



Colin Cook drew the scouts to County Durham, scoring goals by the hatful for Crook Town. He had a good turn of speed and could shoot with either foot and gained winners' medals for the Northumberland and Durham Senior Cups, while continuing his trade as a joiner.

Colin wasn't completely new to league football when he joined The Spireites; he'd played a handful of games for South Shields and one for Bradford City,

but had been released back to the non-league game after each attempt at a breakthrough. Still, Chesterfield beat a number of other clubs to Cook's signature in May 1932 after he netted 72 goals in all competitions for Crook in 31-2, and he promised an immediate return on the club's investment by scoring five goals on his reserve team debut. He scored on his first-team debut and went on to score ten times in thirteen games in 1932-3: a very respectable haul that earned him the rather perverse reward of a free transfer.

The board came to their senses, though, and he was offered terms for 1933-4. With 27 goals in 37 games Colin was easily the club's top scorer in that season but, again, the club prevaricated over making him a decent offer to stay and Luton came in to tempt him to Kenilworth Road. He netted five times in his eight appearances with The Hatters - a promising return, you'd have thought - but was freed to Northampton after two seasons. Two seasons after that he was back in the north-east, playing non-league football again. Never a first choice beyond that 1933-4 season here, there must have been something about Colin Cook that left clubs unconvinced.

For Chesterfield: 50 Football League appearances, 38 goals.

Career: 79 league appearances, 49 goals.