

Luton boosted by Villa gifts

LUTON took full advantage of a double dose of generosity from Aston Villa — a Derek Mountfield own goal and a penalty miss by David Platt.

Villa manager Josef Venglos had been hoping to watch a scene-stealing display from his new £1 million star Gary Penrice. Instead he witnessed a per-

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formance full of defensive blunders, midfield inadequacies and attacking impotence.

Mountfield's 27th-minute own-goal from Kingsley Black's cross scuppered Villa after Penrice and Platt

had missed clear chances in the early stages.

A fierce long-range volley from midfielder Mark Pembroke put Luton two up a minute before half-time, and they breathed a sigh of relief when Platt blasted his penalty straight at goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain in the 50th minute.

Villa glimpsed a way

back when Cascarino headed only his fifth League goal of a lean season after 69 minutes, but they failed to threaten again.

VILLA: Spink, Price, Nielsen (w'drn 45, sub Gage), McGrath, Mountfield (w'drn 65, sub Olney), Gray, Yorke, Platt, Cowans, Penrice, Cascarino.

LUTON: Chamberlain, Johnson, Rodger, McDonough, Dreyer, Pembroke, Beaumont, Preece, Black, Elstrup, Dowie.

REFEREE: L. Dilkes (Mossley).