POMPEY 3 LUTON TOWN 2 | Terry Fenwick's comeback kids fight back twice to pick up three

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Blackburn	28	12	1	1	42	14	7	4	3	19	11	62
Man Utd	28	12	1	1	27	3	6	5	3	24	18	60
Newcastle	28	9	5	0	30	12	5	4	5	17	18	51
Liverpool	27	8	5	1	25	7	5	4	4	21	15	48
Nottm Forest	29	7	4	3	22	14	6	3	6	19	18	46
Tottenham	27	6	3	4	22	18	6	4	4	23	20	43
Lee 23	26	7	4	2	20	11	3	5	5	14	17	39
Sheff Wed	29	5	6	4	19	15	5	3	6	19	23	39
Aston Villa	29	5	6	3	20	12	4	4	7	21	26	37
Arsenal												
Wimbledon	27	7	2	4	18	17	3	4	7	14	30	36
Norwich Coventry	27	7	5	2	21	14	2	3	8	6	17	35
Coventry	29	5	5	5	14	18	3	5	6	15	27	34
Chelsea	27	4	5	5	20	15	4	4	5	15	23	33
Man City	27	5	5	4	27	20	3	3	7	8	24	32
SAINTS	27	4	-5	4	18	18	2	8	4	21	26	31
QPR	26	6	2	4	23	18	2	5	7	16	27	31
Everton	28	6	5	3	23	17	1	5	8	6	21	31
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Endsleigh Insurance League, Division 1

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Middlesbrough	31	12	3	1	35	11	3	6	6	19	22	54
ReadingSheff Utd	32	7	6	3	18	11	8	2	6	19 26	17	53
Wolves	30	11	2		31	15	4	3		21		50
Grimsby Watford	32	9 8	5 6		30		34	7 5		19		48
Barnsley Luton	30	10	4 3		30	15	3 7	2		11 21		45
Oldham	31	8	5	2	24	13	3	4	9	18	27	42
Millwall Charlton		7 6	54	2	24		34	5		19	26	40
Derby Port Vale	30	6 8			20	12	4 2			15		39
POMPEY	31	5	5	5	19	19	4	5	7	16	26	37
Stoke West Brom	32		2	4	21	12		5	11	8	27	37
Southend Sunderland					18 16					14		36 36
Bristol City	32	6	5	5	19	21	3	2	11	11	22	34
Swindon Burnley	29	3	5	6	19	21	3	4	8	15 9	23	27
Notts County	32	4	6	6	19	20	2	2	12	16	28	26

Division 2

Birmingham Crewe	29 30 32	9	4	1	34	10 20 22	7	4	4	20	13	56
Wycombe Oxford Utd	29	8	5	1	21	10	7	3	5	21	22	53
Oxford Utd	30	8	3	3	18	14	6	4	6	28	24	49
Bradford	31	7	4	5	23	21	7	3	5	23	23	49
Bristol Rovers	27	8	5	0	32	14	4	6	4	13	11	47
Wrexham	29	8	4	3	32	19	4	6	4	18	19	46
Hull	29	9	3	4	31	15	4	4	5	16	23	46
York	29	8	2	4	26	14	5	3	7	18	18	44
Stockport	30	8	2	6	26	19	5	3	6	17	19	44
Swansea	29	5	6	3	13	9	5	6	4	23	22	42
Shrewsbury	31	6	6	4	26	21	3	3	q	16	21	36
Rotherham	30	a	4	3	27	19	1	5	q	12	22	36
Peterborough	30	3	7	5	18	25	5	1	6	20	30	35
Brighton	30	5	6	1	15	12	20	1	0	17	27	34
Cambridge Utd	21	5	0	4	27	22	1	-	00	17	20	20
Cambridge Utd	31	0	0	4	21	22	1	2	3	13	22	32
Bournemouth	32	4	3	9	16	30	3	4	9	15	28	28
Plymouth	30	3	3	8	13	27	4	2.	10	18	36	26
Cardiff	30	3	4	8	15	18	3	2	10	15	33	24

Division 3

Carlisle Chesterfield	29	10	4	0	24		9	4	2	25	12	65	
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Torquay	28	7	5	2	24	17	3	3	8	13	20	38	



GLUM FACES There were few smiles on the benches as the match was delicately balanced, with Terry Fenwick, Keith Waldon (shouting instructions) and Neil Sillett standing to see the action, with David Pleat peeking out of the visitors' dug-out

Fenwick: Fans can play big part in Pompey's revival

By DANNY GRIFFITHS

Terry Fenwick wants fans to play their part in backing Pompey's drive away from the division one basement.

His team have taken seven points from a possible nine since he was appointed manager three games ago.

And last night's win against a Luton side eyeing a place in the play-offs has lifted them up the

table to 16th place in the table.

They have 37 points, three above Bristol City who head the four teams trying to get out of the relegation zone.

There are four teams between them and the cellar and Pompey have a game in hand on four of the club trying to overhaul them.

All in all, their position at the foot of the table looks a lot rosier and victory over Grimsby at Fratton Park on Saturday would cushion their position.

The 7,363 crowd was dis-

appointing and shows that stayaway fans think there is still work to be done.

But Fenwick knows that supporters can help by turning up in numbers and giving their backing to the players – just as they got behind the team as they floored Luton by scoring twice in the last 15 minutes to snatch a 3-2 victory.

Fenwick said today: "We were on a knife-edge in the first half but as the game wore on the fans were excellent and got right be-

"There was a lot of passion out there. The lads needed a lift and we have got a couple of good results now.

"It was a good home win against a very good side and confidence is getting better all the

"If the fans come through the gates in greater numbers on Saturday and give us the same support who knows what can happen?"



CELEBRATION TIME Pompey scorers Preki and Gerry Creaney show their delight

■ Three points are welcome reward for another fighting display.



By MIKE

Suddenly Pompey are the comeback kids of the first division.

Two down at Roker on Saturday, they come back to take a point. And last night they gave Terry Fenwick the warmth of a winning Fratton Park debut by coming from behind twice to take three more priceless

Just how important that was became evident afterwards with the news that Sunderland had ended Watford's Vicarage Road impregnability by stealing a precious victory while Port Vale had beaten Derby

So Fenwick has made a two-win, one-draw start to his managerial life. And while he knows there is much still to be done, he has irrefutable evidence that there is little wrong with the attitude and commitment of the players he has inherited.

For this was a win chiselled out by a display of character.

Pompey were suckered into conceding a soft early goal and, to the obvious disillusion of another disappointingly small crowd, were still trailing at half-time.

They needed only four second-half minutes to equalise but then midway through the second half were blasted back into deficit by a superb long-range strike by Luton's fullback Julian James.

This time they were behind only four minutes before Preki etched himself more deeply into the crowd's affections with the equaliser - and another four minutes had gone when referee Ken Leach gave Gerry

