

'Bees' Busy, But Town Collected The Honey

By Chiltern

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There were more than a few sighs of relief when the final whistle sounded at Kenilworth-road on Saturday, for this was one match which the Town simply had to win, and there was never any room for complacency in this hard-fought struggle.

In fact, Brentford played as hard as if they were involved in the danger zone, and the possibility of them gaining an equaliser to Stobbart's grand goal could never be ignored.

Stobbart obtained the goal which meant the addition of two absolutely vital points to the Town's meagre store with a well-placed header after he had picked up a poor clearance by Munro, sent the ball out to Glover, and taken up position for the winger's centre.

It was a goal out of the top drawer, but for a few seconds it seemed as if it had been neutralised shortly afterwards when Pointon forced the ball into the net from close range after the ball had come over from the left.

Unhesitating decision by the referee was "offside," much to the relief of everyone except the gaily bedecked Brentford fans whose joy quickly turned to dismay.

On the run of the play, though, the Town would have been unfortunate if they had not collected both points, for they were the cleverer side, but, once again, they allowed scoring opportunities to slip by.

STOBBART A FINE LEADER

Stobbart's effort saved the situation, and he gave a grand display as leader of the attack. Time and again he worried Greenwood into making mistakes, and several of his lone dashes down the middle were distinctly unsettling to the Brentford defence.

Apart from that, he controlled the lively ball better than most, and this was a match on which he can look back with considerable satisfaction.

Another forward who pleased was Taylor, now coming back to something approaching the form which earned him so many good opinions at the start of the season.

Especially in the second half, he was prominent with his good use of the ball, and he did seek to find the open spaces.

The gallant Gardiner was always looking for openings, and looked as likely to score as anybody, for he was never afraid to have a go.

Less direct and less successful

was the right wing pair of Glover and Kiernan, and the latter was much below the form of which we know he is capable.

It was an unhappy day for him, and Glover, too, after putting over a succession of accurate centres in the opening stages, faded out of the picture.

EFFICIENT DEFENCE

So efficient has the defence become that it is now something approaching a sensation if Hughes has the job of picking the ball out of the net.

He had to do so on Saturday, but the decision went in the



Sid Owen was in tip-top form again.

Town's favour, but otherwise, he was completely equal to all calls on his charge, and made several first-class saves.

He was well-covered by the men in front with Owen producing another first-class display in which Dare was shut out as a scoring force.

Shanks had what was perhaps his best game at left half so far, and was one of the outstanding players on the field, while Watkins completed a sound intermediate line.

Behind them, Cooke and Aherne were accomplished and resolute, with the latter slightly the better because of the accuracy of his kicking.

Luton Town.—Hughes; Cooke, Aherne; Watkins, Owen, Shanks; Glover, Kiernan, Stobbart, Taylor, Gardiner.

Brentford.—Jefferies; Monk, Munro; Latimer, Greenwood, Manley; Goodwin, Pointon, Dare, Hill, Paton.

Referee: F. S. Fiander, Loudwater. Attendance: 13,991.