

= Dick Healey (footballer) =

Richard " Dick " Healey (20 September 1889 ? 1974) was an English footballer who played as an inside right or centre forward in the Football League for Sunderland , Middlesbrough and Darlington .

Healey began his football career as an amateur in his native Darlington . He helped Bishop Auckland win two Northern League titles and to reach the 1911 Amateur Cup Final , and also played non @-@ league football for Stockton . He signed amateur forms with Football League club Sunderland in 1910 , for whom he played three times and scored twice in the First Division . He won four caps for the England amateur team . Returning to Darlington F.C. in 1912 , Healey was the club 's top scorer as they won the 1912 ? 13 North @-@ Eastern League title , and was a member of the Amateur XI that opposed a team of professionals in the 1913 FA Charity Shield . In 1914 , he turned professional with Middlesbrough , but played only four times , scoring twice . After the First World War , he returned to Darlington . He captained the team to the North @-@ Eastern League title in 1921 and made 17 appearances in the Third Division North in the club 's first two seasons in the Football League .

As a cricketer , he played a few matches for Durham in the Minor Counties Championship , and had a long association with Darlington Cricket Club , as player , captain and president .

= = Personal life = =

Healey was born in Darlington , County Durham , the older child of Albert Healey and his wife Elizabeth née Jackson , daughter of a Stockton @-@ on @-@ Tees draper . The family was sufficiently well off to keep a live @-@ in servant . Albert taught at the Bluecoat School in Stockton before moving to Darlington where he opened a hardware shop , and later worked for the National Telephone Company ; he died in February 1899 . Elizabeth remarried ; at the time of the 1911 Census , Healey and his sister Winifred were assisting in their stepfather 's business as licensee of the Three Tuns Hotel in Bishop Auckland .

Healey attended Darlington Grammar School , where he captained both the cricket and the football teams , and went on to Armstrong College , Newcastle , to train as a teacher . He taught for the rest of his working life , and retired in about 1950 from the post of headmaster of Rise Carr school . During the First World War , he served as a gunner with the 151st (Darlington) Heavy Battery , Royal Garrison Artillery .

He married Florence Bradley , the daughter of a local florist , in a Bishop Auckland Presbyterian church in 1914 ; a daughter , Winifred , was born the following year . Healey died in Darlington in late 1974 .

= = Club football = =

= = = Early career and Sunderland = = =

Healey began his football career with Darlington while still a schoolboy , and was playing for Bishop Auckland as they won the Northern League title in the 1908 ? 09 season . His play attracted attention . In February 1910 , he was selected for an amateur international trial , and in March , he appeared for Sunderland 's North @-@ Eastern League team , creating two goals and scoring the last in a 6 ? 0 defeat of Darlington . He made his Football League debut in April , in a 2 ? 0 defeat away to Manchester United in the First Division . The Sunderland Daily Echo commented that he and fellow inside forward George Holley " perhaps did not make the most of their opportunities , for when in possession in the shooting zone they failed to shoot with sufficient power . " He kept his place for the last home match of the season , against Bradford City , " proved a keen worker " , according to the Echo correspondent , and scored the first two goals in a 3 ? 0 win . The first resulted from Bradford 's goalkeeper Harry Maskrey losing the ball when attempting a clearance ; he

then " seized Healey , but the latter struggled free and jumping over Maskrey he put the ball in the net " . The second was a header from a corner . He missed Sunderland 's last match of the season to play for Bishop Auckland in a 2 ? 1 win against Scarborough that secured them the Northern League title . Sunderland retained Healey 's Football League registration for each season up to 1913 ? 14 , but he played only once more for the first team , at Aston Villa in October 1911 .

= = = Back to non @-@ league football = = =

For family reasons , Healey began the 1910 ? 11 season with Stockton , but soon returned to Bishop Auckland , whom he helped reach the 1911 FA Amateur Cup final . He scored in the semi @-@ final , against Ilford , but Bishops lost to Bromley in the final , despite their opponents having a man sent off for striking another player . He moved on to Darlington in February 1912 , and the following season was their top scorer with 41 league goals as the club won the North @-@ Eastern League title . Healey was included at inside right in a forward line " about as strong as it could be made " for the Amateur XI that faced a Professional XI in the 1913 FA Charity Shield . Although the amateurs lost 7 ? 2 , the Daily Mirror 's reporter picked him out as the " most consistent forward in the line " .

He was selected for the North @-@ Eastern League eleven to face the Central League in February 1914 . In March , Scottish club St Mirren were without the services of the injured George Elmore for their Scottish Cup quarter @-@ final , and had hoped to use Healey in his place ; he had previously played in the area with the Northern Nomads travelling team . Sunderland made no objection , but it was reported first that business prevented Healey obliging , and later that he had an injured knee .

