

No.3 James Spooner

Dashing centre-forward, Jim Spooner, joined Hednesford Town in 1887 and was spotted cracking-in goals at the old Anglesey Ground by West Bromwich Albion and promptly signed by them in November 1895.

He made his debut, at home, in the Wolverhampton Wanderers Black Country derby and, in only his second game, 14 December, against Derby County, Jim received a crunching tackle which virtually ended his promising career with a double fracture of the right leg.

He made several unsuccessful comeback attempts, but was forced out of the game, aged 25, to become a miner at a Hednesford Colliery.

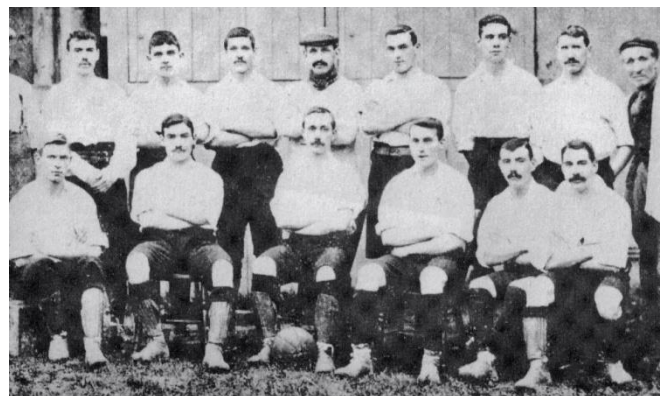
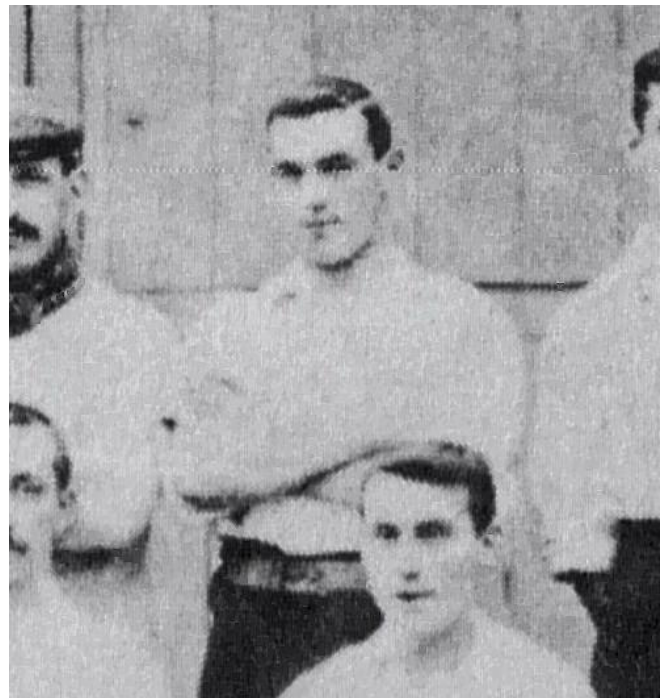
The father of 11 children, Jim was born in West Bromwich, 11 November 1871, and died in Cannock November 1950.

No.4 Edward Peers

Fullback Ted Peers, born in Hednesford in 1876, left his hometown for West Bromwich Albion in 1895 but was moved out to Second Division Walsall the following year without playing a first-team game.

75 games and three years later he was back in the First Division with Nottingham Forest where he made 65 appearances before dropping back into the Second Division in 1901 and playing nine games for Burton United.

Ted later appeared for Non-League Swindon Town and Coventry City.



Ted with his Walsall colleagues in 1897-98.