

Whisper it quietly, but over the years, Chesterfield probably produced as many quality wingers as they famously did goalkeepers. Among the better of these was **Jacky Fisher.** In the days before the `photo opportunity', the Hodthorpe-born lad put pen to paper for the Spireites in the unlikely setting of the refreshment room on Doncaster station, in May 1920. His background was in local football in the Doncaster and Whittington Moor areas; quick and agile, he looked after the ball well and had an eye for goal that allowed him to operate at inside-right as well as on the wing. Apart from these obvious qualities, it probably helped that he was also the son-in-law of the former Chesterfield player who scouted him!

After establishing himself here with one season of Midland League football he easily made the adjustment to Football League standards, and quickly became the fans' darling. His sale to Burnley towards the end of 1921/22 was thus met with dismay: the news that it brought in a club-record £1000 fee turned dismay to outrage at the Annual General Meeting, where it was felt that he was sold only to beautify an otherwise grim balance-sheet. Hope was always trumped by reality in those days, and the club had run up substantial bills in making the move back into the Football League.

At the end of 1922/23, Fisher was brought back from Turf Moor. The directors became more popular than free ale, but at a price: the club swapped him for George Beel, who was mysteriously unpopular on the terraces despite having top-scored that season with 23 goals from 35 games. Burnley got a man who would go on to score a club-record 178 goals. In an age when players tended to come and go after one season, Fisher stayed here for another four, scoring a total of 31 goals in 172 appearances and laying on countless more with his pace, excellent close control and accurate crossing on the run.

Jackie was one of several players who left the club when a residential condition was inserted into playing contracts in 1927. He had by then scored 31 goals in 173 appearances. He went non-league with Mansfield Town before enjoying one more go at League football with Lincoln in 1928. A natural athlete, he also played first-class cricket for Derbyshire. In later life he became a colliery timekeeper.

For Chesterfield: 133 league appearances, 31 goals.

Career: 224 league appearances, 37 goals.