



Albert Bonass emerged from local football in his native York to make occasional appearances for Darlington and York City, before joining Hartlepool United in 1934. A sturdy wingman with a keen eye for cutting in and shooting for goal, Albert netted 31 goals from 77 Hartlepool starts before moving on to Chesterfield in April 1936.

Chesterfield had just won promotion to division two but such was Albert's impact on his new club that Joe Miller, the side's

regular outside-left, never made the first team again, after Albert's debut. A steady supply of goals and good crosses from the left helped establish The Spireites as a second division side in the run-up to world war two but when Norman Bullock took over and sought to take the club to the next level, Albert was judged surplus to requirements, being allowed to move to Queen's Park Rangers in the summer of 1939.

Albert joined the Metropolitan Police as a reserve constable shortly after war broke out, and joined the RAF as a radio operator in 1943, "guesting" with seven teams close to wherever he happened to be based. Serving in Wellington bombers, he was forced to bale out of an aircraft over Manchester, but his luck ran out when a Stirling in which he was a crew member crashed on a training flight near Tockwith, in Yorkshire, in October 1945. Albert lost his life in the crash.

For Chesterfield: 98 Football League appearances, 28 goals.

Career: 187 league appearances, 58 goals.