

TS TOWN MATCH VERDICA

Peterborough....2 Luton Town.....3

(Half-time.....1-3) Brian Swain reports.

Action pictures: Josh La



● HAPPY RETURN: Paul Telfer back in league action, two days after his 21st birthday and nine months after being sidelined by a foot fracture.

Numbers game lands a double for Phil Gray

also do him a power of Within three minutes It was their first-ever good after a run of nine games without one.

a good header and a touch of luck had put the games without one. And it was a day when Town ahead again, and from time, when he

being dragged into a of the ball, but they also much of the rest of the crisis of no-confidence turned in a real grafting game. started to look a distinct return of Paul Telfer the major contender after nine months on the with Gray for man of the injured list was a real match honours, with The biggest lucky behind.

> failed to find the extra touch of quality needed to convert their chances, was one of the few in the

Andy Petterson did not hard workers, re stop from a cracking drive by Tony Adcock.

was nice to hear the other side complaining about 'If only. Peterborough ought striker Ken Cha to have had at least one goal in a sharp opening

Wasted

they found £80 0

buy Tony Philli-

He and Adcock ofter

after their early thre

pass beautifully into the stride of Gray, and he raced through a huge Peterborou gap in the inside left had to sell by ord channel and carefully For a visiting fan, it the boardroe lobbed the ball into the net from nearly 30 yards as keeper Ian Bennett Dave Robinson ried to close him down

The inevitable response by the home side led to an expensive vellow card in the 26th Salton was back-

tracking with Philliskirk as a through-ball was lofted over the top, and in a near-helpless one to had got a yard out of As the two tangled the down on goal. defender stuck out an

Swindon.......... 13 5 2 0 18 7

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The striker tumbled arm to stop the ball over the keeper and few could believe it when the Home fans bayed for ref gave a goal kick.

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off the back of his head. The First Division Two minutes later it PWDL F A WDL F A . 12 6 0 1 16 4 5 0 0 9 4 33

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Battle But he had already the centre-forward they was 3-1 as Claridge, done his job, as had the forgot when it mattered again full of running, got down the right and crossed accurately to the And in the important pay dearly.

Managers' viewpoints CHRIS Turner, the former argue strongly about that, but when it Town player who is now the Peterborough manager, had was suggested his team had been lucky he said that if the penalty incident was fotunate it only balanced the bad luck

no doubt about the turning they had when Peterborough scored

The Posh defence was

downward header into

bar by Petterson and

For about ten minutes

save from Adcock end-

had dived in vain, got an the other end, when Little Preece hardly

inadvertent last touch as Gray was just wide with looks right in the No. 9

full toll with a strong side.

Both sides had their to be the ballplayer

moments in the second while Damien Matthew

half, but Peterborough also produced some

were kept out until the shrewd passes. Chris

70th minute, when Kamara, although more

Philliskirk's header was subdued, did his spoiling

Adcock converted the looked a little rusty, but

ed that spell, and the were beaten by the

nearest to a goal came at numbers game

Telfer inevitably

days after his 21st

birthday was a lovely

shirt, but Peterborough

rarely knew who should

be marking him, and

Gray, in the No. 10, was

And perhaps the Posh

finger-tipped on to the job very effectively

point of Saturday's match. He was certain his team should have It followed a handball by Darrer had a penalty to give them the chance Salton, which earned him a yellow card to go 2-1 up when Andy Petterson and conceded a free kick from which brought down Tony Philliskirk after he Gary Cooper netted.

KILLER: Phil Gray heads his second of the match to put the Town 3-1 up.

That decision gave the

Town a renewed surge

of confidence, and three

minutes later a

remarkable goal left

Peterborough deep in

Preece got down the

left and sent over a deep

Deflected

defender on to a post.

The goalkeeper, who

he lay prostrate: the ball

despair and disbelief.

settled for a yellow and a to give a penalty and a

Gary Cooper fired the of the law demanded.

