

No.65 George Larmouth Forrester

Local lad, 'Snowy' Forrester as Hednesford fans affectionally knew him, was born in Hednesford, 8 June 1927, joining his hometown club in the first season following the resumption of 'normal' football at the end of World War Two.

It did not take Second Division West Bromwich Albion long to resume their raid on Hednesford's young talent, signing the 19-year old left-half in 1946. However, George was not given a chance in their senior team during his twelve-month's stay at the Hawthorns and George was sold to Third Division Gillingham, 1 August 1947.

A three-year term in the Gills' reserve team ended in the 1950-51 season when he was given 18 games in the seniors, scoring one goal, followed by an improved 23 games with two strikes in 1951-52. Up to now, Gillingham had played George on the left side of their forward line, inside or outside-left, but in the 1952-53 campaign, he dropped back into his favourite wing-half slot to make 29 League and cup appearances.

In his five seasons at Gillingham, between 1950 and 1954, George made a total of exactly 100 senior League appearances, plus four outings in the FACup scoring five times. Reading acquired him at the beginning of July 1955 where he managed six appearances and scored two goals.

Non-league football beckoned and by 1956 George was at Headington United, followed by Ashford Town one year later.

'Snowy' died in Reading, 25 September 1981.



'Snowy', seated second right, front row, in Hednesford's 1946-47 reserve team. *Back row:* Nick Turner, Fred Dangerfield, Ken Brown, Arnold Palmer, Malcolm Box, Horace Bailey and George Evans. *Front row:* Johnny Phillips, Harold Payne, McCullum, 'Snowy' and Bert Haworth.