

= Joe Colbeck =

Philip Joseph " Joe " Colbeck (born 29 November 1986) is an English footballer who plays as a right winger for Harrogate Town .

Born in Bradford , England , he joined his hometown club , Bradford City , as a youth team player in 2002 , making his debut two years later . He played more than 100 league games for Bradford during five years in the first team . Colbeck nearly left Bradford in 2007 when he was made available for transfer and played six games on loan for Darlington . However , he returned following his loan spell and went on to win Bradford City 's player of the season award during the 2007 ? 08 campaign . He turned down a new deal a year later and joined Oldham Athletic on transfer deadline day in September 2009 to rejoin manager Dave Penney , for whom he played at Darlington . When Penney was sacked after less than a year in charge , Colbeck also soon left and joined Hereford United before spending several years with Grimsby Town .

= = Career = =

= = = Bradford City = = =

Colbeck was born in Bradford and attended Pudsey Tyersal School . Bradford City youth team coach Jon Pepper brought him to the club in 2002 , and having rising through the junior ranks at City , Colbeck had barely featured for the reserves when he made his senior debut in a League Cup defeat to Notts County on 25 August 2004 at Valley Parade . It was his only first @-@ team game during the season . It was another 17 months before his next appearance for City when he was a late substitute on 7 January 2006 in a 1 ? 0 defeat to Chesterfield . Colbeck broke into the team on a more regular basis and made 11 appearances , including five starts , during the latter half of the 2005 ? 06 season , and was one of six junior players to earn a one @-@ year contract at the League One club .

His first full season in the first team was during 2006 ? 07 , although he was kept out of the team during the early part of the season by winger Jermaine Johnson . After eight straight games as substitute , Colbeck made his first start of the season in a West Yorkshire derby against Huddersfield Town on 7 October 2006 . He continued to play more games in the side but as City struggled , Colbeck was sent off during a vital game against Oldham Athletic in April 2007 . He was suspended following the red card but returned to the side after his suspension , and was involved in the 3 ? 0 defeat to Chesterfield which confirmed Bradford 's relegation from League One .

Colbeck started the new season in League Two as a substitute , but won a place in the side , and scored his first senior goal against Lincoln City more than three years after his debut . However , after a mistake cost defeat to Milton Keynes Dons , he was told he could join another club on loan . On 24 October 2007 , Colbeck went on a month @-@ long loan to Darlington to take the place of injured Julian Joachim . Colbeck scored in both his second and third games before the loan was extended for a second month . The loan deal was cut short when he returned to Bradford City in December 2007 after he had made six appearances for Darlington , but Darlington manager Dave Penney was disappointed to see Colbeck leave saying , " Joe was fantastic for us . He scored a couple of goals and had a real effect on us so we 're sorry to see him go . "

He immediately went back into the Bradford side , and added his second goal for the club in a 2 ? 0 win over Accrington Stanley on New Year 's Day . Darlington made a bid to sign Colbeck on a permanent basis during January 2008 , but City chairman Julian Rhodes turned down the bid , and Colbeck was a regular player for the rest of the 2007 ? 08 season . The run of games included the third goal in a 3 ? 1 win against former side Darlington at the Darlington Arena . On 19 April 2008 , he scored his sixth goal for the club , but first in a home game , when his last minute goal gave Bradford a 2 ? 1 win over Grimsby Town . Three days later , Colbeck was announced as the club 's player of the season , even though he had started just 26 league games , 23 of which came in City 's 26 games since Colbeck returned on loan from Darlington . Colbeck was surprised to win the

award , saying : " If you 'd said at the beginning of the season that I would win this award , I 'd have thought you were mad . I wasn 't even a regular in the team . " However , in the following league game , Colbeck was sent off for the second time in his career , for a foul on Dean Lewington , as City lost 2 ? 1 to Milton Keynes Dons , which meant he missed the final game of the season through suspension .

Colbeck had been playing since January with a groin injury , which hampered his preparations for the 2008 ? 09 season and prevented him from playing in Bradford 's first three pre @-@ season friendly matches . His suspension also kept him out of Bradford 's first two games of the season , but he returned for a 2 ? 0 victory against Macclesfield Town . He provided a cross for Peter Thorne to open the scoring after ten minutes . Colbeck helped City to go top of the league six matches into the season , and although he scored his first goal of the season in the seventh game , City lost 3 ? 1 to Bournemouth . He added a second in a 2 ? 2 home draw with Gillingham , before he broke a bone in his foot the following week against Grimsby Town . Colbeck was unable to play for nearly three months . He returned from injury in January by playing in two reserve games , leading up to his first @-@ team return on 24 January as a late second @-@ half substitute for Omar Daley in a 3 ? 3 draw with Luton Town . Colbeck broke back into the starting eleven the following month , once again for Daley , who was ruled out for the season with his own knee injury . He was a regular in the team for the rest of the season , playing a further 16 games but he struggled for form and was unable to add to his two goals .

