



**Harry Brown** came to prominence with Hibernians, for whom he played 113 Scottish League games, scoring 23 goals. He tried his luck in England with Darlington in 1932 and by the time of his move to Chesterfield two years later, the likes of Blackpool, Birmingham and Tottenham had kept tabs on him.

Chesterfield had to persevere to get Brown, whose initial unwillingness to come down was overcome after directors travelled to Mansfield to see him when

Darlington played there. With the player in agreement the necessary forms were signed in a refreshment room at York station.

Brown was an individualist and an opportunist. His impeccable first touch meant he could pull the ball down and be away on a dribble before an opponent had a chance to challenge. He was versatile enough to play in any of the five forward positions but the craft in his play made him more suitable to an inside-forward berth, where he had a little more room to display cleverness and scheming.

An important member of the '35-6 Third (North) championship team, Harry's services were rather abruptly dispensed with the following season after the club signed the experienced Joe Spence and moved Harry Clifton to inside-right. Although the club, struggling at the time, recovered well enough to stay in the Second Division, it is difficult to resist the conclusion he still had something to offer. Certainly Plymouth thought so, splashing out a four-figure fee for his capture. After two seasons at Home Park Brown moved to Reading, but saw his pro career brought to a premature end by the second world war.

**For Chesterfield:** 111 Football League appearances, 25 goals.

**Career:** 353 league appearances, 92 goals.