

## No.15 John Amos Lloyd

Amos was perfect left-winger material, fast and clever when in possession, able to centre the ball with uncanny accuracy and blessed with a powerful shot.

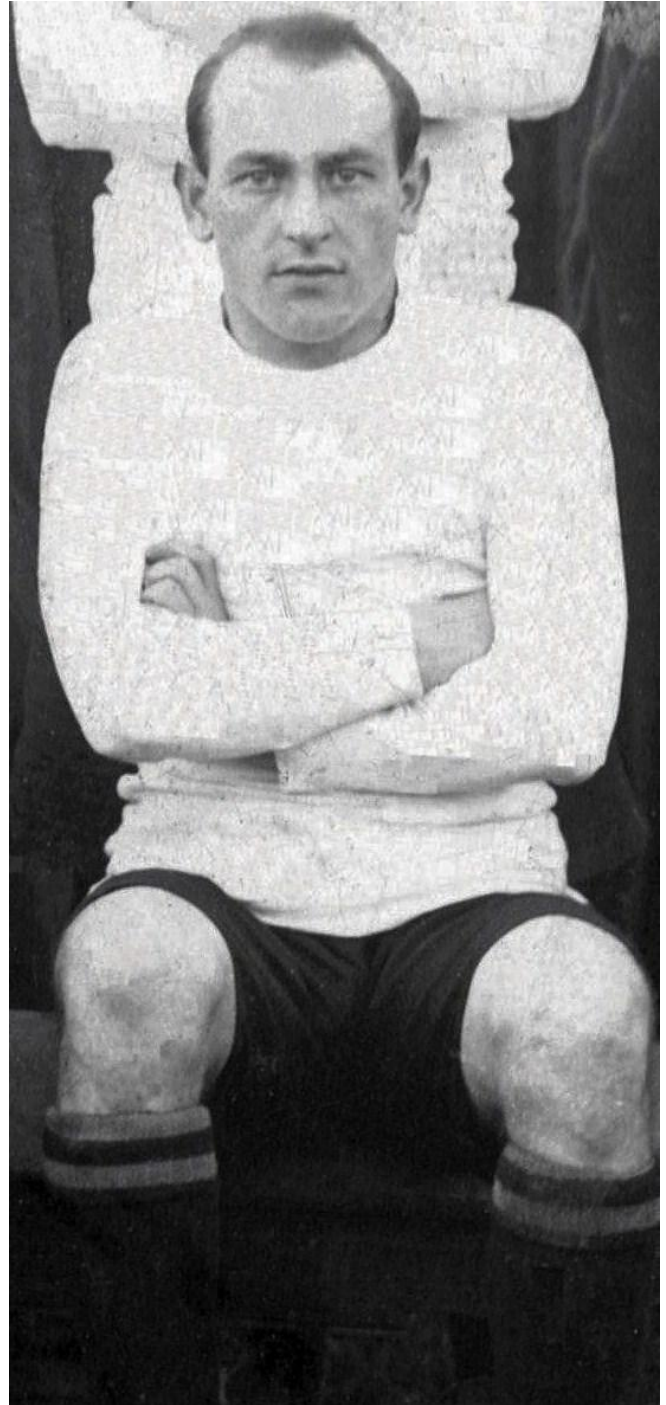
He was born in Pelsall, 19 May 1889. Playing initially for Wednesbury Athletic in 1905, Nuneaton Town in 1906 and Halesowen in 1908, Amos signed for Hednesford Town in 1909.

The 1909-10 season would be a special one for Hednesford, seeing us win the Birmingham Combination League Championship (for the first time) in only our second season in that league, with 51 points from 30 games, three points ahead of Cradley St. Luke's.

At this time players seemed to be flying back and forth between Hednesford and Albion. Bill Young returned to us in August 1910, three months after Amos had joined the Baggies for a four-year stint. He made his debut against Hull City, 3 September 1910 and collected a League Championship medal at the end of that season after playing 36 League matches, with nine goals to show. Between 1911 and 1914 Amos also scored 12 goals in more than 70 games for Albion's second XI.

Swansea Town payed £250 for him in June 1914 and a year later he picked-up another medal as Swansea were runners-up in the Welsh Cup (Hednesford Town would suffer the same fate some 72 years later). On leaving the Hawthorns he signed for Shrewsbury Town.

Amos served in the Army during World War One and retired from football in May 1920. He died in February 1943 having scored 9 goals in 46 Football League appearances.



Amos, Seated extreme right, in the 1909-10 Birmingham Combination Championship winning team.

