WOLSTENHOLME	Samuel

Date of Birth	16.3.1877	*Place of Birth*	Little Lever		
Date of Death	xx.10.1945	*Place of Death*	Bolton		
Height	5ft 9.5in	*Weight*	12st	*Position*	Half Back

			F L		F A		S L		W L		U L		S E		TOTALS	
Club	*Joined*	*Season*	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G
Darley Vale																
Farnworth FC																
Farnworth Alliance																
Horwich																
Everton	10.1897	1897-98	1	0											1	0
		1898-99	15	0	2	0									17	0
		1899-00	29	0	1	0									30	0
		1900-01	34	2	2	0									36	2
		1901-02	27	1	2	0									29	1
		1902-03	22	1	2	0									24	1
		1903-04	32	4	1	0									33	4
Blackburn Rovers	5.1904	1904-05	28	1	1	0									29	1
		1905-06	31	0	1	0									32	0
		1906-07	30	0	5	1									35	1
		1907-08	8	0											8	0
Croydon Common	18.6.1908	1908-09			10	0	12	5	9	1	6	1	21	3	58	10
Norwich City	4.1909	1909-10			2	0	41	1							43	1
		1910-11					28	4							28	4
		1911-12			1	0	36	0							37	0
		1912-13			4	1	33	2							37	3
Chester City	6.1913															
		TOTALS	257	9	34	2	150	12	9	1	6	1	21	3	477	28

Internationals						
For	*Date*	*Season*	*Club*	*Against*	*Score*	*Venue*
England	9.4.1904	1903-04	Everton	Scotland	1-0	Glasgow
England	25.2.1905	1904-05	Blackburn Rovers	Ireland	1-1	Middlesbrough
England	27.3.1905	1904-05	Blackburn Rovers	Wales	3-1	Liverpool

F.A. Cup Finals	None

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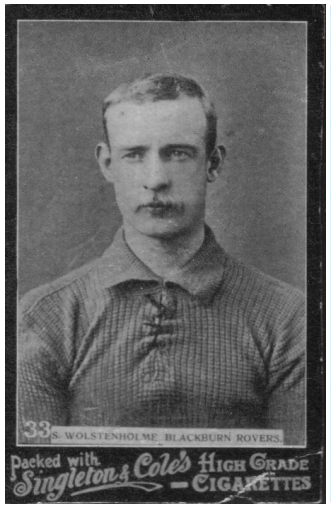
Cigarette/Trade Cards				
Company	*Year*	*Number*	*Series*	*Club*
Cohen Weenen	1901	N/A	Actresses, Footballers & Jockeys	Everton
Smith F. & J.	1905	24	Footballers	Everton
Singleton & Cole	1905	33	Footballers	Blackburn Rovers
Taddy	1907	N/A	Prominent Footballers	Blackburn Rovers
Everton F.C.	2002	N/A	100 Seasons at the Top	Everton

Jottings
Some sources suggest that he died in Wigan in 1933, but this would give an error of 2 years on his age at death
Was a platelayer by trade
The 1891 Census shows him as a joiner's apprentice living at 7 Alpine Terrace, Kearsley, Bolton with his father Samuel (48), a foundry fitter, his mother Dinah (47) and his siblings Jane (20), William (18), Elizabeth (16), Mary (11), Thomas (9), James (7), Joseph (5) and John (2)
The 1911 Census shows him as a professional athlete living at 55 Muriel Road, Norwich with his wife Alice (32) and daughters Lily (8) and Alice (4)
Appeared for Croydon Common in 1 minor cup match, without scoring
Jointly held the Croydon Common record for F.A. Cup appearances in a season (10)
His first England cap was gained in a side which also contained fellow future Commoner William Balmer
Played twice for The North v. The South and played for the Football League v. Scottish League
Was coaching the North German Football Federation representative XI in Germany in 1914 and so was interned at the Ruhleben camp along with many other professional footballers, including England legend Steve Bloomer
In November 1914, he refereed a Ruhleben match between "Tottenham Hotspur" and "Oldham Athletic"
For a while, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website erroneously recorded another Sam Wolstenholme, killed in 1915, as "a football international"
His brother TOM played for Blackpool, Bolton Wanderers, Burnley and Bradford Park Avenue
As nimble as a squirrel ….. a player who understands football and knows how to play it

