

DOUBLE TROUBLE —
that's Brian Stein
who salutes his
second goal that
sunk Manchester
City . . . Harford
shares his joy

Picture: PETER SIMPSON

MISTER FIXIT



LUTON centre-half Paul Elliott is on his way to Aston Villa in a £400,000 move—thanks to Kenilworth Road rival Steve Foster.

Elliott said last night: "I'm almost certain I'll be joining Villa. I've just got to sort out one or two things."

And Elliott, 21, revealed that the man who has helped him make up his mind Foster, who has been keeping out of the Luton side this season.

Elliott adds: "I've had a chat with Steve and he told me that Villa are a first-class club, despite the differences he had there."

"He says they look after players well and are desperate to be successful. I'm delighted they are giving me a chance to play First Division football consistently. Reserve football is no good to me."

"I saw Villa beat Luton earlier this season and I was very impressed. They are on the verge of being a fine side."

Elliott is likely to confirm his decision to Villa manager Graham Turner tomorrow.

However, Luton boss David Pleat was still in the dark last night. He said: "I don't know what Elliott's decision will be."

"I do know that Brian

Foster points the way for Elliott move

By TOM WILLIAMS
Luton 2 Man City 1

Stein is happy he stayed with us after we had received several offers for him in the close season.

"We're a good club. Elliott had top treatment while he was injured."

Against City, Luton flitted through the fog like ghosts and proved they are now real First Division quality.

SCORE

They have lost only three of their last 12 matches and rarely looked like losing this one.

It took Stein only three minutes to score his first goal from David Preece's hard centre—and he collected another in the 65th

minute after hitting a post.

"We never really got to grips with him," admitted City manager Billy McNeill.

Poor Eric Nixon, City's young goalkeeper, must also have saved at least half a dozen other efforts from the sizzling Stein.

He also made a back-breaking stop from the impressive Mitchell Thomas, who is already earmarked by Bobby Robson as a future England full-back.

City's consolation came from a late penalty by Mark Lillis after Tim Breacker had floored Paul Power.

LUTON. — Sealey; Breacker, Thomas, Nicholas, Elliott, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Hartford, Nwajio,bi, Preece. Sub: Daniel.

MAN CITY. — Nixon; Reid, Power, Johnson, McCarthy, Phillips, Lillis, May, Davies, McNab, Wilson. Sub: Baker.

CANON SUNDAY BEST: Stein.