



GRIMSBY TOWN 0

TOM'S DAD

THANKS, MATE:
Luton's Tommy
Wright thanks
Stuart Fleetwood
for setting up his
winning goal

PICTURES: Gareth Owen



MATCH STATS

GRIMSBY v LUTON

7 SHOTS ON TARGET	4
0 SHOTS OFF TARGET	4
3 CORNERS	3
0 OFFSIDE	3
8 FOULS CONCEDED	12
2 YELLOW CARDS	3
0 RED CARDS	0

STAR MAN: Adam Watkins
(Luton Town)
ATT: 3,239
ENTERTAINMENT: *****
REF RATING: Seb Stockbridge
7/10

GRIMSBY TOWN (4-4-2): McKee 7, Silk 6, Farnon 6, Kempson 7, Wood 6, Coulson 7, Deley 6, Church 6 (Spencer 8), 5, Makello 5 (Eagle 5), 5, Elding 6 (Duffy 6), 5, Hearn 7. Subs not used: Aris, Pearson.
LUTON TOWN (4-4-2): Tyler 7, Osano 6, Kovacs 7, G Pilkington 7, Howells 7, Dance 6 (O'Connor 6), 6, Hand 7, Watkins 8, Williams 6 (Kissack 7), 6, Wright 7, Fleetwood 7 (Dow 6), 5, Subs not used: Beckwith, K Pilkington.

LUTON TOWN 1

Wright 73



GETS IT JUST SO WRIGHT!



By Stuart
Hammonds

FINISHING his post-match interview, Tommy Wright advised the assembled reporters to go and enjoy "the best fish and chips in the country".

The food was about all the striker enjoyed in his four months as a Grimsby player as their relegation from the Football League was confirmed, scoring just once in 14 appearances.

But how he savoured going back to Blundell Park 15 months later in a Luton shirt, equalling that tally on his full debut to ensure the Hatters won in Cleethorpes for the first time in 13 years.

Wright headed home in the 73rd minute to wrap up three vital points for Gary Brabin's inconsistent side, who were winning under floodlights for only the second time in ten attempts this season.

The ex-Leicester, Barnsley and Aberdeen hitman said: "My dad said this morning that he thought that if I started I would score."

"Sometimes things are written in the script. You come back to somewhere that you didn't probably do as well as you wanted to and it just works out, as it did for me tonight."

Wright, whose bustling presence alongside Stuart Fleetwood freed up his recently isolated strike partner to fashion the Hatters' other two best chances, has signed a three-month



WINNER: Wright scores the only goal

deal after being released by both Darlington and Kidderminster this season.

The 27-year-old says his only target is to earn some security after becoming a dad for the first time to daughter Manida exactly a month ago.

"I've not got a goals target, just to earn myself a deal after January," he added. "I've been everywhere and back so far this season, so hopefully can get myself settled and kick on from there."



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deal with standard long-rangers from Michael Coulson - three times - Anthony Elding and Rob Eagle.

But there was only ever going to be one winner once Hand had chipped a perfect back-spinning pass into the Grimsby box, Fleetwood cut it back from the byline and Wright threw himself at the ball to head in off the bar.

It was Grimsby's tenth defeat of a season that has left them lingering in the bottom half of the table - and joint-managers Rob Scott and Paul Hurst fearing for their jobs.

"We know the quality the players have got in training, but that's no good - you have to do it on a matchday," said Scott. "That tells me it's their character. If you can't perform on the big stage, there is obviously something missing between the ears."

"Every week we could change every single position. That can't be right. We know that we are not doing a good enough job at the moment because we are not winning enough games of football."

Fans will now start asking the questions: Are we the right people for the job? Were we ever right? Should they have had more experience before they came in? That's up to other people to answer.

"We've never been in a situation like this before. We've always been winning games - yes, at a lower level - but we are winners."

"We believe we are the right men for the job and we'll carry on with what we are doing and try and get through the other side of this."

