


WEST WALLSEND BLUEBELL'S LEGENDS

	Name	MAUNDER, WILLIAM 'PODGE'
	Member of the Newcastle Sporting Hall of Fame	Yes
	Member of the FFA Hall of Fame	Yes Hall of Fame Category :Medal of Excellence Year Inducted:1999
	Biography	<p>The outstanding career of William "Podge" Maunder started at West Wallsend Public School. In one season he scored 49 goals to help his school team win the PSAA Competition.</p> <p>He made his first appearance as a senior in 1921 at the age of 18 for West Wallsend. In that season, Podge scored 10 goals to help West Wallsend win the famous Gardiner Cup.</p> <p>In 1922, he was selected to represent Australia against New Zealand, where he had the honour of scoring Australia's first ever goal in an international match.</p> <p>He was approached by the Scottish Club, St Mirren, where he turned down the offer and money of a professional career.</p> <p>In his career he helped his beloved West Wallsend to many Gardiner Cup Victories and Premierships.</p> <p>Podge was an outstanding goal scorer as a centre forward. He was known for his speed, ball control and fair play, and for being a gentleman on and off the field.</p>
	Achievements	<p>DISTRICT:</p> <p>1921: Newcastle V's Queensland 1921: New South Wales V's Queensland 1922: New South Wales V's Queensland 1923: Newcastle V's Victoria 1923: New South Wales V's Victoria 1923: Newcastle V's China 1924: Newcastle V's Canada 1924: Newcastle V's Queensland 1928: New South Wales V's Australia, (Captain) 1923: New South Wales V's New Zealand</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL:</p> <p>1922: Australian Tour of New Zealand 1923: Australia V's New Zealand 1924: Australia V's Canada 1925: Australia V's England</p>