

= Arthur Bell ( footballer ) =

Arthur A. Bell ( November 1882 ? 22 April 1923 ) was an English footballer who played as an inside forward . He started his career with Burnley Belvedere before joining Football League side Burnley in 1902 . Over the next seven years , Bell made 101 league appearances and scored 28 goals for the Lancashire club . During his career , he won three caps for the England national amateur football team . An architect by trade , Bell also played as an amateur cricketer for Burnley Cricket Club for 20 years , during which time he won five Lancashire League championships . He was selected to represent the Lancashire Second XI on three occasions .

= = Biography = =

Bell was born in Burnley , Lancashire , in November 1882 , one of three children born to Thomas and Elizabeth Bell . He was educated at the Burnley Grammar School . An amateur throughout his sporting career , he worked professionally as an architect and would often miss matches due to work commitments . In 1911 , he was involved in the building of the new Brunshaw Road stand at the Turf Moor stadium in Burnley . He died on 22 April 1923 , at the age of 40 .

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As a youth , Bell played amateur football with Burnley Belvedere before joining Football League Second Division side Burnley in February 1902 . He made his debut for the club on 10 January 1903 in the 1 ? 0 win against Lincoln City at Turf Moor ; the winning goal was scored by Cuthbert Storey , who was also playing in his first senior match after transferring from Burnley Belvedere . Bell was selected once more in the 1902 ? 03 campaign , playing at left inside forward in the 1 ? 3 defeat to Leicester Fosse on 24 January 1903 . He was unable to break into the team for the first five months of the following season due to the form of fellow inside forward William Jackson , a new signing from Barrow . He made his first appearance of the campaign in the goalless draw away at Grimsby Town on 30 January 1904 . Bell scored his first competitive goal for Burnley in the 2 ? 0 win over Gainsborough Trinity three weeks later , and on 12 March he scored a late goal in the 1 ? 3 loss away to Manchester United . In total , Bell played eleven league matches during the 1903 ? 04 season and scored four goals .

Bell was selected to play in the opening match of the 1904 ? 05 season , a 1 ? 4 home defeat to West Bromwich Albion . Bell kept his place in the side for the following match against Chesterfield , but was dropped for the trip to Bolton Wanderers in favour of youngster William Hutchinson , a summer signing from non @-@ League club Alston . He was recalled for the visit of Liverpool on 22 October 1904 , deputising for the unavailable Doug MacFarlane , but then spent more than two months out of the team . Bell made two further appearances for Burnley that season , playing in consecutive defeats to Bolton Wanderers and Blackpool in January 1905 . He found himself more involved in the first @-@ team during the 1905 ? 06 campaign , making 19 league appearances . On 13 January 1906 , he played in the first FA Cup game of his career as Burnley were eliminated by Southern League side Tottenham Hotspur in the first round . Bell scored his first goal of the season on 10 February 1906 , netting the opening goal in the 2 ? 2 draw against Burslem Port Vale . During March 1906 , he scored in the home wins over Leeds City and Chelsea .

After missing the first three matches of the 1906 ? 07 season due to cricketing commitments , Bell was chosen to replace McFarlane for the visit of Nottingham Forest on 15 September 1906 . Two weeks later he scored twice in the 4 ? 0 home win over Burton United , and went on to score three more goals in his next four appearances , including a late winner away at Leeds City . However , the victory was overshadowed by the news that Leeds forward Soldier Wilson had died after collapsing during the match . Bell went on to score a total of 12 goals in 1906 ? 07 , his highest return in a single season . His performances for Burnley led to a call @-@ up from the England amateur team in April 1907 , and he won his first cap in the 8 ? 1 defeat of the Netherlands in The Hague . In the match , he played alongside full England internationals Harold Hardman and Vivian Woodward ,

who , like Bell , was a professional architect .

Although he again missed the opening month of the following season , Bell quickly reclaimed his status as one of Burnley 's first @-@ choice players , starting 26 league matches during the campaign . He scored on his first appearance of the season in the 2 ? 2 draw away at Derby County , and scored twice in the 5 ? 1 win against Grimsby Town on 2 November 1907 . Bell scored the only FA Cup goal of his career in the home tie against Southampton on 11 January 1908 , but could not prevent the Southern League side securing a 2 ? 1 victory . He continued to play for Burnley when work and cricket allowed in the 1908 ? 09 campaign , making 15 league appearances . He scored twice during the season ; he scored in the 1 ? 4 defeat away at Oldham Athletic on 14 November , and scored the winning goal in the 3 ? 2 defeat of Barnsley on 5 December . Bell played in 101st and final league game for Burnley in the 0 ? 1 loss at Derby County on 26 December 1908 . He retired from football shortly afterwards , stating that playing football in winter in addition to cricket during the summer , combined with managing an architecture practice , was too demanding .

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= = Cricket = =

Aside from football , Bell was also an accomplished amateur cricketer ; he assisted Burnley Cricket Club between 1899 and 1919 , and would often choose to play cricket rather than football when the seasons overlapped . He was a member of the side that won the Lancashire League in 1901 and went on to captain the team that won three consecutive titles in 1906 , 1907 and 1908 . Bell won a fifth Lancashire League title with Burnley in the 1913 season . A left @-@ handed batsman , he also bowled slow left arm . Bell represented the Lancashire Second XI on three occasions in 1905 and 1906 . He was selected for two matches against the Surrey and Yorkshire second teams during the 1905 season and on 9 July 1906 he played in the Minor Counties Championship draw with Staffordshire at Turf Moor , entering play as a substitute after Herbert Rhodes was injured while fielding .