



Phil Tingay was thrust into the limelight as injury robbed the club of every experienced 'keeper. An amateur, he played for the Tube Works' reserve and senior teams days before his shock call-up for a Chesterfield debut at Bristol Rovers in May, 1972. He conceded a goal within four minutes, but performed heroics in his second game, in front of 45,000 at a Villa Park promotion party.

He was rewarded with a professional contract that summer. Although he spent the next nine seasons at Saltergate, he could only consider himself the automatic first-choice for one and a half of those, and was locked in a perennial selection battle with the likes of Jim Brown, Steve Ogrizovic, Steve Hardwick and John Turner. That tough competition for the number one jersey is probably the main reason for the emergence of a string of fine 'keepers through Phil's years at Chesterfield. His professionalism and commitment to the club made him a well-liked man among the fans, eventually, and he received the recognition of his fellow professionals, too, when he was presented with a PFA loyalty award.

In 1981 Phil returned to his trade as an electrician and moved into non-League football. He had managed the Staveley Works and Biwater teams by the time that Ernie Moss persuaded him to join Gainsborough Trinity at the age of 44. Originally joining as Assistant Manager, Phil played a few times to cover for injuries. He became assistant manager to Ernie Moss at Leek Town and has appeared in two Wembley cup finals - for the Sheffield Wednesday Over-35 team. He has also played regularly for Johnny Quinn's All Stars, a Sheffield-based charity side, and has managed Gainsborough Trinity and Staveley Miners' Welfare.

Even in 2024 at the age of 74, Phil continues to play sport, but now with the bat & ball for Staveley Welfare Cricket Club and also appears in the over 70's Sheffield Cricket League.

For Chesterfield: 181 Football League appearances; 46 clean sheets, 245 goals conceded.

Career: 189 Football League appearances, 49 clean sheets, 251 goals conceded.