

Stein-gun shot kills sad City

Luton 1 Man City 0

BRIAN STEIN briefly sidelined the controversy that has dogged Kenilworth Road this week to plunder a dramatic 82nd minute winner.

The former England striker, sent off at West Ham last week, erased the bitter memory with his fifth goal of the season—just as City looked set to stretch an undeserved point.

Super, Stein

■ Hatters' hero Brian blasts home a last-gasp winner.

Picture: MIKE MALONEY

His close-range strike underlined Luton's reliance on his scoring skills and earned an instant tribute from coach Ray Harford.

Harford said: "Brian's a quality finisher. He has so much composure near goal, but he is the only one who's scoring for us at the moment."

Harford added: "We were so dominant that we must have had 20 shots at goal. My main criticism is that we were so wasteful in forward positions. But we eventually wore City down."

Stein's late decider was a personal tragedy for keeper Perry Suckling, who defied Luton almost singlehanded.

Disappointing City, without a goal in their last four games, failed to muster a single on-target effort.

And but for Suckling's heroics they would have been buried

The keeper, a close-season signing from Coventry, pulled off a string of fine saves to keep City in the game.

For a time, Luton's wayward finishing threatened to condemn the fans to their third successive goalless home draw.

But Brian Stein put Luton's superiority into perspective with that late winner, turning on a sixpence to leave the City defence in tatters.