



OPPOSITION REPORT



CHESTER FC OPPOSITION REPORT



DATE:
8/11/25

NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH
VENUE- SILVERLANDS, BUXTON.

(ATT:1,052)

WEATHER: DAMP
PITCH CONDITIONS: 3G, GREASY.



HALF TIME SCORE
1-1

BUXTON FC

1 - 2 FT

CHESTER FC

GOALSCORERS:
SODJE 45+2

GOALSCORERS:
BAINBRIDGE 20, 67



STARTING FORMATIONS

BUXTON

4-2-3-1



CHESTER

5-3-2 / 3-5-2



CHESTER FC PREVIOUS FORM

(LAST 5 RESULTS)

1-1



K'MINSTER
(DRAW)

0-2



ALFRETON
(WIN)

1-2



B'FORD T
(LOSS)

3-0



C'BRIDGE
(LOSS)

1-1



MARINE
(DRAW)

ATTACKING/DEFENDING FORMATIONS



ATTACKING FORMATION

When attacking, the wing backs push right up, depending on which flank the attack is on. The defensive 3 move across to that side to cover the wing back position. The wing back on the opposite side can come across to help No16 in CM.

No10 can also push up centrally to help form a front 3, but sometimes stays in an AM position. No8 also drives forward centrally & No16 covers him in CM.




DEFENSIVE FORMATION

When in a defensive transition, everyone drops back into their own half. The wing backs drop back to help form a back 5. The two CM'S are joined by AM No10 to form a 3 in midfield & the 2 strikers also drop back in to help & offer a close out ball & target, should the team recover the ball in their own half.


























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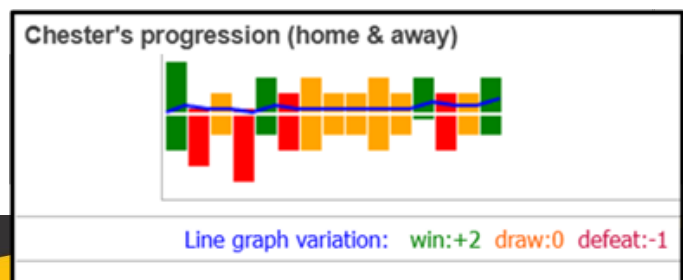
USEFUL CHESTER FC SEASON STATISTICS

Chester					(this season in the league)		
Seasonal match statistics							
	GP	W	D	L			
Home	8	2	5	1			
Away	7	2	2	3			
Total	15	4	7	4			
PPG (Home):  1.38							
PPG (Away):  1.14							
PPG (Total):  1.27							
Relative form							
	All	Last 8	Diff.				
Points per Game	1.27	1.38	+8.7%				
AVG Goals For	1.33	1.38	+3.8%				
AVG Goals Against	1.60	1.13	-29.4%				

Goals scored & conceded				
	SCORING	Home	Away	All
Goals scored (GF)	12	8	20	
GF per match	1.50	1.14	1.33	
Goals conceded (GA)	11	13	24	
GA per match	1.38	1.86	1.60	
GF + GA per match	2.88	3.00	2.93	
GF+GA over 0.5	100%	100%	100%	
GF+GA over 1.5	100%	100%	100%	
GF+GA over 2.5	50%	71%	60%	
GF+GA over 3.5	25%	29%	27%	
GF+GA over 4.5	12%	0%	7%	
GF+GA over 5.5	0%	0%	0%	
GF+GA over 0.5 at HT	100%	57%	80%	
GF+GA over 1.5 at HT	38%	29%	33%	
GF+GA over 2.5 at HT	12%	0%	7%	

Chester				(this season in the league)	
Leading & trailing (total)					
OPENING GOALS (total)			Matches		
Team scored first	8 / 15		53%		
Opponent scored first	7 / 15		47%		
HALF-TIME LEAD (total)			Matches		
Team was leading at HT	3 / 15		20%		
Opponent was leading at HT	5 / 15		33%		
AVERAGE DURATIONS (total)			per match		
Average minutes leading	22.8 min.		25%		
Average minutes level in goals	41.9 min.		47%		
Average minutes trailing	25.3 min.		28%		

Chester				(this season in the league)	
GOALS PER TIME SEGMENT (total)					
0-15	GF	1			
	GA	1			
16-30	GF	2			
	GA	4			
31-45	GF	6			
	GA	5			
46-60	GF	4			
	GA	8			
61-75	GF	4			
	GA	1			
76-90	GF	3			
	GA	5			
1st Half	GF	9		45%	
	GA	10		42%	
2nd Half	GF	11		55%	
	GA	14		58%	
'31-45' and '76-90' include added time					
GF: Goals scored					
GA: Goals conceded					
AVERAGE MINUTES (total)					
Avg. minute goals scored				52	
Avg. minute goals conceded				51	



STATISTICS TAKEN FROM:

www.soccerstats.com

MORE STATS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE.

