

No.58 John Henry Maund

Jackie Maund was one of those salt of the earth characters. Born in Hednesford, 5 January 1916, he first attracted attention with his high speed and skilful footwork when performing on the right-wing for his Cannock Mining College team in 1933 in the autumn of 1933.

His uncanny ability to mesmerize defenders was noted by Hednesford and he was promptly signed, in October 1933, and inserted into the reserve team, along with his brother who played centre-forward.

An injury to Chesterfield bound Les Rowe, who was the club's current right-winger, gave Jackie his chance, and his debut, 2 December 1933, in a 3-0 Birmingham Senior Cup defeat at the hands of Burton. Mazy runs, accurate centres and powerful shooting were a feature of his home debut on Boxing Day 1933 when he got the final goal in a 6-1 trouncing of Stafford Rangers.

At the end of the season, Les Rowe headed for Chesterfield and Harry Nichols departed to Sheffield Wednesday. Jackie was not far behind, when he signed for Aston Villa, after one season at the Keys, 6 October 1934.

The diminutive Jackie, at 5'4" and weighing 9st 7lb, made his Villa debut at Preston, 18 January 1936, where they suffered a 3-0 defeat and relegation to Division Two at the end of that campaign. Villa bounced back two years later with Jackie playing a dramatic part in a decisive match against rivals Manchester United at the end of the season. He had been taken into hospital with appendicitis, but travelled to Villa Park to watch the United game, when Frank Broome dropped out just before the match. Jackie stripped-off and, in a fairy-tail display, played a vital part in two of the goals as Villa romped home 3-0.

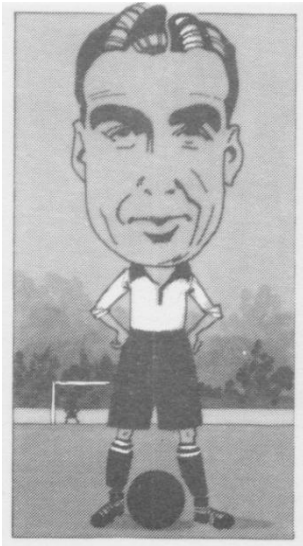
During the war years, Jackie returned to mining, the job in which he was training before becoming a professional footballer, whilst at the same time guesting for Hednesford Town from 1940 to 1942, Nottingham Forest, Northampton and Walsall in 1943 and 1944, and for Port Vale from 1944 to 1945.

At the end of the war, Jackie returned to Hednesford, as player-manager. He was still making a major contribution as a player, so much so that Walsall signed him, 21 October 1946. His debut brought both goals in a 2-2 draw at Exeter. At the end of the 1947-48 season he joined Walsall's coaching staff, having scored nine goals in 38 appearances. Jackie called it a day in January 1958 to take a job with the NCB, whilst taking the part-time post as Hednesford Town manager between 1961 and 1963.

Jackie had played 89 senior games and scored 18 goals. He died in Hednesford, from a heart attack, in 1994.



Part of the 1936 Aston Villa squad with Jackie second right, front row and Jack Martin fourth from left, second row.



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