City missed out on promotion and as a result had to cut their wage budget . However , Colbeck , whose contract had expired , was offered a new three @-@ year deal on improved terms . He turned down the offer and stayed at the club on a week @-@ to @-@ week basis on his previous terms . He was watched in a pre @-@ season friendly playing for City against Bradford Park Avenue by his former Darlington boss Dave Penney , who had since been appointed Oldham Athletic manager . Colbeck started the season with Bradford and played another five games , bringing his total to the club to 109 , of which 41 were as substitute .

= = = Oldham Athletic = = =

Colbeck left Bradford in September 2009 , on the final day of the summer transfer window to join Penney at League One side Oldham Athletic . The transfer fee was undisclosed , with Bradford entitled to a sum because of Colbeck 's age ? the Yorkshire Post newspaper reported the fee to be around £ 60 @, @ 000 . Penney described Colbeck as being in " the Stanley Matthews mould " and hoped his new signing would give his team some width . Colbeck 's Oldham debut at the end of the same week finished in a 3 ? 0 defeat for his new team to Hartlepool United . Although described as a " tireless worker " , some of his performances angered Oldham 's fans , with Colbeck unable to " stamp his authority on games " and his " lack of quality " to deliver a final cross . In what was his first game for more than a month , Colbeck scored his first Oldham goal in a 4 ? 2 defeat to Swindon Town on 9 February 2010 . Colbeck also missed part of Oldham 's run @-@ in to the end of the season because of an ankle injury and ended up playing 28 games during his first season with Oldham , but was one of three summer signings which the Oldham Advertiser said had not impressed the Latics fans . When Penney was sacked at the end of the campaign and replaced by Paul Dickov , Colbeck was almost immediately made available for transfer ahead of the 2010 ? 11 season .

= = = Hereford United = = =

Colbeck almost immediately left Oldham and dropped back into League Two to sign for Hereford United on a two @-@ year contract . His new manager Simon Davey described Colbeck as " just the ideal attacking winger we 've been looking for throughout pre @-@ season and I think he is the final piece in the jigsaw " . Two days later , Colbeck scored two goals in a pre @-@ season friendly victory against Neath before being named as one of six Hereford debutants on the opening day of the 2010 ? 11 League Two season as his new side won 1 ? 0 at Crewe Alexandra . Colbeck scored

his first goal with Hereford on 2 November 2010 in a 2 ? 2 draw with Aldershot Town . Hereford , however , recorded just one win from their first ten league games , and were bottom of the league by October when Davey was sacked . Davey was replaced by Jamie Pitman , who helped to improve Hereford 's form . Colbeck received the first red card of his Hereford career for a professional foul during a 4 ? 0 defeat to Southend United on 18 March 2011 . His ensuing suspension was one of only two games he missed all season helping him to 50 games in a single season for the first time in his career .

However , early in the following season , he missed three months because of a knee injury . He returned from injury on 17 December 2011 .

= = = Grimsby Town = = =

On 20 June 2012 , Colbeck signed a two @-@ year deal with Grimsby Town . Colbeck scored his first goal for Grimsby on 27 August 2012 against Mansfield Town , scoring the third goal of the game on 61 minutes , after good link up play between Greg Pearson who crossed into the box , the ball bouncing off strike partner Andy Cook for Colbeck to side @-@ foot it into the top corner , the game finishing a 4 ? 1 to the Grimsby . On Boxing Day 2012 , Colbeck provided 3 assists and scored directly from a corner in the 4 ? 1 Lincolnshire derby win over Lincoln City at Sincil Bank . On 8 January 2013 Colbeck was fined by The Football Association over comments he made on his Twitter account .

Colbeck was released by Grimsby on 9 May 2014 .

= = = Bradford Park Avenue = = =

On 8 July 2014 , Colbeck signed a one @-@ year contract with Bradford Park Avenue .

= = Playing style = =

Colbeck is a pacy midfielder who normally plays on the right wing . Talking about his game , Colbeck says : " I love taking players on , I think that 's my best attribute . " At Bradford , his manager Stuart McCall praised his hard work and commitment , but said he became frustrated about his lack of end product . McCall also said Colbeck 's crossing needed to be improved . Another of his managers Dave Penney described Colbeck as being in " the Stanley Matthews mould " , in reference to the former Blackpool winger . However , Colbeck 's performances at Oldham also earned mixed reviews akin to McCall 's comments , with fans and journalists describing him as a " tireless worker " but his crossing had a " lack of quality " . Going into the 2007 ? 08 season , Colbeck had yet to score a goal . Before the season , he admitted he needed to score more goals and went on to score six goals during the campaign , although it remains a career high .

= = Career statistics = =

As of match played on 25 April 2015 .

= = Honours = =

Grimsby Town

Lincolnshire Senior Cup (1) : 2012 ? 13

FA Trophy : Runners @-@ up , 2012 ? 13

Individual

Bradford City player of the season : 2007 ? 08