= = = Professional football with Middlesbrough = = =

Four days later , he turned professional with First Division Middlesbrough . He was described as " [possessing] fine physique , and is a remarkably clever dribbler and good shot " ? he had already reached the 20 @-@ goal mark for Darlington ? and it was expected that " professional training will increase his pace " . He made his first @-@ team debut on 4 April at home to Preston North End , scored Middlesbrough 's third goal 15 minutes into the second half as they won 4 ? 1 , and " proved himself well up to the first grade of Association Football " . He was retained for the 1914 ? 15 season ? the last before league football was discontinued for the duration of the First World War ? but played mainly for the reserve team in the North @-@ Eastern League , in which capacity he was chosen for the Rest of the League team for the annual fixture against the league champions . He made three more Football League appearances , and scored one more goal , a second @-@ half header against Bradford in November 1914 in what was Middlesbrough 's first home defeat of the season .

= = = Post @-@ war football with Darlington = = =

After Darlington F.C. folded during the war , a new club , Darlington Forge Albion , was formed to represent the town in the Northern Victory League . Healey resumed his football career with that club , which was renamed Darlington for the first post @-@ war season of the North @-@ Eastern League . His goals contributed to their second @-@ place finish ? he was the league 's top scorer half @-@ way through the season ? and earned him selection for the representative match against the Central League .

His goals also helped Darlington reach the second round proper (last 32) of the 1919 ? 20 FA Cup . Healey scored twice against Bishop Auckland in the fifth qualifying round , and repeated the feat in the sixth , as well as creating two for Aaron Travis , as Darlington beat Southern League club Norwich City 5 ? 0 . In the first round proper , Darlington faced Sheffield Wednesday of the First Division . A damaged shoulder meant Healey was unfit for the scheduled date , but a waterlogged Feethams pitch gave him an extra few days to recover . The match ended goalless ; Healey was unusually indecisive in front of goal , and was standing in an offside position when Travis did put the

ball in the net . Although reported doubtful for the replay , he did appear , pressuring goalkeeper Arnold Birch into conceding a corner from which Darlington took the lead ? the goal variously attributed to George Stevens or to Healey himself . He missed the second @-@ round tie at Birmingham because his wife was ill ; Darlington lost 4 ? 0 .

Under Healey 's captaincy , Darlington won the North @-@ Eastern League title in 1920 ? 21 . In the FA Cup , they hosted Second Division club Blackpool in the first round . Healey scored the opener , was involved in Darlington 's late equaliser , and missed another chance by heading wide when well placed ; they lost the replay .

Darlington formed part of the new Northern Section of the Third Division in 1921 ? 22 . Healey was no longer a first choice in the forward line , but appeared not infrequently , particularly when the ground was heavy . He made his first appearance on 24 December and played in nine of the next twelve fixtures . Replacing the injured Arthur Wolstenholme for the FA Cup match against Manchester City , he opened the scoring with a header , but City won 3 ? 1 . He kept his place for the next match , and even after Wolstenholme 's return to fitness continued in the team , with a winning goal against Rochdale , four of Darlington 's six to beat Hartlepoons United in the Durham Senior Cup , and profiting from a defensive error to score the only goal of the league visit to Tranmere Rovers . Healey was retained for the 1922 ? 23 season , and he scored against Accrington Stanley in September , but he played mainly in the reserves . In a match against Hartlepoons ' reserves in November , he was the butt of the crowd 's mockery because he had , as the Northern Daily Mail put it , " now lost some of his former vigour " . He finished his Football League career with 5 goals from 21 matches .

= = International football = =

Healey played at centre forward for The North in an amateur trial match in February 1910 ; his side lost 3 ? 2 , and he was not selected for the upcoming fixtures . His first international selection came in the form of a last @-@ minute call @-@ up when Frank Monk and Vivian Woodward dropped out of the England Amateur XI 's visit to mainland Europe in March 1911 . Healey made his debut against the French national team at the Stade de Paris , opening the scoring as his team won 3 ? 0 , and scored again a couple of days later against Switzerland in a 4 ? 1 win . His next involvement at international level was nearly a year later , against the Wales Amateur XI at the ground of his former club , Bishop Auckland , in February 1912 . He was involved in the buildup to the second goal , scored by Sydney Sanders , and scored the third himself as England won 3 ? 0 . He was selected as a reserve for matches at home to the Netherlands and away to Belgium in March and April , but did not make his next , and what turned out to be final , appearance until November against Belgium , in which he scored the second of England 's four goals . He had to withdraw from the selection to face Wales in February 1913 , and was an unused reserve for the visits to Germany and Belgium in March and to Wales the following February .

= = Cricket career = =

Healey 's first involvement with Darlington Cricket Club was as a nine @-@ year @-@ old . He made his debut for the second eleven in 1906 , finished at the top of both batting and bowling averages the following season , and played for the first eleven in 1908 . In 1910 , he played in a Durham county trial match and for Durham Colts against a full county side . A sound performance with the bat in the corresponding fixture in 1911 earned him selection for Durham . He played in five Minor Counties matches that season , two in 1913 , and his eighth and last in 1920 . In 1913 , Healey was appointed captain of Darlington CC , a position he held until the end of the 1930 season , when he resigned after leading the club to a seventh North Yorkshire and South Durham League title under his captaincy . In 25 seasons as a first @-@ eleven player , he scored 6 @, @ 586 runs at an average of 28 @. @ 76 , a total that included four centuries and forty half @-@ centuries ; he also took 66 wickets and " over 80 " catches . In 1951 , after he retired from teaching , Healey became president of the club , an office he retained until his death .

