

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
Shepherds Bush	26.12.1908	1908-09										
Queens Park Rangers	1.1909	1908-09										
Shepherds Bush	3.1909	1908-09										
Queens Park Rangers	4.1909	1908-09										
Kilburn	c.1.1912	1911-12										
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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Jottings

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

Played for both Shepherds Bush and Queens Park Rangers reserves at the same time during the 1908-09 season

Was selected, as a Shepherds Bush player, to represent the London League against the Western Suburban League on Saturday 27.3.1909; they lost 2-3

Made only reserve team appearances for Queens Park Rangers in his third spell at the club, which ended in May 1909

Was at Kilburn for at least the first three months of 1912

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

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)



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Jottings (continued)

Croydon Common were champions of the SFA (1912-13) and the SL Division 2 (1913-14) under his management
A member of the Burslem Water Polo Club which once won the Northern Counties Championship
Was captain of the North Staffordshire Harriers and won athletics medals from 100 yards to 10 miles
Once came second in the 220 yards event in the Staffordshire County Championships
In 1909, he played at least once for both for Paddington Thursday and the Society of Association Referees
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



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



Bowman in later life



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Name	Position
CHARLES MILES	(Trainer)
HARRY COLLINS	(Goalkeeper)
GEORGE NEWLANDS	(Left Back)
ALBERT BULL	(Left Half Back)
BEN FREEMAN	(Left Half Back)
THOMAS McCAIRNS	(Centre Forward)
JACK WHITE	(Left Back)
JOHN BOWMAN	(Right Half)
NEIL MURPHY	(Centre Forward)
ALBERT BROWN	(Centre Forward)
ARTHUR ARCHER	(Left Back)
WILLIAM BANNER	(Centre Half Back)
ALFRED HITCH	(Centre Half Back)
HARRY ABBOTT	(Inside Right)
JOHN HAMILTON	(Outside Right)
FRANK McGOWAN	(Inside Right)

Queens Park Rangers 1903-04

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