



March 2026 Newsletter

Chesterfield battle hard in 2 back to back fixtures

Chesterfield played two games in three days this month, welcoming Crookes Cyclones on Wednesday 11th March before travelling to Rotherham to play Kingstone Knights on the Friday 13th.

The Wednesday fixture was always going to be tough, Crookes are a well-established club with three teams in the local league playing in Divisions 1, 2 and 3. As Chesterfield look to enter the league at Div 4 level, we know this

would be a very tough contest with a mix of players from all three of the Crookes teams playing in this game. Chesterfield came out strong scoring a flurry of quick baskets and working hard on the offense to disrupt the Cyclones' defence and score quick points. Unfortunately, Crookes' experience and high level players shined through and they piled on huge pressure on the Chesterfield defence with a final score of Chesterfield Basketball Club: 54 – 79 Crookes Cyclones.

Game MVP: Caleb Ogbonna (*below*)



Attention quickly turned to our game on Friday night as we made the journey north to play against Kingstone Knights, hoping for a third time lucky against the Barnsley-based squad. Coming out of the blocks early again, Chesterfield scored quick points and took an early lead that was maintained for almost

three quarters of the game. With four minutes left of the third quarter, Chesterfield held an 11 point lead. A fast flurry of baskets from Kingstone, however, led to a scrambled defense from Chesterfield and we didn't respond with baskets of our own. The third quarter ended with Kingstone slightly ahead. Unfortunately, despite signs of a fast start to the final quarter, Kingstone were able to pull away. With time short and no time outs remaining, Kingstone were able to get the win, final score: Kingstone 59 – 47 Chesterfield.

An impressive performance from Nuta White (below) in only his 3rd game for the club, earned him the Game MVP.



Chesterfield Basketball Club earns Level 1 recognition

We are delighted to share that the club applied for and achieved **Basketball England Level 1** accreditation this month, showing our commitment to standards for safety, governance and quality. Although some way from reaching it, this makes us eligible for junior national league participation and gives us official Basketball England recognition.



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Juniors update

A reminder that Saturday the 18th of April will be our final session due to exams being held at the school. Despite best efforts to find an alternative venue, it is highly unlikely that we will find something.

As such, our next session back will be Saturday 27th of June 2026.

Some of those in the older age group will be offered the chance to join our senior sessions on Wednesday nights in which you can express interest in by contacting Jordan.

Player in the spotlight:

Jack Crossland



This month, we focus on Jack Crossland who has been with the club since its launch and has taken on the role as vice-captain of the club's senior team.

Jack first started playing basketball at 8 years old, but was more into skateboarding growing up so that was priority. Having had a heart operation in his mid-teens, he wasn't able to play much for a while, then started getting back into basketball and played for the college team in Chesterfield.

After college, Jack didn't play very often apart from a brief stint at Chesterfield Flight until one of his contacts at work invited him to a basketball scrimmage group in Chesterfield (accidentally, as he

thought Jack's number was someone else's).

Jack's favourite thing about the club is how it's brought out so many people in the area that want to play the game whether it's for fun or competitively. Before the club was established, it was sometimes difficult to get the message out to players for a scrimmage, but being set up as a team means we reach a lot more people.

Jack believes that the club has a really strong foundation built already that could take us far into the future, and it would be great to see us get a squad into the national leagues.



Jack has quickly become an integral part of the team, known for his quick movement and vision to create scoring opportunities and is currently the club's leading 3-point scorer.

Away from the Court, Jack is a field-based sales rep for Howdens who are a trade supplier of kitchens and joinery. He's also a Sheffield Sharks fan and tries to attend and watch as many games as possible. Aside from this, Jack has been collecting trainers and clothes starting around 2015 which originated from his love of basketball and the culture around it.

Jack would like to be around as long as he can whether that's playing in the teams, being at the regular sessions or even potentially helping with coaching in the future. He is always open to helping in the sport any way he can.



Sponsorship

As always, we take the time to thank our club sponsors, **Brae Transport Ltd**, **Millock Construction**, **Malhi Foodstores** and of course **Sport England** for our initial grant.

We are looking for sponsors for our 2026/27 season which will kick off in September. If you or anyone you know would like to see their company's logo on our kit please get in touch.

We're on the lookout for officials

The club are now offering volunteers and parents the chance to become a referee and/or table official by completing Basketball England courses. Please reach out to Jordan if this is of interest

Membership

As of 1st of April and per our communications throughout March, we have now moved to a membership system that is essentially made up of 3 tiers:

- **Non-Member** - Senior players will pay £7.50 per session on Wednesday nights and juniors will pay £5 on Saturday mornings.
- **Membership A** - Senior players will pay £6 per session on Wednesday nights. juniors will pay £4 on Saturday mornings.
- **Membership B** - Senior players will pay £4 per session on Wednesday nights and juniors will pay £2 on Saturday mornings.

There is also a **direct debit** option available to our senior players.

The above is effective as of now so please make note of the new prices and if you are unsure of your

membership category then please double check with Jordan prior to payment being made for any sessions going forward.

And that's it this month. Please get in touch if you have any queries and keep an eye out as always on our social media pages and WhatsApp groups for any updates.

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