



GRIMSBY TN 4 LUTON TN 1

Colbeck 8, Cook 40, Hannah 43, Beckwith (og) 71

Rendell 76



FIVE-STAR MAULING BEST YET FOR PAUL Debuts delight Hurst

MATCH STATS

GRIMSBY v LUTON

6 SHOTS ON TARGET	5
3 SHOTS OFF TARGET	6
3 CORNERS	12
3 OFFSIDE	1
9 FOULS CONCEDED	11
1 YELLOW CARDS	0
0 RED CARDS	0

STAR MAN: Aerial Thomas (Grimsby)

ATT: 4,074

ENTERTAINMENT: ★★★★★

REF: Peter Banks 6/10

GRIMSBY: (4-4-2): McKeown 6,

Thomas 8, Niven 6, Pearson 7,

Colbeck 8, Osley 7, Cook 6, Wood

6, Port 7, Neilson 8 (Arthur 73 G),

Hannah 7 (Southwell 61 G) Subs:

not used: Hutton, Miller, Eiding

LUTON: (4-3-3): Tyler 5, Beckwith

4, Kovacs 5 (Essam 46 G), Lawless

5, Shaw 6, Rendell 7, Howells 6,

Freeston 5 (Robinson 65 G),

O'Donnell 5, Henry 5 (Kasim 57 G),

Gray 6 Subs: not used: Rowe,

Turner, Walker

RUTHLESS Grimsby Town displayed their title credentials with a deadly showing in front of goal in their victory over Luton at Blundell Park on Friday night.

First-half strikes from Joe Colbeck, Andy Cook and debutant Ross Hannah saw the hosts surge into a three-goal lead over shell-shocked Luton.

An own goal by Dean Beckwith compounded the Hatters' misery with 20 minutes to go while the Mariners also hit the woodwork twice. But the visitors did get a consolation with 14 minutes left, Scott Rendell forcing home the rebound from Jake Howells' effort after he had already gone close for Luton three times.

Grimsby's joint boss Paul Hurst praised his side's best performance of the season singling out the new boys in the process.

He said: "Certainly attacking-

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wise I think that's the best we've been.

"The new boys were excellent. Scott [Neilson] carried the ball up the pitch and he worked hard as well. And he's obviously got a bit about him. He put a great through ball for Ross [Hannah].

"I am really pleased that Ross got his goal, he was very unlucky with the first one with a great save from Tyler."

Hatters boss Paul Buckle, meanwhile, was left to lament his side's defending. He said: "It's very easy to break down but sometimes it's difficult and you have to look at a DVD to work out what went wrong, but it wasn't rocket science.

"It was just nothing balls into our 18-yard box which our two centre-halves struggled miserably to try and defend."

Rendell dragged an early chance wide, before the home side



PILE ON: Grimsby's Joe Colbeck is mobbed after giving the Mariners the lead **PICTURE:** Graham Taylor

took the lead on eight minutes when Colbeck slid home a rebound after Mark Tyler had brilliantly saved Cook's point-blank header.

The visitors enjoyed plenty of possession and keeper James McKeown kept Grimsby's lead intact with a brilliant save from former Peterborough team-mate Rendell.

Grimsby then all but secured

victory with two goals in the last five minutes of the half. Nathan Pond thundered his header against the bar from Aswad Thomas' 40th-minute cross, but Cook was on hand to stoop home his header.

And three minutes later Beckwith failed to deal with a through ball and Hannah nipped in to steer the ball past Tyler.

Luton used all their subs in the second half as they made a better

fist of things but Grimsby made it 4-0 on 70 minutes when Bradley Wood lobbed a free-kick into the box and Beckwith inadvertently headed into his own net.

Luton hit back six minutes later when McKeown spilled Howells' drive and Rendell forced home the follow-up before forcing another sharp save out of McKeown seconds later, but it was too little too late as Grimsby eased to victory.