

THOMSON	Robert John
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<i>Date of Birth</i>	29.12.1890	<i>Place of Birth</i>	Croydon
<i>Date of Death</i>	9.1.1971	<i>Place of Death</i>	Croydon
<i>Height</i>	5ft 6in - 5ft 7.5in (depending on source quoted)		<i>Position</i> Centre Forward
<i>Weight</i>	10st 2lb - 11st 5lb (depending on source quoted)		

<i>Club</i>	<i>Joined</i>	<i>Season</i>	F L		F A		S L		L L		S E		L C		TOTALS	
			A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G		
Sydenham Road School																
Mitcham Road School																
Croydon																
Croydon Common	5.1910	1910-11			3	3	22	23	10	5	27	20			62	51
Chelsea	5.1911	1911-12	21	8	2	0									23	8
		1912-13	10	1											10	1
		1913-14	9	1											9	1
		1914-15	30	13	8	6									38	19
		1915-16											31	38	31	38
		1916-17											37	29	37	29
		1917-18											31	26	31	26
		1918-19											7	2	7	2
		1920-21	13	2	2	0									15	2
Charlton Athletic	3.1922	1921-22	12	1											12	1
		1922-23	19	4	6	2									25	6
		1923-24	24	9	4	0									28	9
		1924-25	15	1	2	0									17	1
Dartford	cs1925															
		TOTALS	153	40	27	11	22	23	10	5	27	20	106	95	345	194

<i>Internationals</i>	None	<i>Cigarette/Trade Cards</i>	None
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<i>F.A. Cup Finals</i>					
<i>For</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Chelsea	24.4.1915	1914-15	Sheffield United	0-3	Old Trafford, Manchester



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Jottings

Had only one eye - the other was lost at the age of 7 when another boy thrust a firework in his face - and claimed "I shut the other one and play from memory"

Appeared for Croydon Common in 2 minor cup matches, without scoring

Held the Croydon Common record for goals in a competitive match (7) and goals in a season (51)

Was Chelsea's top scorer in the 1914-15 season

Once scored 7 goals for Chelsea against Luton Town

Appeared for Chelsea in 4 matches in the National War Fund Cup (1917-18), scoring 3 goals

The transfer fee was £300 when he moved to Charlton Athletic

Appeared for Dartford in 28 matches in 1925-26, scoring 23 goals

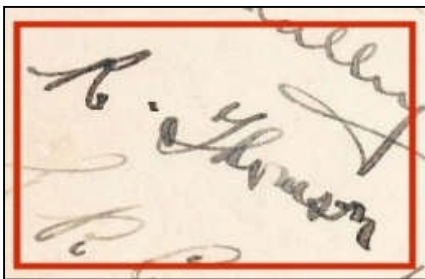
Was also a fine amateur cricketer and a keen bowler in later life

Was recorded as a turf accountant living at 74 South Norwood Hill, Croydon in 1939, but was a local government officer at the time of his retirement

Was cremated at Croydon Crematorium



Chelsea 1911-12



His signature in 1922

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Chelsea F.A. Cup Final 1915

The MANCHESTER HIPPODROME (OXFORD STREET) Twice Nightly at 8-40 & 9-50
 MANCHESTER UNITED PROGRAMME

CHELSEA
 Royal Blue Stripes and White Knickerbockers

1 MOLYNEUX Goal		3 HARROW Left Back	
2 BETTRIDGE Right Back	4 TAYLOR Right Half	5 LOGAN Centre Half	6 WALKER Left Half
7 FORD Outside Right	8 HALSE Inside Right	9 THOMSON Centre	10 CROAL Inside Left
Referee: Mr. H. H. TAYLOR		KICK-OFF, 8-40.	
12 EVANS Outside Left		13 MASTERMAN Inside Left	14 KITCHEN Centre
17 UTLEY Left Half		18 BHELSPORD Centre Half	15 FAZACKERLEY Inside Right
20 ENGLISH Left Back		21 COOK Right Back	16 SIMMONS Outside Right
22 GOUGH Goal			

Red and White Stripes and Black Knickerbockers

SHEFFIELD UNITED

6-40 ARDWICK EMPIRE (TWICE NIGHTLY) 9-0

The line-ups for the 1915 F.A. Cup Final



Croydon F.C. 1909-10

Thomson, Robert John
 of Croydon. Born 29.12.1890 - Died 9.1.1971.
 Chelsea Footballer 1911 - 1921.
 Beloved by his family
 And all who knew him.

