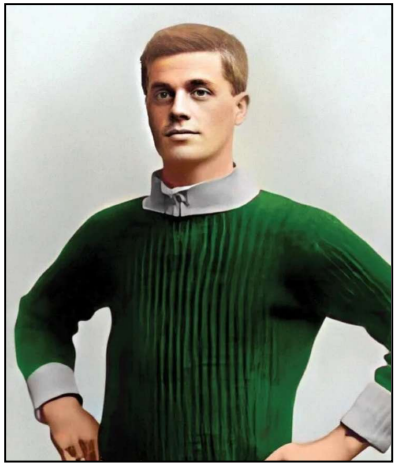
EVANS	Robert Owen

Date of Birth	8.1881	*Place of Birth*	Wrexham		
Date of Death	8.3.1962	*Place of Death*	Coventry		
Height	5ft 10.5in	*Weight*	11st 12lb	*Position*	Goalkeeper

			F L		F A		S L		W Co		W C		W L		U L		S E		TOTALS	
Club	*Joined*	*Season*	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G
Olympic Juniors	1895																			
Stansty Villa																				
Wrexham	8.1898	1899-00							4	0									4	0
		1900-01			1	0			21	0									22	0
		1901-02			4	0			19	0	4	0							27	0
		1902-03			2	0			24	0	4	0							30	0
Blackburn Rovers	4.1903	1903-04	27	0	3	0													30	0
		1904-05	4	0															4	0
		1905-06	35	0	1	0													36	0
		1906-07	29	0	5	0													34	0
		1907-08	9	0															9	0
Croydon Common	12.5.1908	1908-09			10	0	12	0					8	0	6	0	30	0	66	0
Coventry City	5.1909	1909-10			6	0	34	0											40	0
		1910-11			3	0	37	0											40	0
		1911-12			2	0	34	0											36	0
		1912-13			2	0	21	0											23	0
Birmingham	6.1913	1913-14	3	0															3	0
Nuneaton	5.1914																			
		TOTALS	107	0	39	0	138	0	68	0	8	0	8	0	6	0	30	0	404	0

Internationals						
For	*Date*	*Season*	*Club*	*Against*	*Score*	*Venue*
Wales	22.2.1902	1901-02	Wrexham	Ireland	0-3	Cardiff
Wales	2.3.1903	1902-03	Wrexham	England	1-2	Portsmouth
Wales	9.3.1903	1902-03	Wrexham	Scotland	0-1	Cardiff
Wales	28.3.1903	1902-03	Wrexham	Ireland	0-2	Belfast
Wales	11.4.1908	1907-08	Blackburn Rovers	Ireland	0-1	Aberdare
Wales	28.1.1911	1910-11	Coventry City	Ireland	2-1	Belfast
Wales	13.3.1911	1910-11	Coventry City	England	0-3	Millwall
Wales	2.3.1912	1911-12	Coventry City	Scotland	0-1	Tynecastle
Wales	11.3.1912	1911-12	Coventry City	England	0-2	Wrexham
Wales	13.4.1912	1911-12	Coventry City	Ireland	2-3	Cardiff



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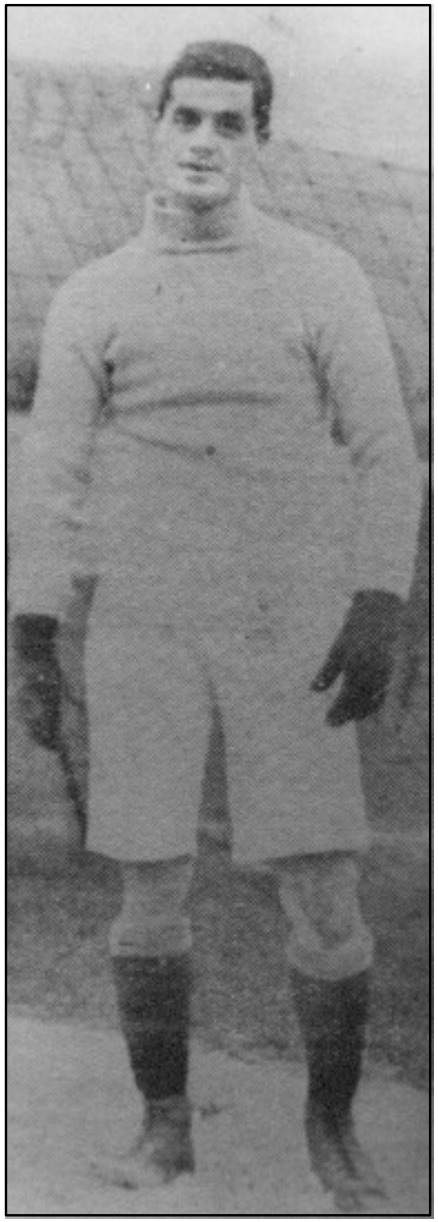
Cigarette/Trade Cards				
Company	*Year*	*Number*	*Series*	*Club*
Murray	1913	N/A	Footballers : Series J	Birmingham
Taddy	1907	N/A	Prominent Footballers	Blackburn Rovers

