

No.32 Thomas Rogers

Willenhall born Tom Rogers signed for Hednesford Town when league football kicked off again for Hednesford, 30 August 1919, following the end of World War One.

Although that first game, against West Bromwich Albion reserves, was won 5-1 and only one of the first twenty was lost, we ended the 1919-20 season in fifth place.

However, the English Cup (FA Cup) was a different matter as we reached the first round proper, for the first time, at Castleford where injuries to Long, Roberts and Bill Lyons took their toll and the team went down 2-0. The Hednesford team that day was Noel George, Bradley, Roberts, Bert Smart, Tod Bowen, Bill Lyons, Billy Long, Jim Lyons, Tosh Griffiths and Tom Rogers.

Other notable games that season included a 9-0 trouncing of Wolves reserves and an 8-0 hammering of Shrewbury Town, one year before being voted into the Football League.

Tom was our left-winger that season, making his debut, 13 September 1920, the first of 30 games for us, in a 5-3 FA Cup win at home against Halesowen.

Prior to the beginning of the 1920-21 season, he was transferred to Walsall to make just one League and one FA Cup appearance in their Third Division (North) side.



Tom Rogers seated far right with his Walsall colleagues in 1920-21



