

Telfer goals seal local derby

THIS local derby may not fire the imagination of the neutral in the way that such encounters in Manchester and Merseyside can, but no-one will have left Vicarage Road less than thrilled by their afternoon's entertainment. This was a noon kick-off worth the sacrifice of a Saturday morning lie-in.

Arsenal manager George Graham was here to see it and if he has been a little depressed by his own side's turgid start to the season, he can only have been refreshed by his day out. The drama was provided partly by some defensive

Watford 2, Luton 4 **Niall Edworthy**

clumsiness but mainly by brilliant finishing.

Luton manager David Pleat seemed oddly reluctant to join in the enthusiasm. "We were okay today," he said. "But we were better when we lost 3-0 to Bolton in midweek."

Jamie Moralee opened the scoring on 20 minutes with his first goal for Watford since his summer move from Millwall. He skipped past Julian James with a neat turn and fired home a low shot into the corner

after being superbly picked out by Tommy Mooney's 30-yard through-ball.

Ten minutes later Luton were level when Scott Oakes crashed an unstoppable volley into the top corner after Andy Hessenthaler had fluffed his clearance. Barely had Luton's celebrations died down when they went in front with a well-taken goal by Kerry Dixon.

For the second time in as many minutes Hessenthaler was the culprit. His weak header fell to Dixon on the

edge of the box. With any number of options open to him he made no mistake with only goalkeeper Perry Digweed to beat.

Paul Telfer extended Luton's lead with an excellent individual effort, cutting in from wide on the right, before Mooney reduced the deficit seconds before the interval when he slid into the six-yard box to rifle Hessenthaler's lay-off into the roof of the net.

The only unsavoury moment of an otherwise good-natured encounter came shortly after Mooney's goal when a dozen players were



drawn into a mercifully short-lived skirmish.

The second half may have failed to sustain the momentum of the first but much more excitement and the 8,880 fans at the ground would have needed a collective cardiac massage. Telfer made sure of Luton's victory with a simple tap-in.