

CODLING	Rowland James
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<i>Date of Birth</i>	22.2.1880	<i>Place of Birth</i>	Stockton on Tees		
<i>Date of Death</i>	3.12.1956	<i>Place of Death</i>	Barton, Lancashire		
<i>Height</i>	5ft 8in	<i>Weight</i>	11st	<i>Position</i>	Wing Half

<i>Club</i>	<i>Joined</i>	<i>Season</i>	F L		F A		S L		TOTALS	
			A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G
Durham Youth Club										
West Hartlepool										
Stockton St Johns										
Swindon Town	20.9.1901	1901-02			2	0	12	0	14	0
Sunderland	3.1902	1902-03								
Stockport County	10.1903	1903-04	28	0	3	0			31	0
		1904-05								
Clapton Orient	4.5.1905	1905-06	28	1	6	0			34	1
Aston Villa	16.3.1906	1905-06	3	0					3	0
		1906-07	34	0	2	0			36	0
		1907-08	35	0	3	0			38	0
		1908-09	5	0					5	0
Northampton Town	7.1909	1909-10			?	?	3	0	3	0
Croydon Common	10.1909	1909-10			3	0	29	0	32	0
Manchester City	8.1910	1910-11	5	0					5	0
Denton	10.1911									
Merthyr Town	5.1914									
		TOTALS	138	1	19	0	44	0	201	1

<i>Internationals</i>	None	<i>F.A. Cup Finals</i>	None
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<i>Cigarette/Trade Cards</i>				
<i>Company</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Series</i>	<i>Club</i>
Taddy	1907	N/A	Prominent Footballers	Aston Villa
Copes Solace	1910	161	Noted Footballers	Aston Villa

Jottings

His birth was registered without a middle name and hence he may have added "James" later in life

The 1901 Census records him as a 21 year old mechanical foreman, living at 17 Tilery Road, Stockton with his father (45), a potters earth worker, his mother Dorothy (40) and siblings John (19), an apprentice engineer, Ethel (17), a confectionery worker, Dora (15), Edith (13), Thomas (11), Geretrude (8) and Hilda (5)

Married Edith Pegg in 1904 and strangely added two new forenames to his name on the certificate, Arthur Charlton

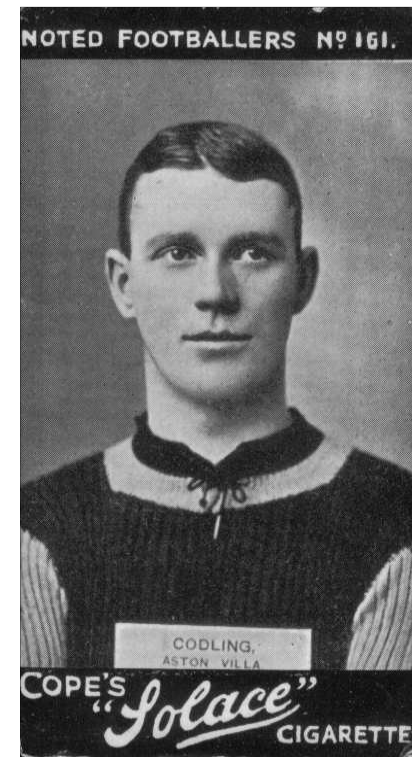
The 1911 Census records him as a professional footballer living at 36 Lark Hill Road, Stockport with his wife Edith (32), his sons Tom (6) and Rowland (4), and two boarders

No stats included above for his second season at Stockport County, as the club spent a single season in the Lancashire Combination, which it won

Played for Sunderland reserves in 1902-03, but made no first team appearances



Taddy 1907



Copes Solace 1910



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Jottings (continued)

Played 9 other games for Swindon Town without scoring and appeared for Croydon Common in 1 minor cup match without scoring

Along with fellow Commoners Boden and Kingaby, he played in Clapton Orient's first ever Football League match (1-2 away to Leicester Fosse on 2.9.1905)

Was a medic in the Royal Flying Corps during WW1 (Number 187898) and became a blacksmith in later life

Died of cancer of the oesophagus and was cremated at Stockport Crematorium

A stern tackler with a good shot



Swindon Town 1901-02

Signature *Rowland Codling*
Postal Address *36 Larkhill Rd Stockport*

His signature on the 1911 Census form



Stockport County 1904-05



Clapham Orient 1905-06



Aston Villa 1906-07



Northampton Town 1909-10



Manchester City 1910-11

CLAPTON ORIENT FOOTBALL CLUB, LIMITED.

Memorandum of Agreement made between the CLAPTON ORIENT FOOTBALL CLUB, LIMITED, whose Registered Offices are at 72, Elderfield Road, Clapton, in the County of London, (hereinafter called "The Club") of the one part, and

Rowland Codling
of the other part.

1. The Club hereby agrees to engage the said Rowland Codling from the first day of May One thousand one hundred & two until the thirtieth day of April One thousand one hundred & two

for the purpose of playing Football with the Clapton Orient Football Club Limited; provided always, and it is hereby agreed and declared, that the said Rowland Codling shall not, during the period aforesaid, engage himself in the business of a publican, or in any business connected with public-houses, or reside in a public-house, or upon any licensed premises, or take part in professional running, or any other sport without the consent, in writing, of the Club.

