

## No sign of Steve

By NIGEL CLARKE

**STEVE WILLIAMS** yesterday failed to turn up with Arsenal's official party for the Littlewoods Cup final.

Now the England midfield star could face a club fine of a week's wages for snubbing the Gunners' big day out. Williams was left out of the team by manager George Graham, who said last night: "I told him on Saturday he wasn't playing. I haven't seen him since."

Williams was missing from the Wembley bench and Graham has said in the past that he would discipline players who did not attend club functions.



WILLIAMS

## Andy's Luton marvel

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got to look forward to next week now and hope I'm in for our remaining League matches."

● Added Harford: "Dibble's save was definitely the turning point. Before that, I thought we were dead and buried."

● There was glory too for Brian Stein, who not only got Luton's first goal and their last-minute winner, but laid on the equaliser.

● On Saturday he had stepped into a family row to act as peace-maker when younger brother Mark had walked out of the Luton Cup headquarters when told he was not playing.

● But a late injury to midfield man Darron McDonough meant there was a substitute's place for Stein Junior, and Brian phoned him late at night to persuade him to come back into the Cup camp.

● Added Arsenal boss Graham: "I honestly thought we had the game won, but all credit to Luton. They came back at us and it must be like a dream for Ray Harford."

## DIBBLE THE HERO

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## He stuns Arsenal

**ANDY DIBBLE** yesterday became a hero with one of the greatest goalkeeping performances seen in a Wembley Cup Final.

He made the brilliant 81st minute penalty save when Luton were 2-1 down that gave them the springboard to bounce back to beat Arsenal in a stunning Littlewoods Cup Final showpiece.

Dibble, 22, in for injured first choice Les Sealey, didn't know he was playing until lunchtime on Saturday.

But in only his fifth appearance of the season

he rescued tottering Luton with a string of stupendous saves that won him the Man of the Match award, and left his manager Ray Harford claiming: "He was brilliant, absolutely brilliant."

Dibble capped his afternoon of personal glory

by spectacularly flinging himself to his left to tip Nigel Winterburn's spot kick around the post.

Arsenal manager George Graham said: "He was just tremendous. He kept them in the game."

Dibble said: "I knew it would have been cur-

tain for us if I didn't stop it. We would have been finished.

"But this has all been a fairytale. Until today it's been heartbreak for me ever since I moved from Cardiff two years ago.

"I just haven't been able to get in the side.

"The boss told me on Saturday he had not made up his mind who to play in goal. Les, who was

almost fit, or me. So I rang home to tell my parents that I didn't think I was in.

"When I was picked I couldn't believe it and after the game I just ran around Wembley trying to pick Mum and Dad out in the crowd."

But after the game of a lifetime he added: "Now I want first team football.

"The Final is over. I've

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