

Taylor's Goals Help Town To A Valuable Point

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Seldom before can two teams have proved themselves to be so evenly matched over a series of meetings as have the Town and Brentford.

Once again they finished on level terms, a result with which the Town could be more than pleased, for they needed this point to ease their League position and points are always difficult to come by at Griffin Park.

Quite feasibly, the happenings in the last 10 minutes could have brought the Town victory, and they had two or three snap chances during this period of clinching the game.

There was not much sign that the shadow of "coming events" had cast itself over the Town, and, however tempting it must have been to have thought about the necessity of avoiding injury in view of the forthcoming Cup-tie, the Town did not yield to them.

In fact, they showed considerable fighting spirit in hitting back twice during the second half to wipe out arrears.

Becoming quite expert at snatching an early lead are the Town, and success came their way after five minutes, when TAYLOR neatly headed a goal from Davies's accurate centre.

That shook Brentford for a time, but they settled down gradually without looking really dangerous until their most active forward, DARE, took a hand in the 32nd minute.

TWO GOALS FROM CORNERS

Then he got up with surprising ease to reach with his head a corner from Ledgerton and nod the ball into the corner furthest from Streten.

A corner was also the forerunner of DARE'S second goal three minutes before the interval, but this time it was a half-hit shot that brought success, and the ball eluded a number of players inside the penalty area before entering the net near the foot of the post.

The opportunism of TAYLOR restored the Town's sagging hopes four minutes after the resumption, and he stepped in

quickly to smack the ball past Gaskell from Moore's pass.

After that it was a ding-dong struggle, with Brentford regaining the lead through HORNE after 65 minutes, which left the Town with a fight on their hands once more.

Rallying near the end, they caused trouble to Brentford's defence, and an error by Greenwood and Gaskell left DAVIES with the easy task of tapping the ball into an empty net for the goal that meant a point to the Town.

Main honours in the forward line went to Taylor for his splendid all-round work and he received fine support from Davies, who showed a fast turn of speed and the ability to get the ball into the middle accurately.

The left wing was not quite so cohesive, with Stobbart, although doing much work in midfield, in quieter vein than usual, and Mitchell, while looking dangerous at times, often failing to produce the finish and being off the mark with his shooting.

STRENGTH AT WING HALF

One would have liked to see more shooting from Moore, who, however, linked up well with his inside men, worked hard and distributed the ball to advantage.

While the defence often had uneasy moments, there was plenty of strength at wing half where Morton and Watkins were much on top of the job and were forceful and hard in the tackle.

Much satisfaction was caused by the way in which Owen came through the test after injury, and he established a grip on Horne once he had gained full confidence.

Cooke still seems to be lacking some of his old confidence and was never so certain as was Aherne, who gave another grand display.

Streten was seldom in any real trouble and brought off two magnificent saves from shots by Hill that had "goal" written all over them.

BRENTFORD: Gaskell; Monk, Munro; Harper, Greenwood, Hill; Coote, Dare, Horne, Sperrin, Ledgerton.

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

Referee: R. J. Burgess, Reading.

Attendance: 22,000.