

UNBEATEN HOME RECORD BROKEN

ROBUST "BEES" BUSTLED TO WIN Town Must Find Greater Power In Their Finishing

By Chiltern

Not since February 17 when Leeds won here by 3-2 had the Town been beaten at home until this rather unexpected result occurred against Brentford on Saturday.

In the meantime, they had collected 15 home points out of a possible 20 and the record could have remained unbroken had the scoring chances that presented themselves been snapped up with greater accuracy.

In this phase of finishing, the Town are not showing the same power as during the earlier part of the season, and their last five matches have yielded only three goals.

Included in that spell are three matches in which they have failed to score.

While chances are being missed, games cannot be won, and there is no doubt that the Town could have built up a substantial lead which would have put out of court Brentford's second-half tactics when they were content to play safe and concentrate on robust defence.

No Early Hint Of Such A Result

RESULTS of matches turn on near misses and if Taylor could have completed successfully that spectacular first-minute move instead of blazing the ball just over the bar, the course of this particular one would probably have been entirely different.

It would have been a glorious goal had it come off and certainly for the first 20 minutes there was no hint that Brentford would become the first team to win at Kenilworth-road this season.

When they opened the scoring it was against the run of the play and when they increased their lead to 2-0 five minutes later, it was simply a travesty of the way play had gone.

**Appeal For "Hands"
Was Turned Down**

THE first goal came following a corner, cleared in the first instance, but the ball came back into the goalmouth when Mitchell's clearance struck a Brentford player. Sperrin swung at it and sent it ripping into the top of the net.

Hesitation combined with surprise played a major part in the second goal, for there was an obvious case of handling when

the movement started in midfield. With the Town defence badly positioned, the ball was slipped to Monk whose shot, successful though it was, seemed to be sliced in a different direction from that which he intended.

Yet both provided lessons to the Town in the matter of opportunism.

Taylor Should Have Equalised

SO that was the unexpected situation with the game half-an-hour old and the Brentford defence, which had looked far from solid in the opening stages against the quick-moving Town forwards, closed up and gave not an inch.

In between the goals, Taylor missed a great chance of equalising after he had worked himself clear of the defence. He placed the ball wide when left with only Jefferies to beat.

Once ahead Brentford gave no quarter at all. Their tackling was some of the sternest and grimmest seen on the ground for years.

Town Were Put Right Off Their Game

TRUTH was that the Town were simply charged and tackled off their game, and Brentford were allowed to get away with much for which "robust" is scarcely an adequate description.

They were tough and determined, and the referee allowed to pass much that surely came into the category of infringements.

There was little or no attempt at constructive work from Brentford, but their destructive methods proved so successful that although the Town had the bulk of the second half play, they rarely looked like wiping out their arrears.

For The Records

LUTON TOWN 0
BRENTFORD 2
Sperrin, Monk

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: 16,522.

The London side closed up all the gaps, packed the penalty area and the Town simply could not find a way through.

One Goal Might Have Made A Difference

SHOULD the Town have forsaken their attempts to play clever football when faced with this state of affairs?

Hear Daily Duncan on this: "We have obtained all our results this season by playing good football," implying that it would have been a bad policy to change the tactics altogether.

Daily also feels that if the Town could have scored one goal, they would have staged a rally reminiscent of the one that enabled them to turn the tables on Sheffield United.

The crowd would have risen to the occasion as they did during that match, and Brentford might have found themselves facing a revitalised team.

Brentford Back On The Defensive

THAT tonic goal did not arrive though, despite the fact that nearly all the play took place in the Brentford half of the field.

In the second half, Brentford had 13 goal-kicks against two by Luton, proof of the Town's territorial advantage, and also of the number of shots that went off the target.

Davies missed a good chance, and Taylor blazed another drive just over the bar.

Taylor might very easily have achieved a "hat-trick" in this match, which only goes to show how narrow is the margin between success and failure in football.

Battering Against A Brick Wall

AS it was, he came in for a lot of blame on his poor finishing when he might so easily have been the hero of the afternoon.

Once the forwards got thrown off their stride, they never regained it, and there was a tendency to try to force the ball down the middle too often in the second half.

Better tactics would have been to swing the ball about, but, there again, this is not the brand of football on which the side's earlier success has been founded.

Mostly, they met with about as much success as if they were battering against a brick wall, and Jefferies had very few difficult shots to save.

Stobbart's Efforts Were Unrewarded

EVEN fewer came the way of Streten, for Brentford's serious scoring efforts were limited to the two which succeeded, and perhaps three more which were not the cause of anxiety to the Town.

Unquestionably Stobbart was the best Town forward despite the grip of Greenwood, a strong, sure centre-half.

Stobbart played some brilliant football at times, but did not receive the best of support, and his colleagues made little of the openings which he engineered.

