

# Daniel's Goal Gave Town The Point They Deserved

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A goal by Melville Daniel seven minutes from the end saved the Town a point at Park-avenue on Saturday, and meant the end of Bradford's 100 per cent home record—the last which remained intact in the **Second Division**.

Although they left their final effort late, defeat would have been a gross injustice to the Town, who gave their brightest away display of the season.

They did sufficient in a rousing first half to deserve such reward, and although there were times after the interval when they were pegged down by the home side, taking the game through and through, I made them slightly the better team.

They played more football of a polished character than did Bradford, who in attack relied mostly on storming methods down the middle of the field. These brought some measure of success, but they had not the cohesion and combination shown by the Town.

## **NO SLUGGISHNESS THIS TIME**

In fact, the Town's display before the interval was a revelation. Gone was the sluggishness and finicky tactics which disappointed us against Plymouth. Instead, they got on with the job, and made the ball do the work.

When Bradford opened the scoring after 25 minutes through McILVENNY, everyone was most surprised, for they had threatened little in this line earlier.

The success naturally brought some improvement from the home team, but the Town gradually re-asserted themselves and BILLINGTON equalised after 39 minutes with a rasping first-time shot after a triangular move by Soo, Shanks and Duggan.

Bradford were seen in a better light as the second half wore on, and were on top when they regained the lead 23 minutes from the end. DOWNIE was the scorer from close range after Smith had centred and Elliott had returned the ball into the goalmouth.

The Town took time to recover from this setback, but a corner by Shanks, after Billington had had a scoring shot deflected gave DANIEL the opportunity to hustle Farr, and shoot into the net from close in

## DEFENCE RARELY FALTERED

The defence had its moments of trial and anxiety, but rarely faltered, and there was no real weak spot. Hughes had an excellent match, and his partner Cooke, made few mistakes.

Soo had a brilliant first half and was almost as good later, while Owen got through any amount of work before tiring in the later stages. Gager stuck to McIlvenny closely, despite the efforts of Wilkins and Downie to draw him out of the middle, and came out of a difficult game with credit. Streten, as usual, kept a fine goal.

Daniel was a success on his re-appearance at inside-left, and Billington was in the mood which makes him one of the most dangerous leaders in the Second Division. Greenwood never really got a grip on him.

Both Shanks and Waugh had their good spells, and were responsible for many useful centres. Duggan had a moderate sort of match but he was troubled by a shoulder injury which he sustained early on.

**BRADFORD:** Farr; Stephen, Farrell; White, Greenwood, Layton; Smith, Wilkins, H. J. McIlvenny, Downie, Elliott.

**LUTON TOWN:** B. Streten; Cooke, Hughes; Soo, Gager, Owen; Shanks, Duggan, Billington, Daniel, Waugh