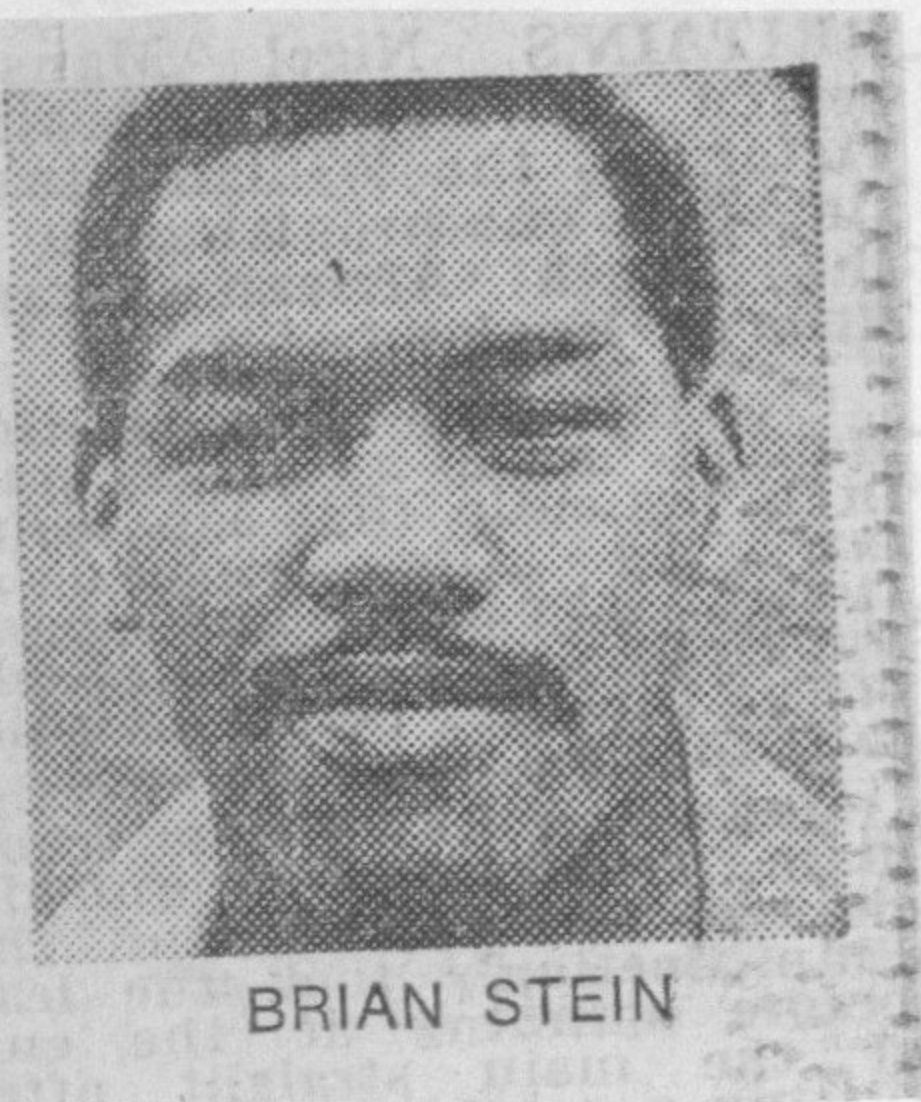


SHILTON'S 7-DOWN SHOCKER

ENGLAND 'keeper Peter Shilton and his Southampton team-mates will be forced to sit through a 90-minute "video nasty" of this seven-goal Luton horror show. Saints boss Chris Nichol was so incensed by the Kenilworth Road carve-up that he ordered his players in for extra training today—and an action replay of the match.

Nichol blasted: "They will be embarrassed when they see it."

It was a personal nightmare for Shilton, who was clearly at fault with three of the goals.



BRIAN STEIN

Luton 7, Southampton 0: by PHILIP OSBORN

His usual poise and command were missing, and he looked a shadow of the player who helped England book their place in the World Cup Finals at Wembley on Wednesday night.

Shilton was beaten five times in less than one hour—but he could not be faulted for his sportsmanship. At the final whistle he ran forward to join in the ovation for the Luton players.

It was also a day of gloom for Shilton's international colleague, central defender Mark Wright, repeatedly floundering against a constant wave of Luton attacks, full of subtlety and enterprise.

Shattered

And his composure was completely shattered when he conceded a last minute penalty. At the end he rushed towards referee Colin Downie, still protesting about the award.

Ironically, the driving forces behind Luton's best win since their return to the First Division, were two England discards, Ricky Hill and Brian Stein.

Hill's perception in midfield ensured a perpetual flow of ammunition for the Luton front men.

And Stein's ability to create space, combined with his masterly control brought three other fine efforts.

Their was never any prospect of Saints improving on their depressing away record that had earned them just one point in six trips.

Jimmy Case worked hard in

midfield but the openings he carved out were wasted by the dreadfully judged centres from overlapping left-back Mark Dennis.

Glenn Cockerill, Saint's £225,000 signing from Sheffield United, had few chances to shine against the sturdy reliability of Luton pivot Steve Foster. On the one occasion Cockerill established a clear run he was held back by Mal Donaghy.

And when a free-kick put Dennis through, his centre went behind the goal.

This is how Luton bagged their goals:—

7th min.—Emik Nwajioy hooked into the corner with Shilton slow to get across.

33 mins.—Stein's shot deflected off Wright over Shilton's head.

35 mins.—Hill sidefoots his first League goal of the season.

56 mins.—Stein shoots in with Shilton slow to get down.

59 mins.—David Preece shoots in.

87 mins.—Ray Daniel fires under Shilton's body.

89 mins.—Stein completes his treble from the penalty spot to make it 7-0 after Wright had pulled down Mick Harford.

Boss Nichol refused to blame Luton's new plastic pitch for the defeat.

"My players can't use that as an excuse, neither will I," he said.

Shilton declined to discuss the match as he hurried to the team coach.