

No.66 Arnold Tatler

Arnold represented Hibernian during the Second World War years and, following his demob from the Navy, joined the newly named Hednesford Football Club early in 1946 to make his debut in a 6-2 defeat against Nuneaton, 2 March 1946.

In the same team, that day, was centre-forward Billy Jones who, half a dozen games later, would score a double hat-trick against Tamworth.

Although an inside-forward, Arnold was equally at home as a wing-half and after outstanding displays in only four outings for the club, player-manager Jackie Maund sold the promising lad to Wolves before the start of the 1946-47 campaign.

The cost of having to sell young talent in order to stay afloat financially was underlined when Arnold got four goals for Wolves reserves against us, 16 November, in a 6-1 win for his new employers.

However, with little or no chance of gaining a place in the very strong Wolves first-team squad as they headed for a FACup final victory over Leicester, Arnold found himself back at the Keys, but only briefly, moving to Stafford Rangers later that season.

As a much stronger and more settled side was being gathered together by Hednesford, Arnold returned yet again to the Keys to help Jack Martin's 1950-51 Championship team, stepping in on several occasions for the vastly experienced former Arsenal and Walsall inside-forward, and future Hednesford manager, Wilf Walsh.