Smith, Wilson, Blakeman (Henley, 67'), Whitehouse, Nolan, Calveley, Johnson (Ubaezuonu, 82'), Sampson (Moyo, 86'), Hazlehurst. Unused: Shenton, Brindle.

Goalscorers: Sampson (32'), Johnson (36')

**Cautions:** Ram, Reckford, Parker, McGrory, Wright, Durrell, Moore, Blakeman.

Referee: Niall Smith



### CHORLEY FC 1 CULLEN (PEN) (47')

Chorley were knocked out of the Lancashire FA Challenge Trophy by Bamber Bridge on penalties (3-4) after the two sides couldn't be separated with a goal apiece after 90 minutes.

The Magpies started the better of the two sides but it was Steven Drench who had the first save to make on the night - albeit a comfortable one to deny Harry Benns.

Jamie Mulligan's side then missed a golden chance to hit the front, Mark Cullen squandering his opportunity from close range - dragging his shot wide.

James Pradic made an outstanding save to deny Carlton Ubaezuonu's shot from point blank right on the stroke of half-time, leaving it goalless at the break.

Bamber Bridge were gifted their chance straight after the restart, referee Michael Crushem pointing to the spot after an apparent handball in the box. Mark Cullen then comfortably despatched the penalty past Drench.

Chorley didn't have to wait to get back on terms though, Gabriel Rogers with a perfectly-placed curling finish into the bottom corner that left Pradic with no chance.

## BAMBER BRIDGE 1 ROGERS (53')

Andy Preece's side then went off in search of a winner and despite having the better of the late chances, failed to convert any - David Moyo and Carlton Ubaezuonu with the best opportunities to seal it for the Magpies.

**Penalties then followed;** Billy Whitehouse and Louis Holt seeing their spot-kicks saved before Justin Johnson saw his strike against the penalties. Both sides would convert the rest from 12-yards, leaving Brig to advance into the next round.

**Chorley:** Drench, Henley (Whitehouse, 74'), Smith, Wilson (Calveley, 66'), Moore, Tomlinson, Shenton, Delfouneso (Johnson, 63'), Rogers, Moyo, Ubaezounu. Unused: Blakeman, Lazaro.

Runcorn Linnets: Pradic, Kempster-Down, Bayode, Forbes, Sinclair, Churchman, Billington (Wilson, 65'), Edwards (Baxter, 45'), Holt, Cullen (Potts, 72'), Benns.

Goalscorers: Cullen (pen) (47'), Rogers (53').

Cautions: Sinclair (33'), Benns (39'), Shenton (42'), Pradic (51')

Referee: Michael Crusham



# CHORLEY ACADEMY

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.

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### ACADEMY INFORMATION

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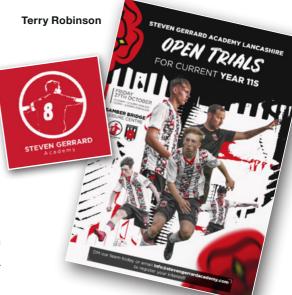


# A WORD FROM TERRY ROBINSON

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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# **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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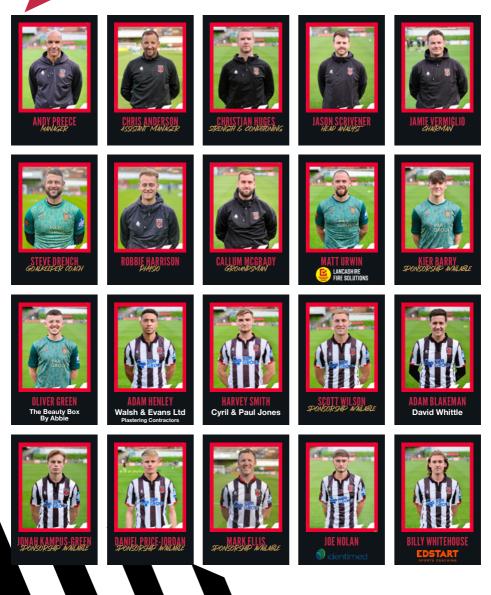
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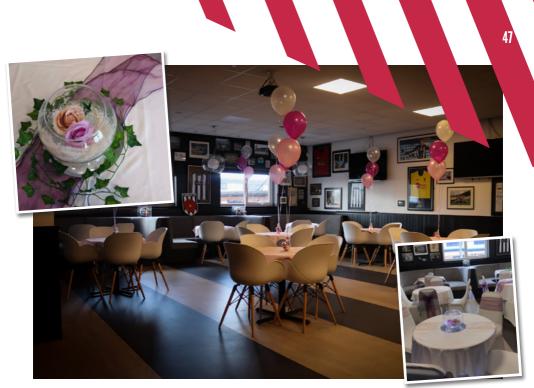
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Referee: Oliver Noonan Assistant Referees: 1: Adam Watson 2: James Garsrud