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CHESTER FC 1st IX PLAYER INFORMATION

No	PLAYER	P	A	F	H	B	OBSERVATIONS	R
13	GEORGE MURRAY-JONES	GK	21	R	1.87 (M)	TALL /ATH	Takes long goal kicks to the wings, aiming for the big No9. Conceded on 46 minutes. Parried the shot back out to the striker, who finished under him from close range. Comfortable coming for & catching crosses. Would have given him a B had he not conceded.	C
2	DION KELLY-EVANS	RWB	29	R	1.77 (M)	AVE/ STO	Bombs up & down the right wing. Has pace to get forward & attempt to get crosses in. Also tracks back to help defend. Gets stuck in, took a few knocks but carried on. Showed a physical toughness.	B
3	NATHAN WOODTHORPE	LWB	23	L	1.88 (M)	TALL /ATH	LWB with pace for a tall player. He likes to get forward & support attacks. Also tracks back. Got stuck into challenges, fouled on a few occasions. His pace cause the FB on that side a lot of problems. He was a treat with long throws into the box from the left. Showed good communication on the pitch.	B
5	TOM LEAK	RCB		L	1.88 (M)	TALL /PHY	Tall defender, comfortable dealing with aerial balls & the physical side of the game. Did however struggle with pace, when having to run back & clear a ball before an opposing attacker got to it.	B
6	JAMES JONES	CB	28	R	1.93 (M)	TALL /PHY	Towering CB. Wins aerial duels. Shouting instructions to players on the pitch. Helping to organise the team. Takes free kicks from deep, long & diagonal to the wings.	B
8	JACK BAINBRIDGE ©	RCM	27	R	1.83 (M)	TALL /ATH	Team captain. Saw him encouraging, motivating, organising team-mates. Scored his 1 st goal at the near post on 22 mins. His 2 nd came on 67 mins, a great looping header from the edge of the penalty area, over the keeper to his LHS. Has some pace, strength on the ball & is mobile in the midfield. My man of the match.	A
9	OFFFRANDE ZANZALA	CF	29	R	1.85 (M)	TALL /PHY	Physical powerhouse of a striker. Buxton were that worried about him, that they double marked him. He was being fouled a lot, but didn't react, just got on with it. He is the target for goal kicks, throw-ins down the line & long balls forward. Also has some pace & often switches sides with his fellow striker. Was subbed of on 83 mins.	B
10	IWAN MURRAY	AMC	25	R	1.70 (M)	SHO /LEA	Short & lean player. Has quick feet, looks to create openings. His small stature, meant he was getting fouled a lot. Provided the assist for the 1 st goal. He was pushing forward at times to help make a front 3. Also tracks back into midfield to help defend.	B
16	LEWIS LEIGH	LCM	21	R	1.72 (M)	AVE/ ATH	Drops back to help in defence with defensive transitions. Also comes forward to offer support from midfield in attacking situations. Has good feet. Encourages team-mates on the field.	B
18	PAT JONES	CF	22	L	1.80 (M)	TALL /ATH	Tall & strong striker. Mobile & also holds the ball up well, to bring team-mates into play in attack. Closes down. Chases long balls into the channels.	B

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CHESTER FC 1st IX PLAYER INFORMATION (CONT...)

