

No.67 Norman Allsop

Norman, born in West Bromwich, 1 November 1930, joined us from Darlaston in February 1947; he had been on Walsall's books as an amateur in 1946.

From his debut for us, playing inside-left in a 6-1 victory at home to Darlaston, 7 February 1948, Norman showed himself to be the brains of our attack; unfortunately, he played only seven times before the Hawthorns beckoned and he was transferred to Albion, 1 May 1948.

Norman couldn't get a game in the first XI of a team heading for promotion to the First Division at the end of that season and consequently found himself back in non-league football with Worcester City, joining us in 1953 to perform alongside future League Football acquisitions Gordon Lee and 'Joby' Dyas who were just beginning their careers.

In the following season, and for the second time, Norman moved from us to senior football, this time to Fellows Park, when he signed for Walsall, 1 October 1953.

Norman made a total of 11 first class appearances for Walsall in the 1953-54 season, getting a goal in their FACup game at Bath. However, like many others he suffered from the fact that in a struggling team, which Walsall always seemed to be, frequent changes were made and he was given little chance to settle down. Norman returned to the Keys, for his third visit, shortly afterwards.

