

Served his Time? The Ched Evans Dilemma



FIVE YEARS FOR SOCCER RAPIST



Jailed Evans in police mug shot

GUILTY

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WHAT HE TOLD COPS DURING INTERVIEW

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A FOOTBALLER who raped a drunk girl in a hotel room following a night out was jailed for five years yesterday.

Sheffield United striker Chad Evans was found guilty of the attack by a jury which had just cleared Port Vale defender and friend Clayton McDonald of the same charge.

After McDonald was acquitted the pair, both 23, celebrated by banging heads together in the dock at Caernarfon crown court.

But Evans looked shocked as he was convicted of raping the 19-year-old, who said she woke up "confused and dazed" and could not remember what happened.

Severely injured, Judge Merlyn Hughes QC said: "You have thrown away the successful career in which you were engaged."

"The complainant was extremely intoxicated. CCTV footage shows, in my view, the extent of her intoxication when she stumbled into your friend."

"She was in no condition to have sexual intercourse."

He added: "The long-term psychological consequences to the victim are not lessened by the fact she has no recollection of the offence."

Evans had boasted to cops after his arrest that he and McDonald "could have had any girl" they wanted in a nightclub they had been to.

He told them: "We were drinking, having fun there. It's not uncommon we pick up girls. Clayton's an attractive guy. We are footballers, that's how it is. Footballers are rich, they have got money, that's what the girls like."

The jury had heard Evans' victim

went willingly to the hotel with McDonald after she approaching him on a street corner in Rhyl, North Wales, a seaside town where the men had been on a night out.

The pair got a taxi to the hotel, a Premier Inn in Rhuddlan, walked inside "linking arms" and went to his room. They began having sex and eventually Wales international Evans, of Penarfon, South Yorks, arrived.

The players gave conflicting evidence as to what happened next



with McDonald claiming Evans asked if he could get involved, while Evans claimed McDonald asked if he wanted sex with the victim, who cannot be named for legal reasons.

She told police she awoke the next morning "confused and dazed" and feared her drink may have been spiked. She said: "My clothes were scattered around on the floor. I just didn't know how I got there."

The jury was played two video



A FRIEND Port Vale's Clayton McDonald

interviews she gave to police in which she described drinking four double vodkas and a shot of Sambuca.

"I felt tipsy but not out of control," she said. "I usually drink more than that. I haven't blacked out before, not being able to remember anything."

The jury was also told that as the three were in bed, Jack Higgins, an "associate" of the players, and Ryan Roberts, Evans' brother, watched through a window. Video recordings found on Mr Higgins' phone showed he had been filming or trying to film the incident.

Evans and McDonald, of Crews, Cheshire, have been friends since joining Manchester City aged 10. Despite being cleared, McDonald waded in the dock with Evans until the jury returned with his verdict.

Lawyers for Evans, whose first name is short for Chedwyn, may appeal against his conviction.

David Fish QC said yesterday: "This is a sad day for Mr Evans facing himself at the bottom of the pit."

He said his client's promising career was "ruined". He added: "Its effect will be felt severely and quickly... it will be a very difficult sentence to serve."

A statement from Sheffield United, which signed Evans for Clifton in 2009, said the club needed time "to consider the matter fully."

DCI Owen Williams, of North Wales Police, said: "I would like to pay tribute to the courage of the victim."

"I sincerely hope that the guilty verdict will provide some closure on this horrendous offence."

Nita Howell, of the Crown Prosecution Service in Wales, said: "Evans took advantage of a vulnerable young woman who was in no fit state to consent to sexual activity."



A FAME Chad Evans

CHESTER YOUTH TO WALES STAR

RAPIST Evans began his career at Chester City's youth team before being signed to Manchester City.

He joined Norwich City on loan in 2007, scoring in 10 goals in 28 appearances before returning to the Sky Blues.

In 2009 he was sold to Sheffield United for Clifton, in 103 appearances for the club he has scored 42 goals. The 6ft

striker is credited with helping the Bramhall Lane side's battle for promotion to the Championship, and he has 35 goals to his name this season alone.

His team sit in second place in League One and could win promotion today.

Evans scored on his debut for Wales in 2008, and has made 13 appearances for the national side.



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Ok. Sheffield Utd aren't listening. Feminists are about to take this off the page and onto the streets. #ChedEvans
Who's in? Details to come



Ein Vergewaltiger als Fußballprofi?

Ched Evans saß im Gefängnis, weil er eine Frau vergewaltigt hatte. Jetzt will er wieder Profifußballer sein, findet aber keinen Verein. Ganz England fragt sich: zu Recht?

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Loathsome Evans must never wear United shirt again

CHED EVANS is a scumbag rapist. He raped a teenage girl when she was blind drunk - too drunk to consent to sex.

He had a girlfriend at the time, but that didn't matter.

The Sheffield United star just wanted to abuse a young lass in no condition to say no.

Thankfully, video showed her weaving incapably as Evans's mate, Clayton McDonald, brought her into their hotel.

Footballer McDonald, who had earlier met the 19-year-old as she staggered out of a takeaway restaurant, had texted his longtime pal to tell him he had "got a bird".

Evans, who had booked the room at the Premier Inn near Rhyll, North Wales, was lying in wait.

He pounced on his victim after McDonald - who was found not guilty - had sex with her.

In a last final act of gutless cowardice and dishonour, the rapist bunked off by running away out of a fire escape.

Evans's despicable behav-

included allowing his scumbag friends to stand outside the window of the hotel room and try to film the drunk girl as he forced himself on her.

I have no idea why those other men haven't been prosecuted. Did the victim OK them trying to spy on her and film her while she was raped?

A cowardly and abusive woman-hater

No chance. She woke up naked in the Premier Inn alone and afraid, with no idea what had happened to her.

Evans is a loathsome, low-life piece of dirt, an abuser who was up for not just raping and humiliating an innocent girl whose only crime was to have a few bevies too many but to allow his mates to try to film it on their phones.

It's a blessing the jury sent him away and that he served a prison sentence for rape - though only half of the five years handed down.

New Sheffield United

are interested in allowing him to play again?

No breaking way.

Yes, the cowardly and abusive woman-hater has served his time in jail, but his lack of remorse makes him unfit to wear the club shirt.

Some of his sick followers and "fans" on Twitter were arrested for naming the teenager, who, as a rape victim, is entitled to anonymity.

When I was an MP my office compiled hundreds of tweets naming the victim and supplied them to South Wales Police.

That's the kind of "follower" this rapist and criminal young man attracts - and without a statement of apology or remorse for raping a teenager, Evans's attitude risks encouraging the Twitter trolls to go after his young victim again.

He isn't fit to play and British football, which has been good on saying NO to racism, needs to say NO to woman-hurting, too.





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Jessica Ennis Hill is a stupid ██████████
Saying she will remove her name if
Ched evens is signed. I hope he rapes
her!!

6:32 pm · 13 Nov 14



Charlie Webster ✓

@CharlieCW



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Just bumped into Mike Tyson in the hotel lobby as I was randomly talking about him! I chickened out on asking for a photo...damn ;-)

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