



## May 2026 Newsletter

### Match Report

#### Chesterfield on the back foot against Doncaster

Chesterfield welcomed Doncaster on Wednesday 20th of May in what looked (on paper) to be a tight game. Chesterfield were unfortunately hit with injuries and illnesses in the run up to the match which left 5 of our regular players, unavailable.

In contrast, Doncaster bought a combination of their first and second team players making for a tough challenge.

They came out the blocks early with a wave of fast breaks and there were some early mistakes from the Chesterfield team which saw us go into the half time break down by 26 points.



**Above: MVP Jack Crossland**

An impressive comeback after the break saw us win the third quarter with some tightening up on defence and injection of pace from off the bench. The fourth quarter was lost by a point which meant our second half performance was actually stronger than the Doncaster team. Unfortunately, the damage had been done in the first half of the game with a Doncaster team proving too strong for the Chesterfield line up on this occasion.

Final score: Chesterfield Basketball Club 43 – 68 Doncaster Miners Basketball Club.

Brae Transport Ltd Game MVP: Jack Crossland

## Juniors update

A reminder that our junior sessions will start back on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2026.

We continue to search for an alternative venue for our junior sessions, however, we can now confirm that Tupton Hall has been secured until at least September 2027 unless a suitable alternative venue can be found.

## AGM and annual report

The club's first AGM was held at the beginning of May in which the club's first annual reports have been published and are available on our website for everyone to view.

### Player in the spotlight:

## Nathan Salmon

This month, we focus on Nathan Salmon who has been part of the club since just after its launch last year.



Nathan got into basketball around 12 years old when he started following the NBA, specifically, OKC Thunder. That resulted in getting a hoop put up in his back garden but Nathan had never joined a team until Chesterfield basketball club came along.

For work, Nathan is an accountant for a company that coordinates dubbing/subtitling translations for companies such as Disney, Netflix, Amazon etc.

Nathan found the club searching online for local teams after finally deciding to give the sport a go at club level and started attending from third or so session.

Nathan's favourite thing about the club is the openness of the players, creating a good atmosphere for training sessions with no big egos that could put some people off. The growth of the club in numbers and different faces attending each week or month has been impressive to see and Nathan reckons he can see the club having a strong foundation to stick around for many years to come.

Nathan has played in all but three of our club friendlies so far and is an integral part of the first team and a starting five player.

With one MVP appearance already and his classic precision, high-release fade away shots that everyone in the club knows him for, Nathan has a bright future at the club and we wish him all the best in the years to come.

## Kit orders

The club has now ordered its first wave of alternative kits, at the end of each month we will be opening kit order forms which will last for 1 week before the orders are collated and sent off. At the end of June, this will also include club training shirts and tracksuits for those who are interested as well.

## Sponsorship

As always, we take the time to thank our club sponsors, Brae transport Ltd, Millock Construction and Malhi foodstores as well as Sport England for our initial grant.

We are on the lookout for sponsors for our 2026/27 season which will kick off in September, we will be looking to print sponsor logos onto our kit this summer in readiness of this. We have our sponsorship packages listed below as well as on our website.

We have a new sponsorship structure that has been launched for 2026/27 that can be viewed via our website.

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## **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 the Basketball England courses. Please reach out to Jordan if this is of interest.

## **Membership**

A reminder that our club now operates a membership system. In order to be eligible for team selection, you must be a member of the club and have ordered a club kit.

For more details on our membership system, please visit our website or contact Jordan.

## **Punctuality at our Wednesday night training sessions**

We appreciate everyone has a life outside basketball and we are by no means a club of professional athletes, paid to be here. However, it helps with the smooth running of the club when we have good punctuality with our payments.

Wherever possible, please can you make payment via the payment links available and do this before the session starts. Whilst new members may want to pay on arrival, regular members should know that the payment links are available far enough in advance. Having to take payments upon arrival

creates more admin work that could be going into the coaching during the session.

If you are going to pay on the night of a session in person then please arrive 5-10 minutes before to do this rather than after 8:30 when the session has started. If all players can arrive ready to start at 8:30 then this helps getting the session underway earlier so everyone can enjoy more scrimmage time at the end of a session.

## **Coming up**

Chesterfield will make the short trip to the Canon medical Arena (home stadium of the Sheffield Sharks) on Monday 1st June in which we will play our fifth game of the C.A.S Invitational cup.

The club will present its debut to at least four players in that game who will join some of our 1st team members as a combined side to play Sheffield friendly Basketball. All support would be welcome at this game so please do come to the arena (free entry) on the night (8:15pm tip off).

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