

Residents Only Need Apply

RESIDENTS Only! Port Vale's four "stars" for transfer announcement brought this amazing statement from Manager Hodgson.

"It is part of our policy to get all resident players. It is not a satisfactory arrangement to have players living away and it is difficult to build up an effective team policy in such circumstances. In future we shall not entertain the idea of signing any new players unless they can reside here. We have tried to buy houses for those players we have signed who live away, but it is impossible.

"We shall endeavour to obtain players with no home ties because it is easier to obtain accommodation for them. Married players will have to reside here, but we shall not be able to guarantee them a house. If married players come, they will have to find their own accommodation. In any case they will have to live locally."

The players concerned were **Walter Aveyard**, ex-Birmingham centre-forward, **Stan Polk** who with Michael Hulligan joined Port Vale from Liverpool in July last for a joint fee of £10,000, **Harry Hubbick**, former Bolton Wanderers captain, and **Eastwood**, ex-Manchester City.

IT wasn't long before **Harry Hubbick** was snapped up . . . but not before he had completed a "Cook's Tour."

After the transfer announcement on Friday, Harry left with the Vale team to play Southend . . . travelled to London on the Friday to stay overnight. Mr. E. Goodier (Rochdale manager) left Rochdale as soon as he heard the "news" and arrived at Port Vale's London hotel during the Friday evening. Talks for Hubbick's transfer began and were completed by 11 o'clock. Harry then had to pack his bags again and leave with Mr. Goodier on the midnight train in order to reach Rochdale in time to play against New Brighton on that same afternoon. Whee!!

PORTSMOUTH, the First Division leaders, have just signed **Cecil Andrews**, 18-year-old wing-half from

HE BROUGHT THEM LUCK



The proud young man shown here is Yeovil's mascot and he's shaking hands with F. Hall, the Sunderland captain, while Alec Stock and the referee look on.

Alton Youth F.C. He was captain of Hant's Boys XI for two years.

And they are awaiting the return of **Roland Bennett**, 21-year-old ex-Wolves player who is due to leave Germany for demob from the R.A.F. Bennett, who played 11 first team games for the Wolves in 1945-46, will sign for Portsmouth immediately he arrives in this country.

That reminds me. Portsmouth are going ahead with a plan to run six sides. Between 15 and 20 acres of ground has been acquired near Gosport with the idea of making it the Club's training H.Q.

NEWs from Blackburn! The transfer of Bobby Langton and Jacky Oakes left the Rovers with an acute wing problem. They have tried six players at outside-right this season . . . Bobby McCaig, recently transferred from Carlisle United, is in the position at the moment. But the Rovers are after **Jimmy McEwan**, Arbroath right winger. They've watched him several times . . . and feel his club may be

persuaded to part with him now are out of the Scottish Cup.

DERBY COUNTY have written out only one cheque since Billy Steel was signed for £15,000 in the summer of 1947 . . . that was one of £4,000 for Thompson from Southend at the start of the present season. But you can expect to see them in the transfer market in the near future.

One player they are interested in is **George Petherbridge**, Bristol Rover's 65 inch outside-right. "Wee Georgie" has one fan who never misses a match . . . home or away. That is his father, an old Pompey player who taught George all his football tricks. Looks as if Derby will have to take "Pop" along too.

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