Finishing Power Must Be Produced

DAVIE was mostly hustled and bustled right off his game and there was the added handicap for the inside forwards in the number of times the ball came to them in the air—tactics which were just made for Brentford's iron defence.

The wingers were mostly disappointing, but, even so, the

memory of those opening minutes reminds us that this attack can tear a defence to pieces.

That can only happen if the finishing power equals the accuracy of the approach work—which seems to be what the Town must concentrate on in future matches.

Not Difficult For The Defence

ONLY during the period immediately after Brentford scored was there any suggestion of panic among the Town defence.

They were unlucky when the first was obtained, but I thought there was more than a suggestion of hesitation when the second came.

Otherwise, there was not a lot of really hard work for this department and Watkins was able, especially in the second half, to give good support to the men in front. He strove tremendously hard to bring about a revival.

Shanks Is Being Badly Missed

HARD worker and fine team man though he is, Pemberton did not look the answer to the left-half problem, and the absence of Shanks is proving to be a bad blow to the Town.

Pemberton is not so quick or so sure in the tackle as is Shanks. Owen was effective on his return to the team, and neither Cooke nor Aherne was particularly harassed. The latter was worried occasionally by Dare, though some of this trouble emanated from a gap further forward.

Streten had no chance of preventing either goal and probably had less to do than in any previous match in which the Town have finished on the losing side.

Town "A" Had A Fine Victory

THE Town "A" seem to have settled down now and their 4-3 success over Vickers-Armstrong, last season's runners-up in the Metropolitan League represents one of their best performances of the season.

Edgar Bennett, who made such a favourable debut for the Reserves the previous week, proved the match-winner with two late goals obtained after he went to centre-forward following an injury to Kent.

Strangely enough it was from Kent's centres that these successes came. Other scorers were Kent and Biggs. The young left-back from the north-east, Hawkes, played extremely well.

Meet Brighton "A" To-morrow Afternoon

HAWKES will have another outing for the Town to-morrow afternoon when Brighton "A" are the visitors to Kenilworth-road.

Another youngster of rare promise, Terence Maggs, will be at left-half and he was outstanding in Saturday's match.

The team has not been settled definitely yet, but Potter and Kent, two London amateurs, are likely to be in the line-up and the local, Blackburne, will be at centre-half.

Only problem posed at the moment is to find a right wing pair, as Bennett cannot get leave and Cullen is unlikely to be able to do so.

Ludun Aided By Boxing At Vauxhall

Ludun benefited considerably on Saturday night when Vauxhall Motors Recreation Club held at amateur boxing tournament in their works canteen in aid of this cause.

The tournament was well supported and the spectators saw nearly four hours boxing, some of which was first class, though the general standard did not quite reach the high level attained in previous Vauxhall promotions.

Of the five members of Vauxhall Motors Amateur Boxing Club on the bill, only two won—the others all put up gallant displays but in all cases their opponents were worthy winners.

One of the best bouts of the evening was a lightweight contest between Pte. K. Midwinter (R.A.O.C.) and Col. J. Benedict (U.S.A.F. and Vauxhall). Benedict was a member of the Golden Gloves team in 1948, but was well beaten by Midwinter—one of a strong team entered by the R.A.O.C.

The American had considerable advantage both in height and reach, but the stocky Englishman took the fight to his opponent from the start, shook him with a flurry of blows in the first seconds, and from then he never lost control. Benedict made a short-lived "come-back" in the last round, but Midwinter was too strong for him and quickly got out of trouble.

CHAMPION'S BROTHER

Another attractive bout was in the heavyweight class, between L/Cpl. Vaughan (R.A.O.C.) and Robert Gardner (Potters Bar).

Gardner, brother of Jack Gardner the British heavyweight champion, was the more stylish, but Vaughan covered and kept out of trouble skilfully in the first two rounds, and a two-fisted attack in the third won him the verdict.

Another bout won by a member of the R.A.O.C. was a light-middleweight contest between L/Cpl. Wooding and J. Thurston (C.A.V.). Thurston broke a finger in the first round, but boxed on and had sufficient pluck to stage a great rally in the last round which almost won him the decision.

N. McCann (Vauxhall and R.A.O.C.) was rather surprisingly beaten by R. Lucas (Epsom and Ewell) in a featherweight contest. The Vauxhall boxer had boxed for the Army and has several good victories to his credit, but he was outboxed by Lucas. McCann took a count of nine early on. He made desperate efforts in the last round, but could not break through Lucas's guard.

