

No.39 Samuel Clansey

Sam was born in Hednesford in 1900 and joined Hednesford Town at the end of World War One. Following excellent performances for the Town, he became the fifth player to move into the Football League, that season, when he signed for West Bromwich Albion in 1923.

Unfortunately, Sam developed an eye defect, which kept him out of the first team, and he never quite fulfilled his early promise, moving back into non-league football in 1925 to spend the next ten years with Kidderminster.

After a year or so out of the game, he was 'tempted' back by a new pair of boots and a signing-on fee of £10 from Cradley Heath, finally hanging up his boots just before the outbreak of the Second World War.



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Sam, in the centre of the picture, with his Albion team-mates in 1924-25.