The balance seemed

to be swinging towards

Peterborough after that.

Claims

pass led to the penalty

claims which I thought

over him, and Petterson,

one situation, charged

out as Philliskirk bore

were justified.

Perhaps he was scared far po

free kick from which red card which the letter nowhere, and Gray took better than the home

powerful header and the the Town looked a little

ball was deflected by a rocky, but the super-

"The referee and linesman must "Salton was pushed in that incident, have been the only people in the and that was why he handled," said the ground who didn't see it as a penalty," Luton manager. "He was unlucky

because the referee didn't spot it. So Town boss David Pleat did not we might have deserved a bit of good He admitted: "Today

Claridge were bright

and breezy, and from the start we stretched Peterborough. "The goals gave us a

'We defended well and had a lot of deter

and so pleased for him.

2 FOOTBALL Local soccer tables

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A & B Sports SB Sunday League

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DIVISION ONE

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Luton Eagles	6	2	2	2	17	
Crawley Green	5	2	1	2	12	
Lewsey Park Res	5	2	1	2	14	
Celtic	4	1	2	1	13	
Markyate	3	1	2	0	4	
Monarch	5	2	0	3	9	
Kent Ath Res	4	2	0	2	8	
Luton OB A	4	1	1	2	10	
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DIVISION TWO

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Sportsman Dunstable	5	3	2	0	13	5	8
Thistle Res	5	4	0	1	10	6	8
Whitbread Club	5	3	1	1	14	5	7
Bitter End	5	3	1	1	9	7	7
Studham Res	5	3	0	2	13	15	6
Thresher	3	2	1	0	14	6	5
Christians A	5	2	1	2	10	7	5
Sportsman Harl'ton	5	2	0	3	7	7	4
First and Last	5	1	1	3	9	11	3
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Manshead ODs Res	4		1	3	9	15	1
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Luton Sunday League **DIVISION ONE**

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Stopsley Ath	5	3	0	2	20	11	
Black Swan Res	6	3	0	3	19	20	
AFC Barn Owl A	4	2	1	1	11	7	
Lea United	4	2	0	2	7	12	
Meds	4	1	1	2	13	20	
First & Last	4	1	0	3	9	11	
Salisbury Arms	3	0	0	3	5	16	
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DIVISION TWO

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GOALSMAKET A NICE CHANGE

Gray changed his shirt and his luck and Luton Town took full advantage of it for a muchneeded second win of the season at Peterborough.

eague win at London games without one. Road, and all the as a further relegation performance and the

The league table shows there is still a long

But the overdue break of all came in the change in luck lifted 35th minute, when Town heads and ought Peterborough should now to put everyone in have had a penalty to the right frame of mind give them a chance to go to dispose of Southend at Kenilworth Road on

Gray's two goals, both ground who thought expertly taken, should

the Town earned their the Posh were reduced broke Peterborough's manager in danger of luck. They had the run to scruffy football for hearts with a stunning I made David Preece

Referee Paul Danson

Steve Claridge not far At times the defence looked suspect and green, but the home side

Adcock got round Peterborough w Darren Salton on the by- stunned by an exceller and for all their bouts of line and pulled back a opening goal in the ter occasional pressure good low cross. Two

THE FULL MATCH DETAILS

TOWN: Petterson; Linton, Salton, James, Johnson; Telfer, Matth Kamara, Preece (Oakes 80 mins); Claridge, Gray. Other sub: Greene. PETERBOROUGH: Bennett; Luke, Howarth, Welsh, Robinson; Bam (lorfa 48 mins), Cooper, Halsall, Sterling; Adcock, Philliskirk. Other sub

THE GOALS: Phil Gray for the Town, tenth minute, 25-yard lob to ca the keeper off his line, from David Preece's perfect through-ball over top; Gary Cooper for Peterborough, 26 minutes, from 20-yard free kick hands by Darren Salton; Paul Telfer, 38 minutes, on his comeback gam header going in off a defender, a post and the back of the keeper's head from a left wing cross by Preece; Gray again, far post header, 40th minute from Steve Claridge's cross from the right; Tony Adcock for Peterborough 70 minutes, header to convert the rebound after Tony Philliskirk's heads had been tipped on to the bar by Andy Petterson.