Cohen Weenen 1901



Singleton & Cole 1905

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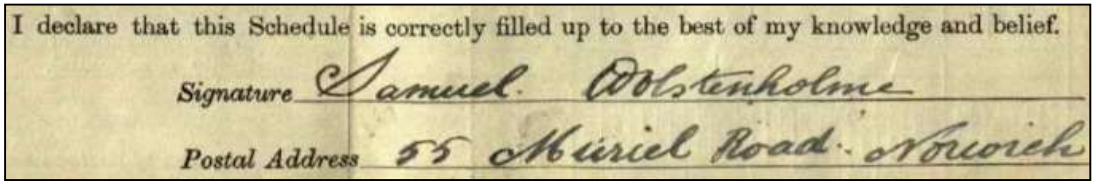
I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Signature Samuel Wolstenholme
Postal Address 55 Muriel Road. Norwich

His signature on the 1911 Census form

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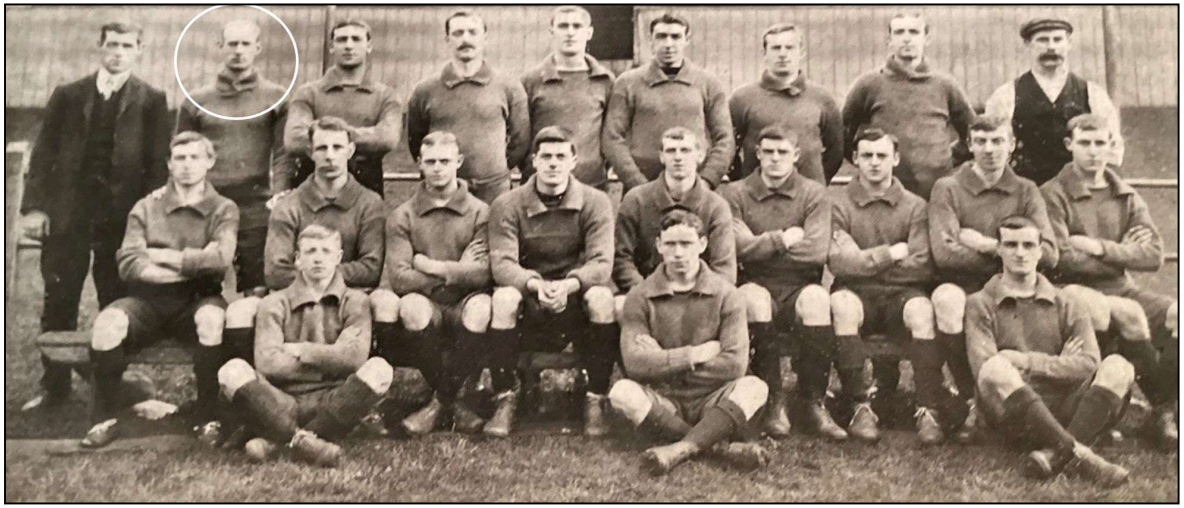
Everton 1902-03



