

NO SPARKLE IN THE TOWN'S ATTACK

Made No Impression On Strong Brentford Defence

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Not since Huddersfield won that most vital victory here had the Town failed to score at least once at Kenilworth-road, but this was a vastly different sort of occasion with the Town showing none of their recent fire.

Brentford played little better than their record suggested that they would, and it was probably mostly a case of the Town descending to their level and failing to knit together in attack.

Once again, this problem of inside-left, ever-present this season, prompted the Town to make a change that was strangely unproductive, for Pye, regarded as the man most likely to settle down as the schemer in that position, just did not do so and the forwards never achieved cohesion.

Nearly everything that was tried came to an abrupt end against the strong tackling and sound covering of the Brentford defence and, on this occasion, the Town forwards were almost bereft of ideas.

Apart from some dash by Moore, who sadly lacked support in the middle, there was little life in the line, with Turner nothing like the dangerous spearhead he can be, and neither Cullen nor Mitchell bringing much danger.

Cullen held on to the ball too long while Mitchell showed an over-fondness for cutting across the field and could rarely beat Monk on the outside.

LIVELY BALL HELPED BRENTFORD

The lively ball was in favour of the Brentford defenders, always coming in to meet the ball and they gave the Town forwards little time in which to get the ball under control.

There was the additional factor that the service from the middle line could have been a lot more accurate and on too many occasions the ball was lofted into the air down the middle where the tall Bragg cleared easily.

Shanks was a little ahead of Morton, who was below his best, and the defensive honours rested between Owen and Pemberton.

Lively though DARE was, he made little impression on Owen until five minutes from the end, when he ran on to a ball that had been lifted over Owen's head and hooked it over Baynham as the goalkeeper came out.

Against the run of the play though it was, the goal provided one of the few bright features in this match which Brentford had never really looked like winning.

In fact, so moderate were both forward lines that, despite one or two close calls, mostly at the

Brentford end, goals never seemed imminent.

Brentford, showed a readiness to have a cack at goal in the first half, but were foiled each time by the anticipation of Baynham, who perhaps would have had more chance had he stayed in goal when Dare obtained the decider.

However, he played brilliantly otherwise, and he was well covered by the defence, in which Dunne settled down after a none-too-confident start.

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; Dunne, Pemberton; Morton, Owen, Shanks; Cullen, Turner, Moore, Pye, Mitchell.

BRENTFORD: Newton; Monk, Munro; Harper, Bragg, Coote; Bloomfield, Godwin, Dare, Latimer, Ledgerton.

Referee: E. S. Vickery, Bristol.

Attendance: 15,826.