

Off-The-Target Shooting Cost Town Home Points

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To have a good three-quarters of the play, to find the more scoring chances coming their way, but to gather no goals or points was the depressing sort of experience for the Town at Kenilworth-road on Saturday.

Brentford came with the reputation of being shot-shy in attack and they looked like living up to it in the early stages.

However, in the end it was the Town forwards who frittered away their chances and Brentford who accepted two of the very few that came their way.

Far too many of the Town attempts to score either sent the ball soaring over the bar or wide of the posts and there is no doubt that with normal accuracy in their finishing, they would have had three or four goals.

But try as they would and batter at the Brentford defence as they did, they simply could not secure the goal that might have had both a tonic and a settling effect.

The damage was done by the London side in the space of five minutes during the first half when first SPERRIN, then MONK, accepted snap opportunities, and the Town who had been cutting out the early work, suddenly found themselves fighting a losing battle.

MISSED CHANCES

Taylor missed a chance of giving them a first-minute lead and failed again when he made for himself an opening which should have brought an equaliser.

Brentford, whose defence had begun shakily and whom the Town forwards threatened to over-run, found their form after this and their hard, robust, first-time tackling took a lot of the sting out of the Town forwards.

Obvious policy of Brentford in the second half was to hold on to the advantage they had gained and they did this in unmistakable style.

Although the Town had nearly all the play, they could create few openings and, when they did, they had not the punch to make use of them.

Had Davies acted promptly, he could have put the Town back in the game, but to hesitate was to be lost against this grim

Brentford defence and the chance slipped away.

No doubt about the sheer disappointment that this result brought to the Town fans, and the forwards had no answer to the tactics of the Brentford defenders who were allowed considerable latitude in their methods.

Once their brilliance of the opening minutes had faded away, the Town attack never clicked again, but had only their shooting to blame that victory was not achieved.

Without the best of support, Stobbart still contrived to be the pick of the forward line.

Apart from the spell during which the goals were scored, the defence coped with the not very constructive Brentford attack ably enough and Streten had an easy afternoon.

The second goal could have been prevented with more prompt action, but there was an obvious handling offence at the start of the movement which was allowed to pass.

Watkins shone in attack, but Pemberton was not wholly happy at left-half, where he has not settled down yet.

Cooke, Owen and Aherne made a formidable enough trio and, at the end, the main cause for wonder was how such a moderate forward line managed to score twice.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Cooke, Aherne; Watkins, Owen, Pemberton; Davies, Taylor (J.), Stobbart, Davie, Mitchell.

BRENTFORD: Jefferies; Horne, Munro; Harper, Greenwood, Hill; Dare, Coote, Monk, Sperrin, Paton.

Referee: R. J. Burgess, Reading.

Attendance: 18,522.