2. The said Rowland Codling hereby agrees to serve the Club for the purpose and period aforesaid, and not to engage himself to play Football for any other person or Club during the said period, and at the expiration of this Agreement the Club shall have his first offer to enter into a further engagement upon such terms as he would be willing to enter into with any other Club or person.

3. In consideration of such services, the Club hereby agrees to pay to the said Rowland Codling the sum of Fifty pounds & Bonus & Thirteen pounds per week during the month of May June July August & four pounds per week during the months of Sep Oct Nov Dec & Jan Feb & March & April 1906.

The said Rowland Codling hereby agrees with the Club that he will, during the period aforesaid, play in all Matches when required by the Club, and will keep himself temperate, sober, and in good playing form, and attend regularly to training, and observe the training and general instructions of the Club, and do all that may by the Club be deemed necessary to fit himself as an efficient Football player, and will in all respects conform to the Rules and Laws of the Football Association.

And, if the said Rowland Codling shall refuse or neglect to play in Club Matches when required as aforesaid, or if he shall refuse or neglect to obey the training and general instructions of the Club, he shall pay to the Club a sum not exceeding Five Pounds as liquidated damages for every such refusal or neglect.

AS WITNESS the hands of the said parties, this first day of May One thousand one hundred & two

For and on behalf of the Clapton Orient Football Club, Limited,

Rowland Codling
Samuel Ormrod
2d Mindhall Road
Clapton - N.E.

WITNESS to the above signatures,
Ed Whiffam
15 Carter Lane
London E.C.

ASTON VILLA FOOTBALL CLUB, LIMITED.

Memorandum of Agreement

made between the
ASTON VILLA FOOTBALL CLUB, LIMITED, whose Registered
Offices are at ASTON VILLA GROUNDS, TRINITY ROAD, ASTON, BIRMINGHAM,
in the County of WARWICK (hereinafter called "the Club"), of the one part,
and R. Lodling of the other part.

1. The Club hereby agrees to engage the
said R. Lodling
from the 1st day of May

One thousand nine hundred and six
until the 30th day of April

One thousand nine hundred and seven
for the purpose of playing Football with the Aston Villa Football Club,
Limited; provided always, and it is hereby agreed and declared, that
the said R. Lodling

shall not, during the period aforesaid, engage himself in the business of a
publican, or in any business connected with public-houses, or reside in a
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the said period, and at the expiration of this Agreement the Club shall have
his first offer to enter into a further engagement, upon such terms as he
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3. In consideration of such services, the Club hereby agrees to pay to
the said R. Lodling
the sum of £ 4 per week during the above
mentioned period

His contract at Aston Villa 1906-07

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and

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An Agreement made this First day of May

1909 between NORTHAMPTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB and

Rowland Cooling

of Birmingham

I, Rowland Cooling agree to

play football as a professional player for the Northampton Town Football Club

from May 1st 1909

to April 30th 1910

and will subject myself to their training rules and conditions.

In consideration of same the Club will pay the said player the sum of

£10. bonus and four pounds

per week during the time

stated

Signature of Player

Rowland Cooling

Witness

Jones

Secretary

Jones

His contract at Northampton Town 1909-10

His contract at Aston Villa 1908-09

Dated *July 6th* 1910

THE
Manchester City Football Club
LIMITED
AND

R. Codling

Agreement

To Play Football as a Professional
Player.

E. HULTON & Co., Ltd., Printers, Manchester.

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An Agreement

made the *6th* day of *July*

19/10 Between HENRY JAMES NEWBOULD of the Ground Hyde Road Manchester in the County of Lancaster as Secretary for and on behalf of the MANCHESTER CITY FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED (hereinafter called the Employers) of the one part and

Rowland Codling
of 26 Lankhill Rd. Stockport

hereinafter called the Player of the other part.

WITNESSETH that in consideration of the sum of *Ten pounds* paid at or before the signing hereof and in consideration of the Agreement and Covenants hereinafter contained he the said Player agrees with the said Employers in manner following that is to say :-

1.—That he the said Player will from the *6th* day of *July 1910* to the *30th* day of *April 1911* do such acts and perform such services at such times in such places and in such capacity as the Employers through their Manager for the time being shall direct or require.

2.—That he the said Player will from the *6th* day of *July 1910* to the *30th* day of *April 1911* obey such instructions perform such acts or abstain from performing such acts as the Manager or trainer appointed by the Employers for the time being shall in his or their absolute discretion from time to time direct and require the said Player to perform or abstain from performing for the purpose of rendering the said Player in the best possible physical condition to play football as a professional Football player.

3.—That he the said Player will not during the continuance of this Agreement play Football for any other Club or Clubs person or persons whatsoever without the consent in writing of the Employers or their Manager for the time being first obtained and further the said Player hereby undertakes to abstain from taking part in any private business or other undertaking without obtaining the consent in writing of the Employers and on no consideration will a Player be allowed to take a Licensed House of any description.

With thanks to Robert McNally for the copies of all contracts, the wedding certificate and Royal Flying Corps photo

His contract at Manchester City 1910-11

