

Town's Revival Brought Shocks For Bury

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Bury seem to be making a habit of "blooding" new centre-forwards against the Town and achieving a wide measure of success.

Last season at Gigg-lane, Whitworth made his debut with two goals. On Saturday Crosbie got a brace in the first half which seemed to put the Town in an untenable position.

It is greatly to their credit that they fought back with fine spirit and gave such a grand second-half display that they were rather unlucky not to pick up both points.

In the second half the Town were scarcely recognisable as the same team as they had been before the interval. At the start, Bury took the initiative and kept it so firmly that the handful of Town supporters present must have felt anything but confident about the eventual outcome.

The bustling Bury side kept the ball moving all the time, and their wing-halves, coming through with the ball, were always a source of danger.

To combat this, both Gardiner and Owen played further back than usual, with the result that there was not the domination in midfield that was such a feature of the previous three matches.

When the second half began the Town halves called the tune, and by going upfield to meet the ball upset the home plan which had paid so well before.

Result was that the Town forwards, who had looked far from a goal-scoring combination, began to shake the home defence, and their first goal from OTTEWELL after 52 minutes was not altogether unexpected.

The manner in which it came was rather surprising, though, for there did not seem to be any immediate danger to the home goal when Waugh pushed the ball along the wing to Ottewell.

Obviously, Bury expected a centre, but the ball went plumb into the goalmouth, deceived Grieves and dropped into the net off the bar with Griffiths (W) failing to head away.

That really put the Town on their mettle, and even the fact that Brennan had a goal disallowed did not shake their confidence.

BRENNAN'S FINE EQUALISER

There was consolation for BRENNAN 21 minutes from the end when he did a smart dribble to make a shooting opening and cracked in a terrific shot which rocketed into the net off the inside of the post.

Grieves made no move to save the shot, and was seemingly taken completely by surprise.

Despite the fact that Bury made some desperate efforts after this, the Town looked slightly the more dangerous near goal.

Bury certainly crowded on pressure late in the game when the Town were handicapped by an injury to Hall. He was off the field for two or three minutes, but managed to return to help stave off last minute attempts by the home side.

The Town made a magnificent recovery, and they played some grand football which was in marked contrast to the kick-and-rush tactics which were mostly used by Bury.

Once the halves got the measure

of the home forwards, there was no loophole in defence, with Owen again playing finely and Gardiner a tremendous worker and an accurate provider of passes.

Hall certainly found CROSBIE a handful in the first half, and two-down-the-middle movements in the 23rd and 41st minutes enabled the centre-forward to score goals to make it an occasion of which any debutant would be proud.

Later, Hall barred the way effectively, and, behind him, Cooke and Lake scarcely put a foot wrong, and were steady and reliable throughout.

There was good understanding between the defenders, too, and all this, plus the fact that Streten was in his most confident mood, made Bury's second half task a most formidable one.

The attack was twice as dangerous after the interval as it had been previously and Brennan was the best of the line.

Next came Waugh, with Daniel a hard and useful worker and Shanks making a number of accurate centres. Ottewell led the attack fairly well, but did not quite bring the punch at close quarters which was needed.

BURY. — Grieves; Griffiths (G.), Griffiths (W.); Whitworth, Hart, Halton; Kilshaw, Constantine, Crosbie, Daniel (T.), Bellis.

LUTON. — Streten; Cooke, Lake; Gardiner, Hall, Owen; Shanks, Brennan, Ottewell, Daniel (M.), Waugh.

Referee.—E. R. Varney, Derby.