No	PLAYER	P	A	F	H	B	OBSERVATIONS:	R
19	HAYDEN CARSON	LCB	19	L	1.85 (M)	TALL /PHY	A physical & tall player. Attempts long Crossfield balls. Dives into challenges when he should maybe stay on his feet, got a booking on 32 mins for a late challenge. He would be someone to target as a way of getting free kicks near the danger area.	C

TEAM'S SUBSTITUTE INFORMATION

No	PLAYER	P	A	F	H	B	SUB OBSERVATIONS	R
21	GEORGE BARLOW	GK					UNUSED	
4	DECLAN WEEKS	CM	29	R	1.75 (M)	AVE/ STO	Subbed on 70 mins. Played in a DM role. He was mobile in that area. Looked to pass forward. Did ok, helped the team to secure the win.	B
7	TOM PEERS	CF	30		1.78 (M)	TALL /ATH	Subbed on 84 mins. Added some height & fresh legs, to help the team secure the win. Was useful helping to defend the late balls into the Chester box.	C
17	CONNOR WOODS	CF	27	R	1.72 (M)	AVE/ ATH	Subbed on 84 mins. Added some fresh legs up top, to help the team secure the win.	C
22	JACK SHORROCK	LM	18	L	1.78 (M)		UNUSED	
25	KEVIN ROBERTS	RB	36	R	1.73 (M)		UNUSED	
33	FIN ROBERTS	RW	19	L R	1.85 (M)		UNUSED	

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TEAM SHAPE (WITHOUT THE BALL)

1st HALF



2nd HALF



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TEAM SHAPE (WITH THE BALL)

1st HALF



2nd HALF



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DEFENDING SET PLAYS (CORNERS)

1st HALF



2ND HALF



ATTACKING SET PLAYS (CORNERS)

2ND HALF



ATTACKING (LONG THROW)



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DEFENDING SET PLAYS (FREE KICKS)



ATTACKING SET PLAYS (FREE KICKS)



GOALS

1ST GOAL: BUXTON FC 0-1 CHESTER FC (20 MINS)

The contest burst into life just after the 20-minute mark as the Seals took the lead from close-range. No10 Iwan Murray curled a dangerous ball into the six-yard box and caused panic amongst the Bucks' back line, which allowed No8 Bainbridge the space to poke past Joe Young from close-range and earn a crucial opener.

2ND GOAL: BUXTON FC 1-1 CHESTER FC (45+2 MINS)

Tai Sodje grabbed the equaliser, as the ball fell to him inside the six-yard box after being parried by GK Murray-Jones, before he struck past him with power from close range.

3RD GOAL: BUXTON FC 1-2 CHESTER FC (67 MINS)

It was a header that earned the Chester a second lead of the afternoon, and once again it was Bainbridge who popped up with the goal. A cross fell to the No8 who sent a delightful, looped effort over the head of Young and into the corner, a fantastic finish at a crucial time for Chester.

MATCH OBSERVATIONS

ATTACKING:

- No9 Physical & strong striker
- Attack down both wings & also through the middle of the pitch
- Use long throws into the box to utilise their threat from tall players
- Wing players get to the byline & look to cut the ball back into the box, as well as crossing.

DEFENDING:

- Strong & physical defensive back 3, which can become a back 5 in defensive transitions.
- Comfortable dealing with aerial balls, due to height advantage
- Organised
- Battling

STRENGTHS:

- Strong physical players
- Get players forward for attacking set pieces
- Players have pace
- Players have height
- Players can be physical
- Organised
- Committed
- Resilient

WEAKNESSES:

- Give away cheap fouls with late tackles
- Concede most balls into the box from their right-hand side
- I noticed a lot of holding & grappling in the box when defending set pieces.
- Can concede shots from the edge of their box, such an incident gave Buxton their goal in today's match

CHESTER PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

For me Chester looked the stronger side of the two this afternoon & deserve their win. They had a definite height & physical advantage over Buxton in my opinion. Defensively they were strong & well organised & deal comfortably with aerial balls.

They play an offside trap & their defensive & forward lines are on the edges of the middle third of the pitch. The defence plays a high line & the 3 defenders can be vulnerable to pace. Crosses into their box on their right-hand side, also seems to be a way to hurt them. They play a 5-3-2 defending, 3-5-2 attacking & I also saw them in the 2nd half in a 4-3-3 formation.

The influential players today were the Captain No8 Bainbridge with his 2 goals, No9 Zanzala with his pace & powerful physique as a target man. No10 Murray in behind pulling the strings & trying to create opportunities. A tough side to play against on my viewing.

RESOURCES USED FOR REPORT

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www.fotmob.com

www.soccerstats.com

www.skysports.com

www.transfermarkt.co.uk

MEDIA SOFTWARE:

APPLE IPHONE

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