

STAN COMES BACK HOME.

Overnight, down-in-the-mouth Stoke City were transformed. Stanley Matthews was back with the club, and sheals of telegrams left him in no doubt about his welcome. What a tonic for Stoke - near the bottom of Division Two, that "Mr. Football" was home again. And what a gate he drew, 36,000 - four times the average number this season were there for the sheer joy of watching the ace player of this generation. He was on the wing, wearing the stripes he first put on 31 years ago. Incidentally the gate money was enough to pay for the Maestro's £5,000 transfer from Blackpool twice over.

Those familiar moves initiated from the right were sure to pay off when the game settled down. 46 years old Stan was soon giving the Huddersfield defence the biggest run-around they've had this year. There wasn't a shadow of the old gloom left on Stoke City ground.

He laid on a perfect chance, the ball went to the Huddersfield net, and there it was! He'll be playing when he gets the Old Age Pension.