Blackburn Rovers 1906-07

Norwich City 1910-11

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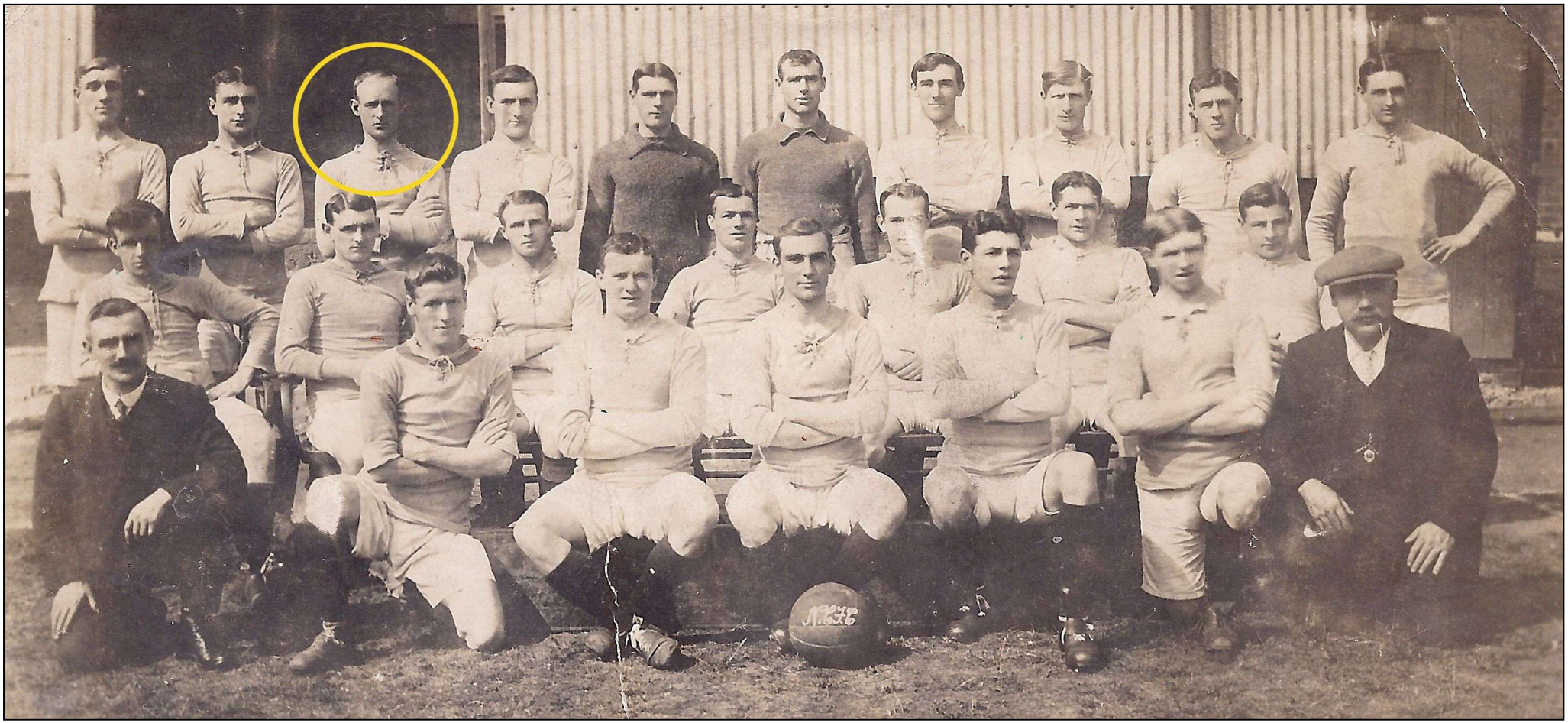

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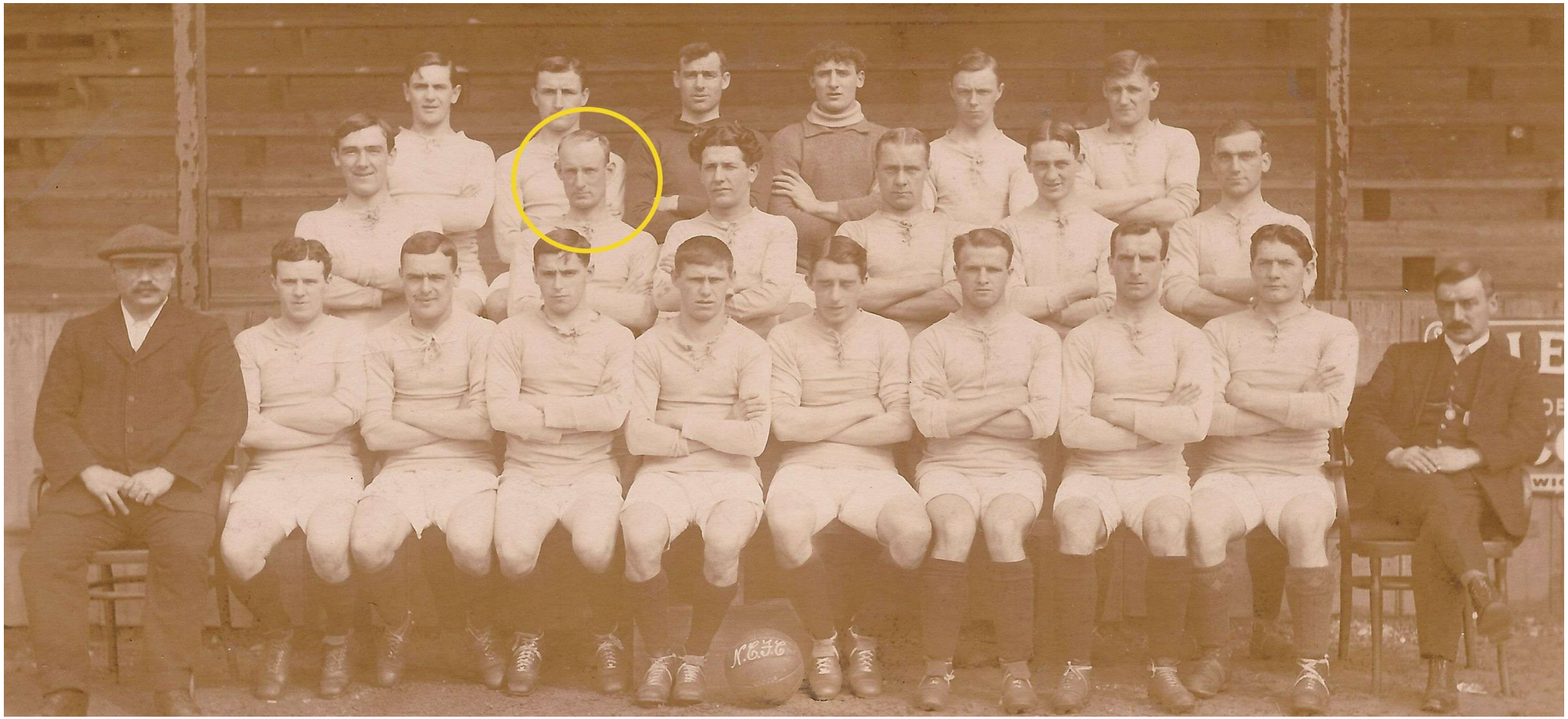

