

Moment of real quality

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SPURS 2 LUTON TN 1

A SUPERB GOAL by Ashley Grimes, his first in the league this season, was the highlight of the Town's defeat at White Hart Lane.

His left foot struck in the 36th minute, after a run past three opponents and a one-two with David Oldfield. Steve Hodge had put Spurs ahead six minutes earlier.

The Town looked capable of holding their shape and saving a point until Spurs stepped up a gear early in the second half, and regained the lead through a 52nd-minute 30-yarder by Gary Mabbutt.

With half his side missing through injury, manager Ray Harford was not too displeased by the result, and took encouragement from the fact that his side might have stolen a point because Oldfield missed two reasonable chances and Ian Allinson wasted another at the end of the slick attacks on the break.

MATCH DETAILS

TOWN: Dibble; Breacker, Foster, M. Johnson, Grimes; R. Johnson, Wilson, Preece (Cobb, 71 mins), Allinson; Nwajiobi, Oldfield. Other sub: James.

SPURS: Mimms; Statham, Fenwick (Samways 45 mins), Fairclough, Thomas; P. Allen, Hodge, Mabbutt, Waddle, Metgod; C. Allen (Gray, 70 mins).

THE GOALS: Steve Hodge for Spurs, 30 mins; Ashley Grimes for the Town, 36 mins; Gary Mabbutt for Spurs, 52 mins.

OTHER STRIKES: Town three saved and seven wide; Spurs five saved and five wide. Corners: 8-0 to Spurs.

REFEREE: Alan Seville, West Midlands.

ATTENDANCE: 15,437, White Hart Lane's lowest of the season.

ENTERTAINMENT: A bit end of season, but nice to see Meka Nwajiobi back for the first time in five months.