

Town's Cup-Tie Serial Continues At Highbury On Monday

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THIS Cup-tie threatens to become a serial story for after two hours of tremendously hard-fought football on the Griffin Park quagmire yesterday neither side was able to score.

There could have been a bagful of goals and either side with a little more steadiness in front of goal could have avoided the need to face another replay at Arsenal Stadium, Highbury, on Monday. The kick-off will be at 2.15 p.m.

Both teams had a series of narrow escapes. Brentford certainly came nearest to scoring, for they hit the post on four occasions, twice with efforts from Dare and twice from Hill, who was again something of a thorn in Luton's side.

Previously, Dare had missed the chance of a lifetime when Owen passed back to Streten—a risky business in the mud.

The ball did not reach the goalkeeper. Dare nipped round Streten and then inexplicably placed the ball wide of the empty net.

That miss was almost the first time that Brentford had shown up as a dangerous attacking force.

The Town started the game with all the speed, verve and dash they had shown in the first tie during the first half.

The forwards made ground quickly and cleverly, but, as on Saturday, the finishing was not powerful enough.

Apart from a drive by Taylor, from which Gaskell made a full-length save, and several near things in scrambles in front of the Brentford goal, the Town's pressure did not really look likely to produce the finish.

In the latter part of the first half, Brentford were stronger in attack. It was at that stage that Dare's miss came, and during the same period that he hit the post twice.

Against this, Davies dropped the ball on top of the bar just before half-time.

AMAZING ESCAPES

There were more amazing escapes in the second half, which Brentford began in very strong fashion, but then the Town came back again after a forward switch that took Turner to outside-right, Davies to inside-right and Stobbart to centre-forward.

Much of the time the mud

and the hard tackling of both defences produced stalemate.

There were mass assaults on each goal. Chances fell to the Town, but they were not quite able to snap them up.

When extra time began there was no let-up of the pace that was maintained surprisingly in view of the trying conditions.

Hill hit the inside of the post in the early minutes, and then Stobbart just failed to reach the ball bang in front of goal after Gaskell had punched out a point-blank shot from him.

TOWN LASTED THE PACE WELL

The Town lasted the pace extremely well and they harried the Brentford defence in the second period of extra time.

Gaskell had to go full-length to push out a fierce cross-drive by Turner and it was anybody's game right up to the end of as gruelling a two-hours as these players will ever face.

The Town defence gave a heroic showing. Mistakes were made, of course, but they were inevitable in the mud, and a feature of their play was their relentless tackling and their great resolution.

Owen made Luton hearts stand still more than once with his back-passing, but apart from that he was a tower of strength and blocked the way down the middle.

Morton had a grand game. He was always in the thick of things, as was Watkins, and the middle-line strength was reinforced by good play by the full-backs.

AHERNE OUTSTANDING

Aherne's kicking was outstandingly good, and Goodwin got very little change from him. Cooke was worried sometimes by Paton, who tended to hang back inside his own half, but he showed determination and never knew when he was beaten, which was the spirit of the entire defence.

Streten pulled off some smart saves, though he was not altogether certain in dealing with high crosses.

As a line, the Town forwards played more constructive football than did Brentford, but the London attack struck one as being more direct and having more snap inside the penalty area.

The Taylor-Mitchell wing opened up in great style, but did not maintain that standard, though there was as much shooting from Mitchell as from anyone in the attack.

Taylor rather faded out of things after the first half an hour, and the going was probably

No Tickets For Second Replay

NO tickets will be issued for the second replay between Luton and Brentford at Arsenal Stadium on Monday.

Admission will be through the turnstiles at ordinary Arsenal League match prices.

Both Luton and Brentford suffered casualties in the match.

Owen (ankle injury) and Taylor (groin trouble) are doubtful starters for Saturday's match with Hull, but there are good hopes that both will be fit for the Cup-tie.

Brentford will probably be without Munro, who has pulled a muscle.

Both Harper and Hill also received knocks.

too heavy for Turner, who had rather a bad time until he was switched to the wing, where he did much that was useful.

The Town plan before the match was to keep the wingers going, but Stobbart, though he had the beating of Munro, did not receive as much of the ball as he might have done.

When he moved into the middle he worried Greenwood rather more than Davies had done, while Davies was always working, and he got through a tremendous amount when he switched to inside-right.

The forwards scarcely achieved what they had often promised in approach, and more finishing power is still the need.

It was a great performance by the Town to hold this strong Brentford side on their own ground in conditions that were eminently suited to Brentford.

If the going is dryer on Monday, the Town must have a great chance of qualifying to meet Swindon.

BRENTFORD: Gaskell; Horne, Munro; Harper, Greenwood, Hill; Goodwin, Coote, Dare, Sperrin, Paton.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Cooks, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Stobbart, Turner, Davies, Taylor (J.), Mitchell.

Referee: W. Ling, Stapleford.
Official attendance: 29,500.