



WINNER: Robbie Willmott scores the only goal of the game against Kidderminster on Saturday

Robbie bounces back to deliver vital winner

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Luton Town 1 (0)
Kidderminster Harriers 0 (0)

REJUVENATED Robbie Willmott bounced back from an 'all-time low' to net a priceless winner in Town's shoot-out against play-off rivals Kidderminster Harriers at Kenilworth Road on Saturday.

The flying winger raced on to Mark Tyler's long clearance and took advantage of some Harriers confusion to fire home the Hatters' winner and propel them back into the play-off spots.

He said: "It's always good to get a winner. I'm playing more attacking with the new gaffer now coming in.

"I'm paid to score and set up goals and I've done that and we've won the game.

"Before it I thought they were going to score, they had a good breakaway and there was a little bit of a mix-up in defence.

"He's (Tyler) put a lovely ball over the top. The full-back seemed to stop and the goalkeeper slipped over and it was there for me. I took it well to be fair."

After a dip in his performances earlier in the season Willmott is

delighted to be bang back in form at just the right time.

He said: "I knew myself. I criticise myself quite hard and I knew my performances were dipping and my confidence was at an all-time low and I just needed to get back into form.

"I thought I had a good game. I'm getting back to how I was when I first signed for the club and how I showed the fans what I could play like.

"The gaffer's come in and he's given me a new confidence and I'm just enjoying how we're playing at the moment.

"It is nice to find yourself back in form and getting a lot of praise from the fans, the gaffer, it's nice.

"There's a lot of players in my position now, the gaffer's got a lot of options.

"My aim is just to train every day as hard as I can and just to show the gaffer I do want this, keep scoring goals and keep providing for other players and keep my work-rate up."

Willmott admitted Town should have made more of a number of crosses that flew across Harriers' box on the cusp of half-time, adding: "We didn't seem to gamble on them, but we came in at half-time and weren't panicking and we knew the goal was going to come.

"The gaffer said if it's the 90th-minute then we'll wait, we'll be patient.

"Any minute of any game, you score a goal and it's vital. We've hung on for the win we've defended for our lives. It was a massive, massive win for us."

Luton dominated the match at a rocking Kenilworth Road as 8,415 crammed in for the must-win fixture.

Treacherous conditions in the midfield made for a number of slips as Curtis Osano dragged an effort across the face of goal on 10 minutes.

Winger Marvin Johnson was booked for simulation in the box soon after, before Town carved the visitors open on 17 minutes.

Stuart Fleetwood's clever back-heel found the onrushing Jake Howells and his pull-back picked out Willmott whose attempt was well blocked.

Fleetwood was pushed to the ground by Kyle Storer after a late challenge, but only a yellow was given.

Kovacs' header from Willmott's corner was hacked off the line by Lee Vaughan on 29 minutes and the Hungarian could only fire the rebound over.

Cross after cross was flashed across the Kidderminster box

in the closing stages of the first half but found no takers as Luton went in at the break all square.

The quiet Andre Gray was crowded out early in the second half and Howells whistled just over.

Quick feet in the box saw Gray beat his man five minutes in but he could only poke straight at the Kidderminster keeper.

A flowing move ended in Fleetwood hooking over before Johnson and substitute Ryan Rowe forced saves out of Tyler.

But the Hatters grabbed the all-important opening goal on 67 minutes when Tyler's raking pass found the on-rushing Willmott, who cut back from the byline and buried an unstoppable effort past Tony Breeden.

Fleetwood and Adam Watkins rained in wayward efforts, while Fleetwood's opportunism from Breeden's miskick was never troubling the out-of-position keeper.

Moments later a presentable opportunity dropped to Alex Lawless but he spiralled over.

A deep corner to the back post was headed against the base of the woodwork by Luke Jones and substitute Steve Guinan saw his follow-up deflected away by the back of the flying Howells as Town hung on.

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HATTERS Paul Buckle was delighted his side should win the occasion a big game Saturday.

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Town has suffered an intense moment in six this season, especially at home, looking to Fleetwood Wrexham also known as the Min

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