

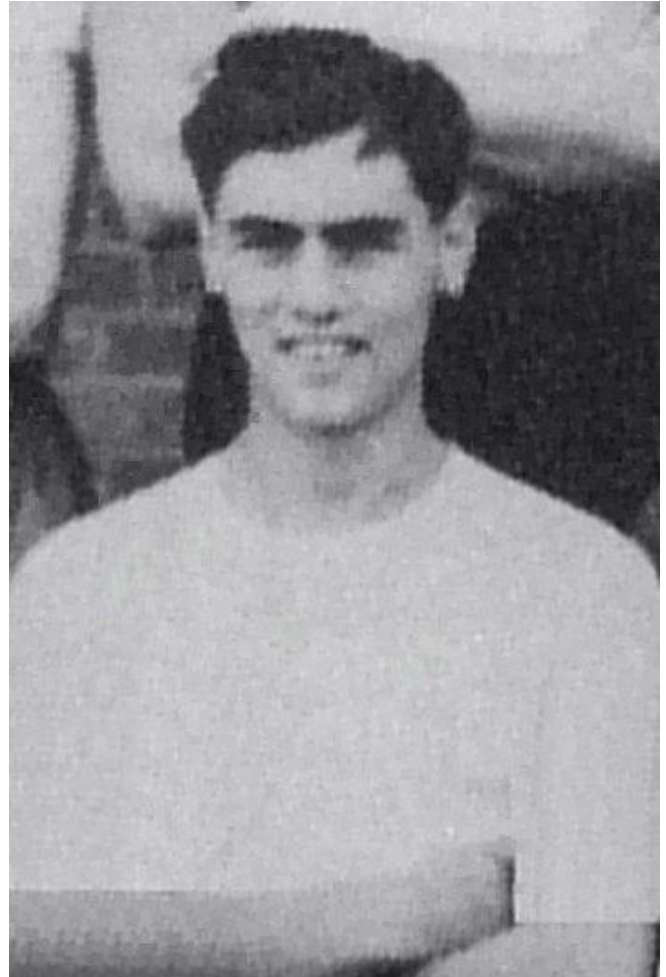
No.72 Harold Wright

Right-back, Harry Wright, born in 1931, spent the 1950-51 season in the second and third teams at Wolverhampton Wanderers. However, unable to break into their senior squad, Harry decided to try his luck in our pre-season friendly games where his excellent form and calm, methodical play did not go unnoticed and he was promptly signed in order to strengthen our squad for the forthcoming 1951-52 campaign, having won the Birmingham Combination Championship the previous year.

With the 1950-51 season's defence re-signing en-block, Hednesford rightly decided to start 1951-52 with the previous season's experienced defence and Harry was placed in the reserves.

Two games into the season and new signing, outside-right Gordon Medd, sustained an injury and it was decided to push right-back Lew Ross into the advanced role and bring in 20-year old Harry to take Lew's place in defence. It was obvious straight away that he could not be left out and one of Hednesford's best finds in recent years would soon have a second crack at League Football. After only four outings, one of which was against the Baggies, Harry was given his big chance when he joined West Bromwich Albion for, what the newspapers described as, a 'substantial fee'.

Following a three-year stay at the Hawthorns, Harry never did get to play in League Football, returning to Hednesford for the start of the 1955-56 campaign, in Division Two of the Birmingham Combination.



Harry, second left - middle row, with the 1952-53 Albion squad.