

NUNEATON FOOTBALL HERITAGE HEROES

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William Hanney



William Patrick Edward Hanney, stockily built and popularly known as “Mick,” had seen service with Birmingham City, Gillingham and Derby County, prior to joining Nuneaton Town from Market Harborough in 1930.

Bill began his career with the “Nuns” on August 30th, 1930 at Manor Park, scoring four times as Bromsgrove Rovers were demolished 10-1.

On May 6th, 1931, he was with the team at the Newdegate Arms Hotel at a victory dinner to commemorate the winning of the Birmingham Combination Championship and Birmingham Senior Cup. In their league games the “Nuns” had amassed 126 goals in 34 games with Bill contributing 52. During the season he had made 41 appearances, scoring 65 times.

The goal machine’s record was even more phenomenal in the 1931-32, season when he scored 74 goals in 46 games. In the Birmingham Combination, Town finished in second place scoring 137 league goals, with Bill again getting 52 of them. In the FA Cup, Nuneaton progressed to the final qualifying round before losing 0-2 to Burton Town, Bill netting 13 in seven games.

William Hanney played his last game for Nuneaton Town when they were defeated 1-5 at Dudley on May 6th 1933. The 1932-33 campaign saw the “Nuns” finish fourth in the Birmingham Combination, scoring 107 times. Bill’s contribution in his last season at Manor Park had been 51 goals in 40 appearances before he moved to Rugby Town.

In plain statistics Bill holds the following Nuneaton Town/Nuneaton Borough records. The most goals by any player (190), most goals in a season (74), most league goals in a campaign (52 twice), and a record 13 FA Cup goals in a season. His individual scoring feats are six goals in a match on one occasion, five goals once, four goals eleven times and three goals in a game on 15 occasions.

William lived in Wigston, Leicestershire, and passed away aged 85, in February 1990.