

No.33 R Thomas Winsper

Tom Winsper, born in Worcester in 1898, joined Hednesford Town from Halesowen Town in 1920, the second season into the post-war one era. He made his debut, 24 April 1920, away at Darlaston to become a crucial member of that team, operating at right half in the Winsper, Crutchley and Bill Lyons half-back line.

Although unbeaten in 22 successive league and cup games, we did not make it to the first round proper for the second season in a row.

The run started with a 4-1 win over Willenhall with 7,000 at the Keys, then Shrewsbury (3-2) and Wellington (2-1 in a replay). Revenge, for the previous season's result, was gained against Castleford by winning 2-1 with goals from Griffiths and Wood following the 1-1 away draw. However, the journey to Third Division Southend ended in a 3-1 defeat.

Tom moved to Third Division Bristol Rovers in 1921, managing 23 first team League and three FA Cup outings in 1921-22 before joining Willenhall in the following season. He also helped Shrewsbury Town who by then had reverted to non-league football.