His entry in the Book of Remembrance at Croydon Crematorium

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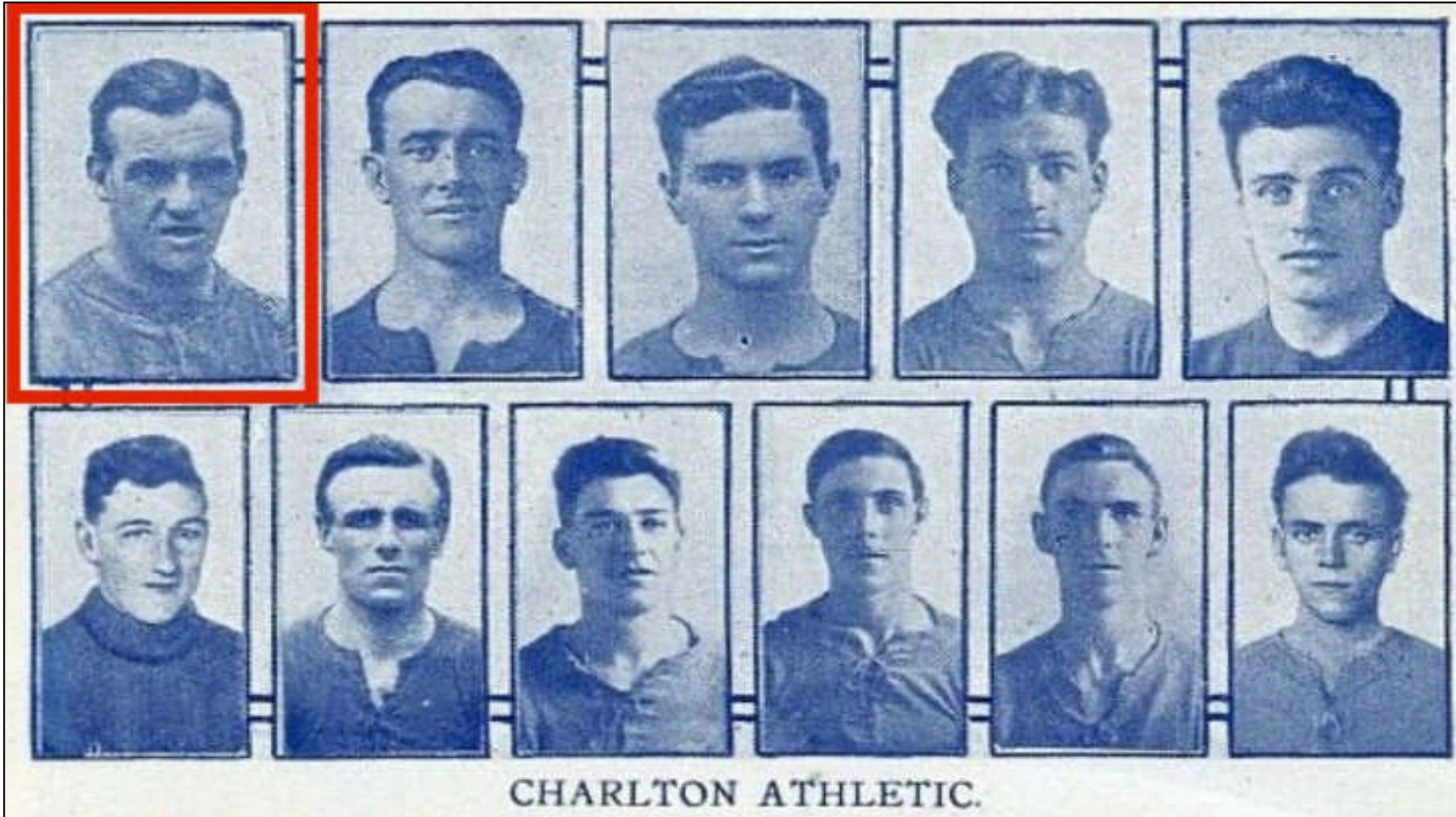
With his father and grandfather at a Croydon Common match



At Charlton Athletic

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Charlton Athletic 1924-25