

## No.2 William Dunn

A native of Scotland, Billy Dunn was born in Falkirk, 24 March 1865. He played originally for East Stirlingshire, becoming one of their all-time greatest goalscorers. In an era when many goalscorers were left unrecorded, Billy scored a known 128 goals for East Stirlingshire from his known debut 13 October 1883 to season 1889-90 in 180 games.

In November 1889, he moved down to England to play for Stoke City along with his fellow team-mate Harry Simpson. The Potteries side was in such a rush to field Billy that it cost them £5 for playing him before being officially registered!

He managed two goals in 15 appearances in his first season from his left-wing position. However, he was described at the time as 'A man of many parts' and he proved that by occasionally performing at inside forward, full-back and wing-half.

City was relegated to the Football Alliance at the end of that campaign, but was back again in 1891. Billy had missed only one game in helping his team win the Football Alliance title with six goals in his 27 games.

He was given only five outings scoring two goals in 1892 before being transferred to Hednesford Town later that term; he had scored 20 goals in 69 competitive games for The Potters. The following year Billy moved out of Hednesford to Second Division Walsall where he played only two League games.

In total, Billy made 73 Football League appearances (62 League, 11 FA Cup) – (21 in Football Alliance) 21 goals (18 League, 3 FA Cup) – (11 in Football Alliance).

He later appeared for Blyth whom he joined in March 1894 and South Bank the following August where he stayed for three years, moving to Newton Heath in May 1897. Billy finally joined Reading in July 1898 and retired from football in April 1900. He died in Falkirk 28 July 1921.



Billy Dunn, sitting far right of the middle row, with his Stoke City team-mates in 1890.