

Stein wows Bobby

as Luton march on

BRIAN STEIN, discarded by Bobby Robson after one cap two years ago, showed the England manager just how much he has improved last night.

Stein, whose confidence was shattered by Robson's axe after 70 minutes in France, scored a superb eighth minute goal to set Luton up for an FA Cup fourth-round tie at home to Bristol Rovers.

Robson went to Selhurst Park to watch Mick Harford before he started a two-match suspension—but it was Stein who caught the eye.

Stein said "With the World Cup this season the England situation is naturally in my mind.

"I would like a second chance and all I can do is keep scoring and playing well. I believe that my all-round form this season is better than when I played against France.

"We needed this victory because we got to the semi-final last season and believe we can do it again. There is a tremendous spirit in the side."

Luton swept Palace aside

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Crystal Palace 1, Luton 2

from the start and it was no surprise when David Preece and Mitchell Thomas created an opening for Stein to score with a glancing header for his 14th goal of an impressive season.

Harford, however, was a big disappointment and failed to shake off Palace's towering defender Micky Droy.

This was Selhurst Park's second game in 24 hours and First Division Luton—like West Ham on Sunday—had to fight hard for their victory.

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The speed of Palace pair Andy Gray and Ian Wright troubled them and Wright hit a 20-yard volley that Les Sealey tipped over.

Sealey saved again from Alan Irvine, but Stein almost got a second goal on the hour.

With five minutes left, however, Luton scored again when Harford and Mark North exposed Palace and Preece was left with a simple chance.

Palace found some form in front of goal at last but Kevin Taylor's 25-yard deflected shot came too late to ruin a great night for Stein and Luton.

Luton manager David Pleat said: "I was relieved when our second goal went in and I think at the end of the day we shaded the game."