

Another "Hat-Trick" For Hugh Billington

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Another "hat-trick" by Hugh Billington added to Brentford's troubles and gave the Town their third successive victory at Kenilworth-road last night.

Away to a good start with a goal in four minutes, the Town never really seemed in danger of losing a point even though their second goal did not come until 20 minutes from the end.

Then Billington cracked in two in two minutes to make certain that Brentford's desperation would not enable them to rally successfully.

Brentford's defence, in which MacDonald was an outstanding figure, put up a praiseworthy show, but the opportunism of Billington was a factor with which they could not cope.

The Town opened up so brightly that there were visions of a runaway win when BILLINGTON took a pass from Driver and crashed the ball into the roof of the net.

BRENTFORD HAD NO PUNCH

For a time the Town were much superior, and shots by Driver and Connelly deserved a better fate than they received. However, Brentford, playing good football in midfield, but lacking punch in the region of goal, contrived to have a share of the play until the interval.

Main reason for this was that the Town's passing had gone awry for the time being, but although their lead amounted to only one goal, there were few anxious faces at the interval.

This optimism was justified, for the Town were almost completely on top in the second half, and BILLINGTON'S two further goals did not exaggerate their general superiority.

Unquestionably, the Town deserved their success. They were better fore and aft than this moderate Brentford team who have stormy days ahead of them.

Even so, there was not quite the bite and drive that was shown against Newcastle. Still, when one looks back on the narrow escapes which the Brentford goal had, the only real wonder is that they escaped so lightly.

The Town defence easily coped with the efforts of the

visitors' forward. Gager did his side the service of holding Gibbons, the one forward likely to cause real trouble.

OWEN WAS OUTSTANDING

Owen had a great match and looks like becoming one of the best captures the Town have ever made.

Soo has often played better, but Lake and Hughes came through with honours, and the coolness of the latter was a feature of the defensive play.

Streten's main work was in interception which he did most capably, and his use of the ball was almost as good as an extra half-back to the Town.

Billington and Driver were the pick of the forwards, who on this showing, will score a crop of goals this season. Duncan had another good match, and some of his centres were beautifully made. He must stay in the team.

If Waugh's finishing had equalled his fine approach work, he would have had a terrific match, but he just could not round off his midfield play. Connelly did fairly well without touching the heights, but this town team looks like producing the goods this season, and the splendid team spirit was again in evidence.

The closing stages were played in semi-darkness despite the fact that the referee decided to begin the match 10 minutes earlier than the advertised time. There was another fine crowd, official attendance being 20,921.

Luton Town: B. Streten; Lake, Hughes; Soo Gager, Owen; Waugh, Driver, Billington, Connelly Duncan

Brentford. — Crozier; MacDonald, Munro; Moore, Latimer, Paterson; Buchanan, Nelson, Gibbons, Dawson, Gallego.

Referee: S. E. Law, West Bromwich.