Norwich City 1912-13

WOLSTENHOLME	Samuel

Blackburn Rovers 1904-05

Blackburn Rovers 1905-06

Blackburn Rovers c.1906-07

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Outside a restaurant with the rest of the England team after beating Scotland 1-0 in Glasgow in 1903-04

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Blackburn Rovers c.1906

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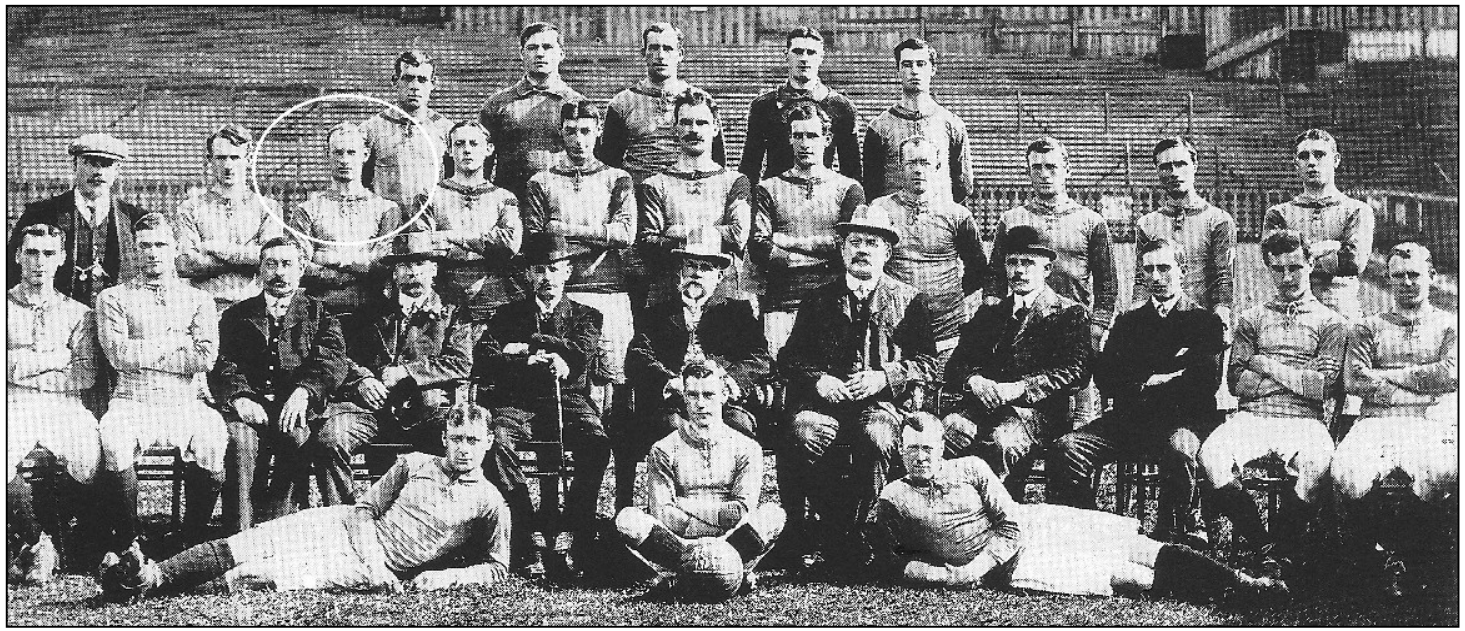
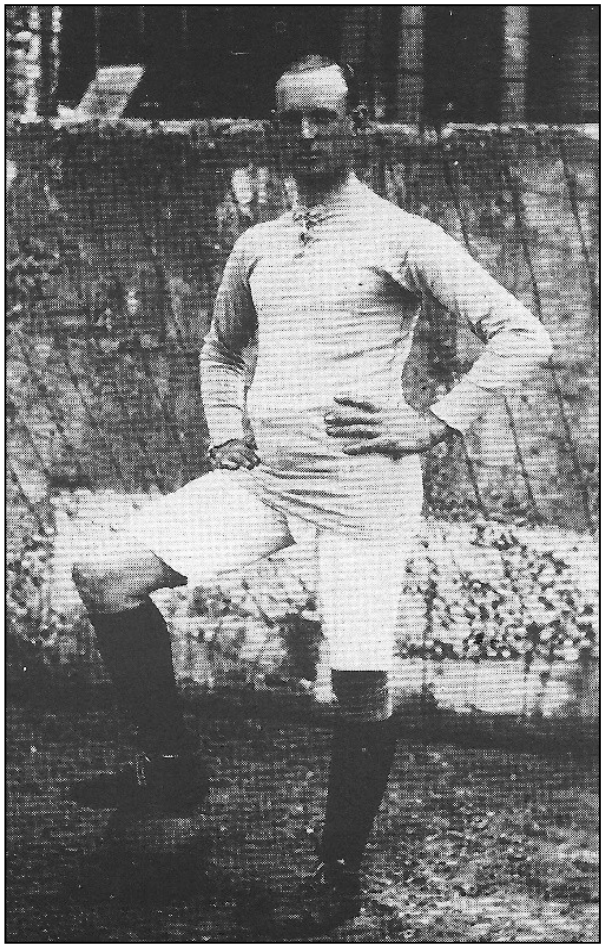


