

# Kyrell Lisbie

## Match Report: Peterborough vs Reading

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Current club	Peterborough
Nationality	England
Best position	Left Winger
Date of birth (age)	01/12/2003 (22)
Height	178cm
Foot	R



**Current level**                      **12th-14th in League One**

**Potential level**                     **Top 8 in League One**

## **Technical**

Technically, Lisbie showed a pretty good intent to be a direct winger, often receiving the ball in positions where his body shape allowed him to face his fullback and assess whether to attack or combine. He was comfortable crossing off both feet and usually opted with taking the ball down the byline, which demonstrated his profile as a natural touchline winger rather than someone who drifts centrally. That being said, his overall execution didn't always match his positioning or intent, with moments where heavy touches and rushed final actions killed promising situations, including getting on the end of some crosses but failing to deliver a clean second action. His first touch under pressure was inconsistent, particularly in tight spaces, and compared to other wide players on the pitch, his actions were slightly slower and less polished, which limits his effectiveness when tempo increases.

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## **Tactical**

From a tactical standpoint, Lisbie held his width well, stretched the pitch, and developed a solid understanding with his left back through simple combinations and one-twos and over/under laps. On defensive set pieces, his positioning high up the pitch was telling, he is clearly a counter attacking threat, as he offers little defensive contribution, while offensively he occupied the back post while he positioned himself for second balls. His off the ball movement was good, particularly when he recycled possession backwards and then immediately looked to spin the defender and run in behind, but other than that he didn't make enough repeated runs to consistently stress the opposition. Against an older, and slower fullback in Andy Yiadom, he should have been far more aggressive with his movement by testing him physically and mentally with constant runs in behind.

## **Mental**

Mentally, Lisbie's work rate and attitude stood out positively. When he lost the ball, he reacted quickly and showed a strong willingness to recover, pressing aggressively and, in some cases, winning possession back through his effort rather than physical strength. His pressing was energetic and he applied pressure with quick bursts of pace and this led to rushed decisions from defenders. While he wasn't always assertive enough in his 1v1s, often opting for safer backwards passes, his persistence and response to mistakes suggests he is a player who doesn't shy away after errors. His mentality reflects someone who has had to earn his opportunities, with a clear willingness to work for the team even if his attacking output fluctuates.

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## **Physical**

Physically, Lisbie is built around speed and agility rather than strength. He is very quick over short distances, sharp when accelerating, and capable of separating from defenders when he has space to run into, which allows him to avoid contact. However, his thin legs and weaker upper body mean that once defenders do make contact, he is often knocked off the ball and struggles to win physical duels. This limits his effectiveness in sustained 50/50s or crowded areas and it explains his minimal aerial involvement. His pace makes him a very useful pressing and counter attacking option, but he doesn't yet impose himself physically on games, instead, he has to rely on his movement and speed to survive duels.

## **Conclusion**

Overall, Lisbie delivered a solid but slightly frustrating performance, showing his clear strengths are his pace, work rate, and positional discipline, while also revealing areas the areas still need refinement. He offers value as a wide outlet who holds width, links play, and presses with pretty good intensity, but his impact was limited by inconsistent technical execution and a reluctance to fully commit to 1v1s or runs in behind, particularly against a defender he could have tested more aggressively. Physically, his speed is an asset, but his lack of strength makes him vulnerable in physical contact moments, placing greater importance on timing, movement, and decision-making. His performance suggested he is a winger with some good tools and a strong mentality, but also one who remains a level below more polished wide players and will need to sharpen his end product and assertiveness to consistently influence games at this level.