

## No.53 Sidney Helliwell

Sid was born in Monkseaton, Sheffield 30 January 1904 and played initially for his local non-league team, Wycliffe, prior to his transfer to Sheffield Wednesday in 1923.

The Second Division club held on to Sid for the next three years, playing him at centre-half in their junior teams, without giving him a chance in their senior squad.

In 1926 Reading, who were operating in the same Division as Wednesday, signed Sid with the hope that he would be useful to them as a centre-forward. Unfortunately, after only five games with two goals, Sid moved to Tottenham Hotspur in 1927 to make his debut, at centre-half, 24 September 1927 against Manchester United. He managed only eight games during seasons 1927-28 and 1928-29.

1929-30 was a more successful one as Third Division South's Walsall gave Sid 36 games, followed by 62 in the next two seasons.

Hednesford Town raided Walsall in 1932, acquiring Sid, along with full-back Teddy Groves. Sid would stay for just one season before joining Third Division North's Halifax Town to make only a single appearance for them before Goole Town returned him to non-league football in 1934.

Sid died in 1939 having played 120 Football League and FA Cup games, scoring 10 goals.



'Big Sid' is sitting in the centre of this 1933 Hednesford Town team