

Town Struck Twice In Closing Minutes

(By CHILTERN)

LUTON TOWN 2, BRENTFORD 0

Until the closing minutes of this match at Kenilworth-road on Saturday it looked as if the "horses for courses" theory was to go astray, for Brentford, who have never escaped defeat on this ground in the Second Division, were holding on grimly to the point that seemed to be within their grasp.

Then the unorthodox succeeded where the orthodox had failed, and a sudden switch by Glover to the opposite wing paved the way for the Town's first goal nine minutes from the end.

There did not seem to be much danger when Whent, on the left, gained possession of the ball, and pushed it down the wing as he saw Glover, who had forsaken his own position temporarily, awaiting the pass.

Glover went on quickly, tricked Monk cleverly and lifted in a high centre that Jefferies could only push away to TAYLOR, who promptly headed the ball into the net.

That ended what had appeared to be stalemate and put out of court the possibility, or probability it was by then, of a goalless draw which was such a familiar result for the Town last season.

There was not much fear of Brentford mounting a successful rally after that, and it was no real surprise when the Town scored again with two minutes to go.

Once again, the ball came over from the left, this time from Wyldes, and WHENT coolly and

almost casually, hooked it well out of Jefferies' reach.

Which put the seal on a very good victory and sent many of the fans home in a more optimistic frame of mind than that in which they had arrived.

The Town might have had the lead much earlier, for they made a storming start, but Brentford had a good period in the latter part of the first half.

However, in the last 20 minutes, it was apparent that the Town were lasting the gruelling pace better, and there was not the slightest slackening off in their efforts. They fought hard for the whole 90 minutes.

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There was plenty of hard work and lively shooting from both inside - forwards with Whent making a satisfactory debut and Taylor, if he can reproduce this very good form consistently, will solve a big problem.

Wylde looks as if he can do the same, for he was very much in the picture on the left wing and although Stobbart received few chances after the opening stages, and there were times when Glover, though very clever, was not direct enough, the line, as a whole, seemed a more potent striking force than was the case for most of last season.

The middle line was a strong department, in which both Watkins and Shanks shone in defence and gave good support to their forwards, and Owen effectively commanded the middle of the field.

Cooke was not so decisive in his tackling as is usual, but he got the measure of Paton as the game wore on and Aherne was usually too much of a stumbling block for Goodwin.

Hughes did everything that was required of him coolly and safely, and his anticipation was never at fault.

LUTON TOWN: Hughes; Cooke, Aherne; Watkins, Owen, Shanks; Glover Taylor (J), Stobbart, Whent, Wylde.

BRENTFORD: Jefferies; Monk, Munro; Latimer, Greenwood, Manley; Goodwin, Dare, Pointon, Hill, Paton.

Referee: W. Ling, Stapleford.
Attendance: 17,721.