OTHER STRIKES: Town two saved and seven wide; Peterborough saved, five wide and one hit the bar and led to a goal. Corners: 7-4 to

REFEREE: Paul Danson, Leicester. Not bad, but the Town were luckly when he was probably the only one in the stadium who did not think it was a four tribute. a foul when Petterson downed Philliskirk as he was clear on a run for god A penalty then would probably have made it 2-1 to Peterborough and the could be sould be soul result could have been vastly different.

BOOKED: Darren Salton, for hands to stop Philliskirk getting through the conceding the free kick from which Peterborough equalised; Damile but the conceding the free kick from which Peterborough equalised; Damile but the conceding the free kick from which Peterborough equalised; Matthew for a foul on Lee Howarth. ATTENDANCE: 7,125, boosted by a big Luton following.

ENTERTAINMENT: An awayday to enjoy, with, for a change, the Town
getting the run of the ball and the lucky breaks, but all working had

BONUS: Paul Telfer made his comeback after being out for nine mo did well, and marked the occasion with only the second league goal career, three days after his 21st birthday.

2-1 ahead.

NEARLY: Phil Gray roars in and is close to a hat-trick in a late Town attack.

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5 Tranmere (h) 3-3 (Claridge Linton Oakes) 6.	801	23	Round 2

Brentford (a) 2-1 (James, Gray). Birmingham (h) 1-1 (Claridge pen) 26 Notts Co (a) 0-0 . OCTOBER 3 Portsmouth (h) 1-4(Dreyer). .7,954 22 Barnsley (a) 0-3. .5,261 23 Derby (h) 1-3 (Johnson) .8,848 23 ..7,125 22 terborough (a) 3-2 (Gray 2, Telfer) ...

APPEARANCES (as sub in brackets): Ever-presents, Sep 15 Watford (a) 0-0 ... each: Petterson, Linton, James, Gray and Preece; lidge 11(1), Salton 10, Kamara 9, Dreyer 8, Rees 8, Oakes 5(6), Johnson 5(1), Matthew 3(2), Hughes 3, Campbell 2(6), Telfer 1.

S: Gray 3, Claridge 2 (1 pen), and one each by II, Linton, Oakes, James, Dreyer, Johnson and STS: Preece, Gray and Claridge two each, 1, Linton 1, Hughes 1, Salton 1. THE COCA-COLA CUP

er of players used: 17 (32 last season).

first leg: .7,310 19 Sep 23 Plymouth (h) 2-2 (Claridge 2) . ..5,992 21 Oct 6 Plymouth (a) 2-3 (Claridge, Preece).....

APPEARANCES: Two each by Petterson, Linton, Salton, Peake, Johnson, James, Kamara, Preece, Gray and Claridge. Oakes 1(1), Rees 1(1). One each as sub by Campbell and Dreyer. GOALS: Claridge 3, Preece 1.

ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP

.2.538 29 Bristol City (h) 1-1 (Claridge)... APPEARANCES: Two each by Petterson, Linton, Salton, Rees, James, Kamara, Claridge and Gray. Preece 1(1), Campbell 1(1), Peake 1, Johnson 1, Dreyer 1, Matthew 1, Oakes (2).

bit of confidence and freed us to play our pass

"And I was thrilled to see Paul Telfer back David Preece echoed that sentiment, and believes that the 21

balance to midfield.

THE SEASON SO FAR

vear-old's return fitness will give a better

"We deserved to win," he said. 'We have been creating chances in the past without scoring goals. Phil Gray was due the two he got today.