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Chester Welcomes the Halfords Tour Series Monday 21 June

Breaking News:- multiple world champion and Olympic medallist Chris Boardman will visit Chester on Monday night. Chester is the only round of the 10 venue event that he will be attending, presenting the award to the winner of the Boardman Bikes Sprint Competition.

The Halfords Tour Series cycle race arrives in Chester on Monday 21 June. Crowds of over 10,000 are expected to line the 1.3km city centre circuit. Following the success of last years race, Chester is once again the venue for ten professional race teams to battle around the challenging city centre circuit.

This criterium style race is one of the most visually exciting forms of road racing with races held over a set number of laps on short city centre circuits. The race starts at 7.30pm but before then there will be a chance to watch the teams during warm up laps. Mountain Bike displays will take place in Eastgate Street from 12 noon. There will be a community Go Ride cycling event between 6pm and 6.30pm.

12 noon	Mountain Bike displays in Eastgate Street (from 12.30)
12 noon	Magician Paul Dabek arrives for street performance throughout the afternoon
5.30 pm	Go Ride cycle event
6pm	Go Ride presentation on stage.
6.30pm	Riders warm-up on the circuit
7.20pm	Riders form up on Start/Finish line in Town Hall Square with team mascots
7.30pm	Tour Series Race begins (1 hour + 5 laps)
7.45pm	Sprint 1
8pm	Sprint 2
8.15pm	Sprint 3
8.30pm	Race ends

8.45pm Podium ceremony and presentations

The Halfords Tour Series is being run over ten races; the first race started at Canary Wharf on 25 May with the final race in Woking. Spectators at the Chester stage can pick up a free race leaflet from the Cycle Chester stand to help identify the ten teams.

Chester's adopted team Kuoto – Racing CC visited Chester last month, said their Team Director, Cherie Pridham;

“We are excited about coming to race the ninth leg of the Tour Series in Chester. The fantastic historical setting with cobble streets and a tight course make for thrilling racing.”

The Halfords Tour Series is broadcast on ITV 4 with the Chester race being shown on Tuesday 22 June at 7pm.

Preparation for the race will start early Monday morning; the ring road will remain open, buses normally going to Frodsham Street and Foregate Street will move to Delamere Street. Car parks remain open; Kale Yards car park will be closed from 6pm to 11.30pm. There will be a phased road closure starting at 10.30am when Eastgate Street, St Werburgh Street, St John Street and Northgate Street from the Cross to Princess Street will be closed. From 6.30pm Frodsham Street and Northgate Street from Princess Street to George Street will also be closed to traffic. The road closures will be until 11.30pm.

The Chester race is supported by Cheshire West and Chester Council.

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