

Stein arrival may ease Walsh exit

MARK STEIN'S arrival in Luton's attack alongside his brother Brian, the England international, in the 3-0 home defeat by Everton, could eventually lead to Paul Walsh, Luton's other England striker, being sold for a large fee this summer, writes **Roger Malone.**

"I expect big things from Mark Stein, a very clever prospect. There could possibly be changes in our club in the summer," said manager David Pleat yesterday when discussing the latest setback in Luton's decline.

Placed as high as third in the table at Christmas, Luton have fallen to below halfway. Walsh, admired by Manchester United and other major clubs, has not scored for Luton for two months. He cost £400,000 from Charlton two summers ago.

Walsh's absence with a knee injury on Saturday enabled the younger Stein, 18, to make his

League debut against the FA Cup semi-finalists, who were coming under pressure after a goalless first half when Donaghy, Luton's Northern Ireland international, was sent off for fouling Heath.

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Tempers rise

Against 10 men Everton went on to score through Mountfield and Heath (twice, one a penalty). Tempers rose as the goals went in with Everton bookings for Mountfield, Reid and Curran, and for Brian Stein.

Mark Stein, replaced by Good-year to give Luton a defensive replacement for Donaghy, will take time to develop. "But within two years he could be as good as his brother," Mr Pleat forecasts.