



Chesterfield Basketball Club

January 2026 Newsletter



Straight into action

The team started the new year campaign with a visit to the Canon Medical Arena in Sheffield in which we played Sheffield Friendly Basketball in what is now our 4th meeting against our friendly rivals. Chesterfield retained the cup with a great team performance, final score: Sheffield Friendly Basketball 39 – 52 Chesterfield Basketball Club.

Brae Transport Ltd Game MVP: Sean Muvirimi



The following week we then took on Kingstone Knights at home with hopes of making amends from our visit to the Barnsley side back in November which finished 64-27. This time around, Chesterfield lead for the best part of 3 quarters of the game before Kingstones experience shined through, pulling away in the final quarter of the game to take the win. Final score: Chesterfield Basketball club 40 – 52 Kingstone Knights

Brae Transport Ltd Game MVP: Max Hartshorn



Training is back

Our senior sessions started back at our usual home of Outwood Academy Newbold on the 7th of January 8:30pm – 10pm. Sessions will continue to be held there each Wednesday evening with the exception of any games that we are playing which we will put on our social pages and in the group chat for those within that. We have welcomed 6 new people since starting back in the new year which is great to see as the club continues to grow.

Our junior sessions unfortunately had to wait a little longer to start back due to the sports hall at Tupton being unavailable which continues to be a frustrating situation when there are any exams at the school taking place. That said, the first session back on Saturday 31st of January attracted 27 juniors across the 2 sessions which is a nice start back, again with some new players amongst that as well.

We will be seeking an alternative venue for our juniors on Saturday mornings with the reoccurring inconsistencies as well as significant problems with the gate situation which many parents have raised. Any updates in this regard will be made as far in advance as possible.

Player in the spotlight: Max Hartshorn

A new feature to our club newsletter and will be a regular each month is our player in the spotlight which will focus on one of the players in our club, including their journey and thoughts of our club. This month, Max Hartshorn is in the spotlight.

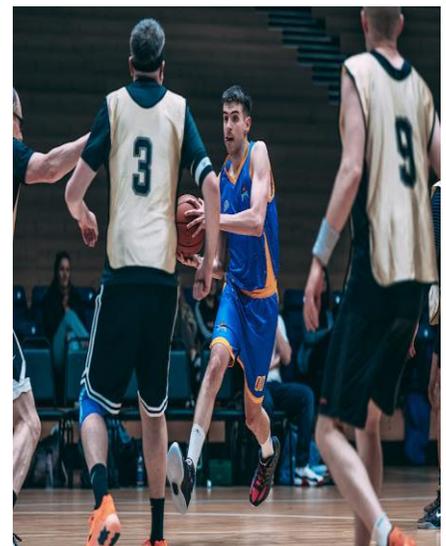
Max first started playing basketball when he was 12 year old when he was in Secondary School. Quickly catching the basketball bug, Max joined the after school basketball club and then went onto join Sheffield Arrows where he played competitively for 5 years, travelling up and down the country including a long trip to Northumberland which Max remembers being a long day. Max thanks his parents massively for their commitment travelling around with him and getting him to training every weekend. Max then went onto University but unfortunately, as studying and other things naturally got in the way, Basketball was put to one side for a while, despite the odd scrimmage here and there, Max did not play basketball again until he joined Chesterfield Basketball Club back in September 2025.

Max has quickly found his basketball bug back though, being a regular to training and quickly making the clubs competitive team, he already leads the clubs point scoring table and has 2 game MVP's to his name. Max was looking for a club in Chesterfield as he was desperate to get back into basketball after his return from University. Max was delighted to see that Chesterfield had formed a club and was keen to get back involved ASAP. Max loves the team and spirit of the club and says he is surrounded by great guys which he has massively missed being a part of since his days back with the Arrows.

Max has lots of potential but also sees the clubs potential and future vision and how we will play a part of that. Max acknowledges the numbers increasing at each of the sessions every week and that it is great to be around passionate people who want to improve theirself but also help the team grow and improve. Max has seen the improvement in his own game and within the clubs team as a whole in which he is thoroughly looking forward to us starting in the competitive league season in September 2026.

Day to day, Max works as a sales account manager for a food manufacturer and is a supporter of Chesterfield football club, Max goes to the gym and stays fit showing good commitment both on the court and away from it. Max is a big Indiana Pacers fan and is eagerly awaiting the return of Tyrese Haliburton following his devastating Achillies injury at the end of the play off finals in the 24/25 season

We look forward to seeing Max grow within the club!



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 more sponsorship for 2026 so if you can help or know someone who would be interested, do reach out.



Coming up

Our seniors will host Axholme Tanks Basketball team who will make the travel over from Scunthorpe on Wednesday 11th of January. This does unfortunately mean there is no senior training on that night before resuming as normal on Wednesday 18th January. Any support is very much welcomed so please do come down and cheer on the team.

At the end of February, our new membership structure for 2026/2027 will go live, an announcement will go out towards the end of February about this.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries and please keep an eye out as always on our social media pages and whatsapp groups for any updates.

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