

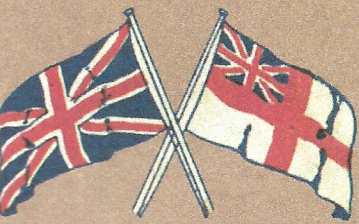
Spurs

1909-1911

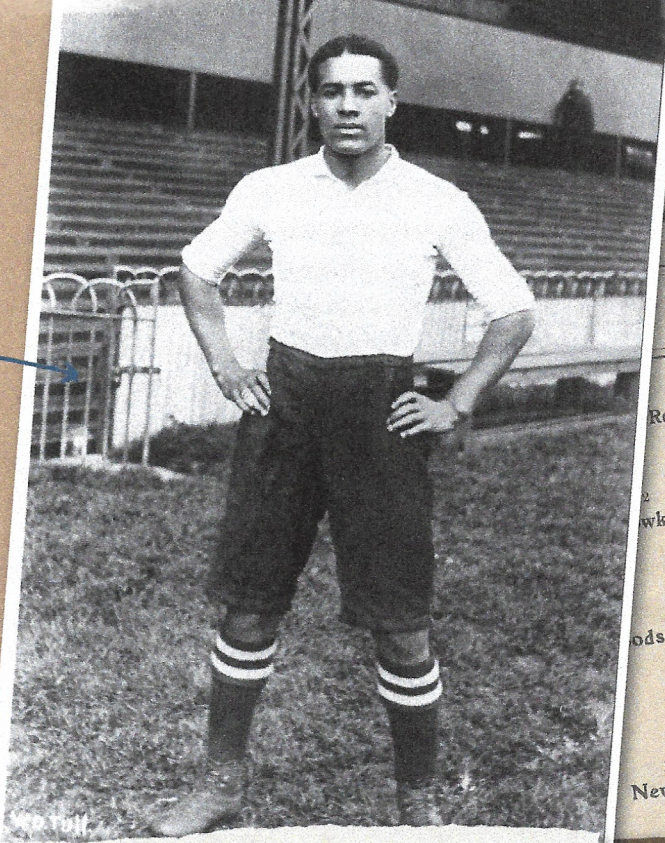
On 20th July 1909 I signed for Tottenham Hotspur. They say I'm the first black British professional out field player.

I got a signing-on fee. TEN POUNDS! Ten whole pounds – and a wage of FOUR POUNDS a week. This is the maximum – and they gave it to me! While waiting for the football season to start I played cricket. It's a good way to spend a sunny day. The Spurs players took on the

CHELSEA team, and I scored a good number of runs – and took a couple of wickets. We footballers like to play cricket in the off season.



ME AGAINST MANCHESTER UNITED



Me in my Spurs kit. A proud day.



ME IN THE SPURS TEAM

For my first Spurs match I took over from Vivian Woodward, the Spurs star centre forward and Olympic champ, so I had to do well. It was Spurs' first ever Division One game after promotion. I played against **MANCHESTER UNITED**.

Final score:
a **2-2** draw.



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BRISTOL

I had a terrible time at the BRISTOL match. Every time I got the ball, the crowd broke into jeers and insults about my skin colour. It was hard to carry on, but I made it to the end of the game.

A journalist wrote about the match in the

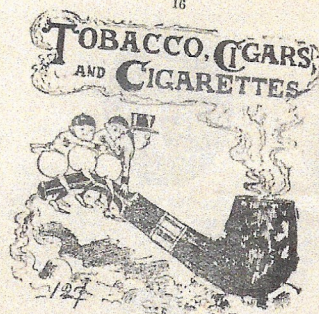
LONDON
FOOTBALL
STAR.

The Star

LONDON, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1911.

Football and Colour Prejudice

... Tull is the Hotspurs' most brainy forward. Candidly, he has much to contend with on account of his colour. His tactics were absolutely beyond reproach, but he became the butt of the ignorant partisan... a section of the spectators made a cowardly attack upon him in language lower than Billingsgate... Let me tell the Bristol hooligans... that Tull is so clean in mind and method as to be a model for all white men who play football. Tull was the best forward on the field.



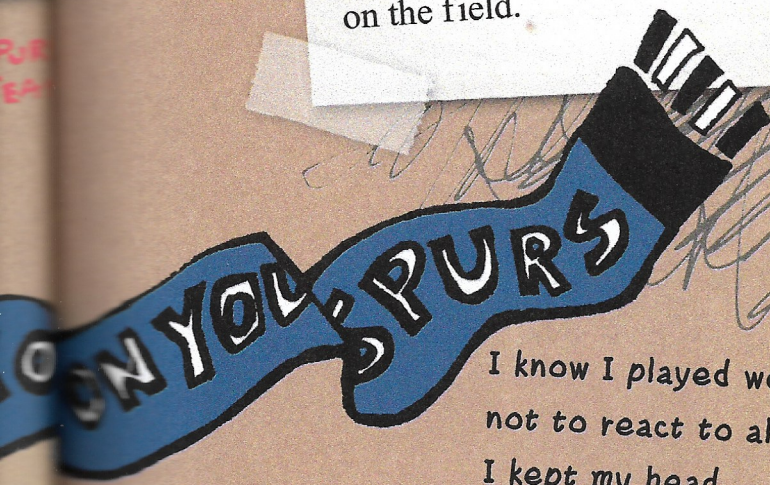
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W. D. TULL, Centre of Inst. for height 5ft 5ins, weight 11st. Played for Team and Clapton F.C., helped Ch. Amateur Cup and the London County. He gained 3 gold medals in his first 3 football.



C. H. TURNALL, -Outside Right. 5 County Captain. Age 23, height 5ft. 11in. 11st. 11lb. Played for Brantree, Chelmsford Town and Essex County.



I know I played well - everybody says so, and I tried not to react to all the insults that people threw at me. I kept my head... but somehow I'm losing heart. I try not to let it get to me, but it's hard.