Prizes were presented by G. W. (Bill) Nankeville A.A.A. one-mile champion in 1948-9-50, and other winners were:

Flyweight: A. Reddy (Sandy Mount) beat M. McDonnell (Willmott Breeden). Featherweight: Tpr. A. Sillett (R.A.C.; C.A.V.) beat D. Hannell (Stowe Boys' Club); C. Murray (Sandybank) beat Pte. S. Trainor (R.A.O.C.); R. Taylor (Vauxhall) beat P. J. Green (unattached). Lightweight: Pte. B. Snell (R.A.O.C.) beat Chief P.O. Herrett (RN, and Potters Bar). Light welterweight: D. Palmer (Vauxhall) beat T. Walsh (R.A.O.C.); Pte. N. Saunders (R.A.O.C.) beat L/Cpl. L. Andrews (Army and Potters Bar). Welterweight: Pte. Houty (R.A.O.C.) beat F. Hodgson (Potters Bar). Light middleweight: M. O'Shaughnessy (C.A.V.) beat Pte. J. Beard (R.A.O.C.). Heavy middleweight: Pte. G. McNally (R.A.O.C.) beat L. Cheeseman (Vauxhall). Light heavyweight: J. Holt (RN, and Potters Bar) beat Sgt. G. Cavanagh (R.A.O.C.).

VENO'S

Lightning

COUGH MIXTURE

• STOPS •
• COUGHS •
• QUICKLY •

LOOK FOR IT IN THIS
ORANGE & BLUE CARTON

VENO'S Lightning COUGH MIXTURE is a safeguard for every member of the family. VENO'S balanced formula of herbal extracts and other ingredients brings rapid relief from coughing spasms. VENO'S Lightning COUGH MIXTURE soothes raw and painful Throats and Chests, loosens nasty phlegm, and assists nature to commence her healing work. Remember for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and Children's Coughs, VENO'S is the IDEAL Family Remedy. A dose at bedtime eases night coughing and ensures a good night's rest.

STANDARD SIZE 1/8



VENO'S Lightning COUGH MIXTURE

THE IDEAL FAMILY REMEDY

FOR COUGHS • COLDS • BRONCHITIS • HOARSENESS • AND CHILDREN'S COUGHS

WELCOMED BY MOTHERS EVERYWHERE

The ECONOMICAL FAMILY SIZE BOTTLE 2/10

Chiltern's Forecasts

INTERNATIONAL MATCH
Wales v England

DIVISION I
Bolton Wanderers v Huddersfield
Burnley v Manchester City
Charlton Ath v Arsenal
Fulham v Blackpool
Fulham v Blackpool
Manchester Utd v Sunderland
Middlesbrough v Liverpool
Middlesbrough v Liverpool
Newcastle Utd v Chelsea
Preston N.E. v Derby County
Stoke City v Wolves
Tottenham Hotspur v Aston Villa
West Bromwich v Portsmouth

DIVISION II
Birmingham City v West Ham
Brentford v Bury
Doncaster Rovers v Luton Tn
Everton v North County
Leeds Utd v Hull City
Leicester City v Coventry City
Nottingham Forest v Swansea Tn
Rotherham Utd v Barnsley
Sheffield Wednesday v Blackburn
Southampton v Queen's Park Rgrs

DIVISION III (SOUTH)
Aldershot v Bournemouth
Bristol Rovers v Newport County
Colchester Utd v Bristol City
Crystal Palace v Ipswich Tn
Exeter City v Port Vale
Leyton Orient v Gillingham
Norwich City v Northampton Tn
Plymouth Argyle v Reading
Shrewsbury T v Millwall
Swindon Tn v Torquay Utd
Walsall v Brighton
Watford v Southend Utd

DIVISION III (NORTH)
Accrington v Bradford City

Barrow v Gateshead
Bradford v Scunthorpe
Carlisle Utd v Hartlepool Utd
Chesterfield v Tranmere Rovers
Grimsby Tn v Crewe Alexandra
Halifax Tn v Lincoln City
Mansfield T v Chester
Rochdale v York City
Stockport County v Oldham Ath
Warrington v Darlington
Wrexham v Southport

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
DIVISION "A"
Airdrieonians v Queen of South
Dundee v Celtic
East Fife v St Mirren
Hibernian v Partick Thistle
Motherwell v Raith Rovers
Rangers v Hearts
Stirling Albion v Motherwell
Third Lanark v Aberdeen

DIVISION "B"
Ayr Utd v Dundee Utd
Clyde v Arbroath
Cowdenbeath v Alloa
Dumbarton v Dunfermline
Forfar Ath v Kilmarnock
Hamilton v Falkirk
St Johnstone v Queen's Park
Stirling Albion v Albion Rovers

SELECTIONS
TEN HOME. — Bolton, Manchester Utd., Newcastle, Brentford, Nottingham Forest, Rotherham, Bristol Rovers, Norwich, Carlisle, Grimsby.

FOUR AWAY. — Portsmouth, Millwall, Gateshead, Lincoln.

THREE DRAWS. — Stoke v Wolves, Crystal Palace v Ipswich, Stockport v Oldham.