

BOWMAN	John William
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<i>Date of Birth</i>	23.4.1879	<i>Place of Birth</i>	Middlesbrough		
<i>Date of Death</i>	26.1.1943	<i>Place of Death</i>	Wembley Hospital		
<i>Height</i>	5ft 8½in	<i>Weight</i>	12st 0lb	<i>Position</i>	Right Half

<i>Club</i>	<i>Joined</i>	<i>Season</i>	F L		F A		S L		L C		TOTALS	
			A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G
Sheldon Juniors												
Hanley St. Judes												
Burslem Park												
Burslem Port Vale	2.1899											
Stoke	8.1899	1899-00	2	0							2	0
		1900-01	2	0							2	0
Queens Park Rangers	29.6.1901	1901-02			3	0	20	0			23	0
		1902-03			1	0	27	0			28	0
		1903-04			2	0	29	1			31	1
		1904-05			1	0	27	1			28	1
Norwich City	26.4.1905	1905-06			1	0	7	1			8	1
Croydon Common	10.4.1912	1915-16							1	0	1	0
		TOTALS	4	0	8	0	110	3	1	0	123	3

<i>Internationals</i>	None	<i>F.A. Cup Finals</i>	None	<i>Cigarette/Trade Cards</i>	None
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His only first team appearance for Burslem Port Vale was in the semi-final of the Birmingham Cup against Walsall on 13.3.1899
Played in Norwich City's first Southern League match but was badly injured and had to leave the field
Was the professional Norwich City club's first manager and left after two years of a three year contract
Appeared for Croydon Common in 1915-16, while the club's manager, in a 3-0 defeat at Watford on 11.12.1915, as only 8 players had travelled - trainer DAVE GARDNER and assistant trainer CHARLIE HOLLIDGE made up the numbers
Croydon Common were champions of the SFA (1912-13) and the SL Division 2 (1913-14) under his management
Was manager of Norwich City (5.1905 to 6.1907), Croydon Common (10.4.1912 to cs1916) and Queens Park Rangers (3.1931 to 11.1931)
A member of the Burslem Water Polo Club which once won the Northern Counties Championship
Once came second in the 220 yards event in the Staffordshire County Championships
Was captain of the North Staffordshire Harriers and won athletics medals from 100 yards to 10 miles
Ran a sports outfitters in Harlesden which supplied many professional football clubs
Became Secretary of Queens Park Rangers in August 1903 and again (and a director also) for a while in the 1920s
A lifelong teetotaler and non-smoker, he was living at Fairlight, Harrow Road, Sudbury, Wembley at the time of his death
<i>A brainy and intelligent player, who only makes for the good of the game</i> (Bells Magazine)
Upon probate in Llandudno on 1.5.1943, his widow Elsie Ethel was left an estate valued at £4,304.12s.7d



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Bowman's daughter marries George Goddard in 1931. Goddard remains the all time record goalscorer for Queens Park Rangers

Norwich City 1905-06