Still Awaiting Win Over A London Club

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There was a time at Griffin Park on Saturday when it seemed likely that the Town would record their first win of the season over a London club, but the promise faded after Brentford had gained the lead.

It was the sort of game in which the first team to score held an inestimable advantage, and it was quickly obvious once Brentford had gained that all-important point that their confidence had received a fillip as a result.

SPERRIN was the marksman 10 minutes after the interval with a close range shot during a tremendous scrimmage in the Town goalmouth. Two other shots which looked like finding the net were blocked by Morton and Wilson, but then Sperrin settled matters by driving the ball through.

That was the only occasion on which Streten was beaten or even looked likely to be beaten, and he was the big man of this match.

Supremely competent and showing almost uncanny judgment in his positional play, he dealt with shot after shot.

He was kept very much on his toes during Brentford's second half pressure, and the Town forwards found few chances of making progress during this period.

Wyldes did have an opportunity after he had cut in from the wing, but when a shot might well have brought the equaliser, he preferred to pass to Walsh, who was closely marked.

When the Town really did look as if they were on the way to their first away win this season was in the latter part of the first half, and a goal then might well have broken Brentford's spirit.

Nearest to bringing this about was Shanks, whose point blank range shot was kicked off the line by Munro, but apart from that effort, which should have brought a goal, and a couple of shots by Wyldes, Jefferies was not in any real difficulty.

FORWARDS FAILED

Once again, in an away match, the forwards failed to deliver the goods, and there was a lack of balance about the line which was simply crying out for a schemer able to split open the Brentford defence.

There was a lot of earnest work, but too much fiddling at close quarters, and it was noticeable that Brentford's defence was seldom drawn out of position.

Their covering was good, and Brentford owed much to the strength and strong tackling of their half-backs.

All Walsh's bustle and fight made little impression on Greenwood, and Shanks, though he distributed the ball well in the first half, could not supply the connecting link between halves and forwards later.

This task devolved on him because Stobbart took his usual mainly attacking role but had few chances of repeating his scoring feat in the previous match.

Wyldes had a good first half during which his quick raids worried Brentford quite a lot. Glover, too, often made ground in a more polished way, but his finishing was no more effective. In the second half, neither wing had much material.

The defence battled on with any amount of courage and no little success, but Wilson had an uncomfortable afternoon against the wily Goodwin who was Brentford's danger man.

Cooke had a good match against Girling and apart from Streten, shared the defensive honours with Watkins and Owen. Morton was fairly successful, but, as might have been the case with Wilson, probably found the pace hot after a lengthy spell of Combination football.

BRENTFORD.—Jefferies; Munro, Quinton; Nelson, Greenwood, Manley; Goodwin, Woodward, Dare, Sperrin, Girling.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Cooke, Wilson; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Glover, Stobbart, Walsh, Shanks, Wyldes.

Referee: F. S. Fiander, Loudwater.