Norwich City 1909-10



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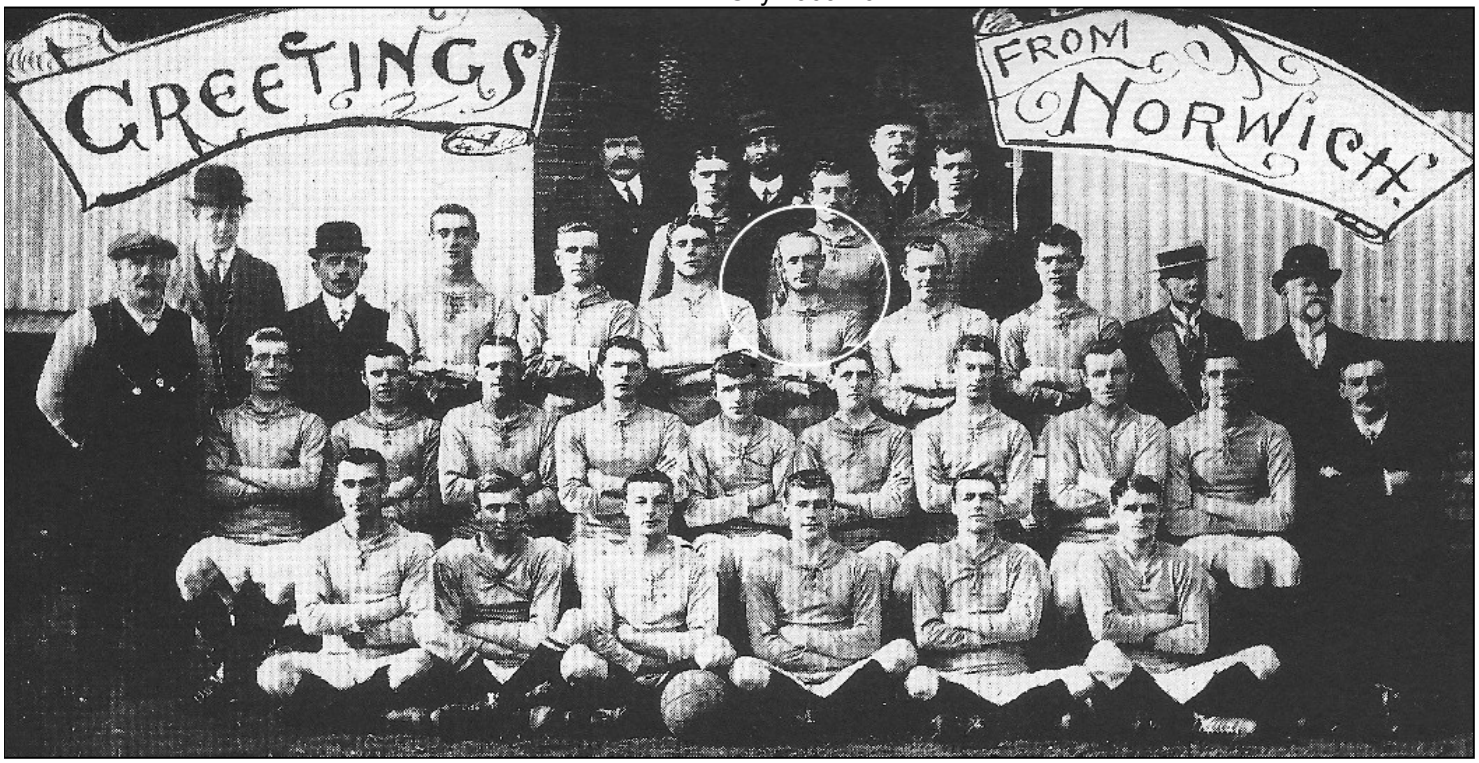

Norwich City 1909-10

WOLSTENHOLME	Samuel

Sam Wolstenholme

Sam Wolstenholme was recorded as a member of the Ruhleben Lancastrian Society in the Manchester Guardian of January 15th 1915 (p.12). The article is entitled "Interned in Germany: Lancashire's Civilian Prisoners: Full List of Those Detained at Ruhleben". His address was recorded as 1 Cemetery Road, Farnworth.

Wolstenholme, interned in Barrack 9, and "late of Everton", was referred to in an article on April 21st 1915 in the Scotsman entitled "Football Among War Prisoners in Germany", where it was noted that he had refereed the final in a football tournament held in November 1914 at the Ruhleben camp.

He was also noted in the Times of April 20th 1915 (p.5, col B) as having refereed a cup tie in November 1914 at the camp. He is described in this article as being lately of Everton Football Club.

Wolstenholme is then noted as playing on the England side, led by Steve Bloomer, in a mock international between England and the Rest of the World on May 2nd 1915. Kick off took place at 4.30pm, and a document with the teams listed was recently discovered amongst some Foreign Office files by the National Archives, in November 2005.

He was also named in an article in the Manchester Guardian of Auguist 19th 1915 (p.6) as having participated in a Lincolnshire versus Yorkshire cricket match at Ruhleben.

Wolstenholme was described in the Scotsman newspaper of January 10th 1916 (p.10) as being a professional footballer interned at Ruhleben.

Wolstenholme was further noted in the second issue of the Ruhleben Camp Magazine (April 1916, p. 29) as having been a member of a football team led by John Cameron, which defeated an opposing side led by Steve Bloomer on March 3rd 1916.

Wolstenholme is further recorded in the fourth issue of the Ruhleben Camp Magzine (August 1916, p.37) as playing cricket for the Barrack 9 side.

WOLSTENHOLME AT RUHLEBEN

The camp newspaper records that:

Football

* On 28 March 1915, he played centre half for Ruhleben v. The Rest
* On 2 May 1915, he played centre half for "England" v. The Rest
* On 3 March 1916, he played for John Cameron's side in a 4-3 win over Steve Bloomer's side, with the newspaper recording that he was "as usual a tower of strength and cleverness"

Cricket

* On 23 July 1916, he took 5 wickets for just 20 runs for "Lancashire" in the Roses cricket match with "Yorkshire", but in a losing cause
* Later that summer, he scored 24 runs off the the final six balls of the match to help his Barrack 9 cricket team beat Barrack 4