F.A. Cup Finals	None

Jottings
Played in 2 Welsh Cup Finals for Wrexham, against Wellington Town (0-1) on 31.3.1902 and Aberamon (8-0) on 12.4.1903
Was the most capped Commoner and came the closest to being capped whilst at Croydon as he played for Wales both before and after his spell with the club - and had a trial whilst a Commoner
One of his Welsh appearances (v. Ireland in 1908) was made with future Commoner Albert Hodgkinson
Appeared for Croydon Common in 1 minor cup match
He scored a penalty for the Common (8-0 away at Gravesend Amateurs in the Southern League on 10.10.1908) only to lose the one goal of his career when Kent side withdrew from the league later in the season
Jointly held the Croydon Common record for F.A. Cup appearances in a season (10)
Became a referee and football administrator after retiring from the game
Was the Secretary of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers
The transfer fee on joining Blackburn Rovers was £150 and his spell there was ended by a knee injury
R.O. Evans, the captain of the team (Blackburn) gained for himself a position among the highest flight of goalkeepers. Cool, calm, collected, he is a master beneath the bar; high, low and wide shots came alike to him. Skilful to a degree, he is quickness personified and rarely indeed does he misjudge the flight of the ball; bold and daring he is one of the most fearless players that ever stepped out on the football field. A most reliable custodian, as agile as a cat and up to every trick on the board
In 1902, playing for Wales against Ireland, he dislocated his knee but played on with the "joint bound up with yards of linen"
Suffered from shell shock during the 1914-18 war
Played cricket for Denbighshire
The 1911 Census shows him as a professional footballer living at 29 Hamilton Road, Coventry with wife Lucy (28) and son Robert (2)
Was living at 29 Hamilton Road in Coventry at the time of his death
His younger brother CARADOG played centre forward for Plymouth and appeared for Wales in amateur matches



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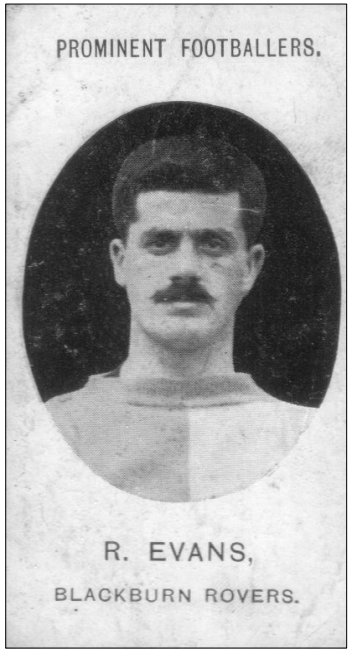

Taddy 1907

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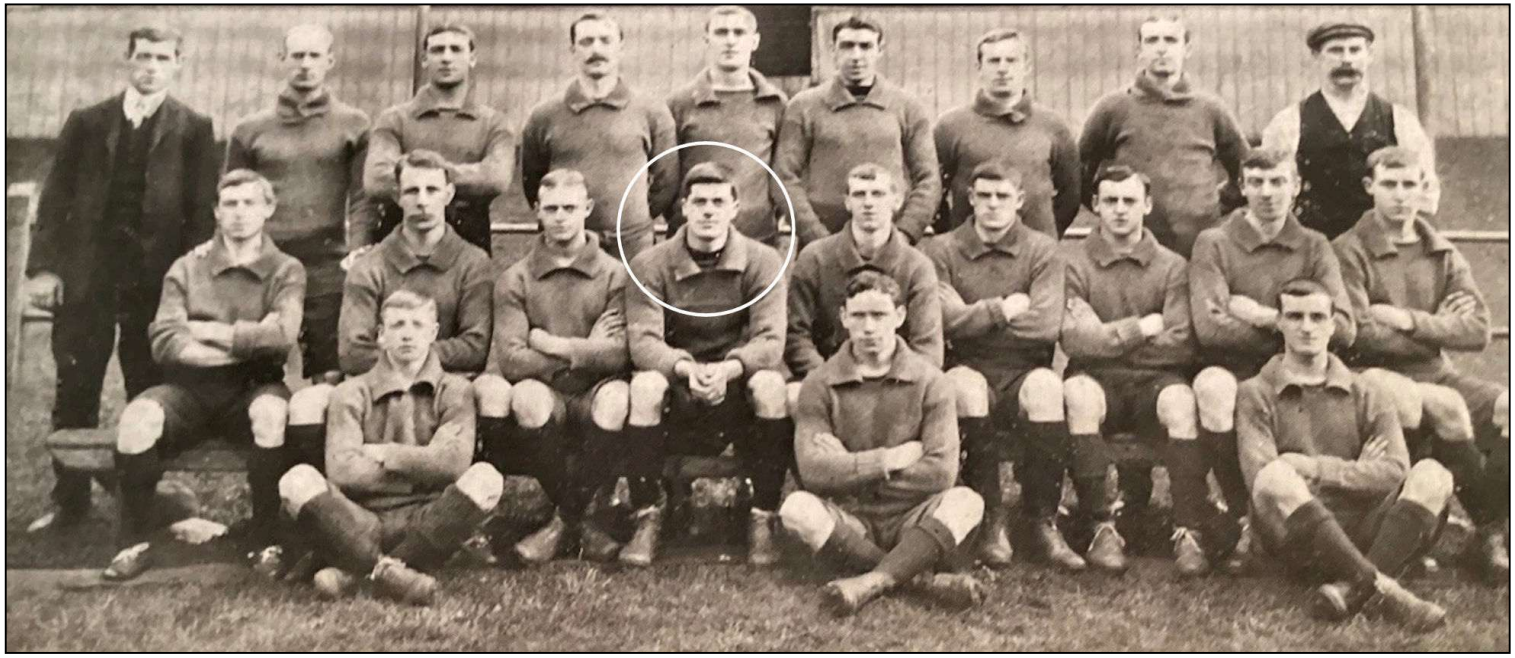
Blackburn Rovers c.1906-07

Blackburn Rovers 1905-06



Blackburn Rovers 1906-07

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Blackburn Rovers c.1905