

# IT WAS A HARD DAY'S POINT

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## BRADFORD CITY 2, LUTON TOWN 2

ANY point away from home has to be earned the hard way, and, despite the lowly status of Bradford City, the Town certainly had to fight for the one they gained at Valley Parade this afternoon.

It was not one of their brightest displays, but it marked their first draw of the season in 11 matches. It extended their unbeaten run to four games, in which they have collected seven points to keep in touch with the leading positions.

On the score of chances presented, the City could have made certain of victory, and, on balance, the Town secured their half share of the spoils because they made better use of their more limited opportunities.

In all probability, the forwards were thrown out of their stride by the spoiling tactics of the rugged home defence, and more particularly by the persistent way in which the City operated the offside trap.

They went into this game brimful of confidence, but the edge was taken off slightly when Bradford got an early goal, though there was a quick equaliser from Moore — his second from left-half this season.

Eleven minutes from half-time, Tinsley received a head injury which included lacerations which apparently needed stitching, and he was taken to hospital for a precautionary examination.

This caused a move back to his old position for Tony Read, who celebrated with two great saves in the second half, when the City were making a determined attempt to win.

Soon after Tinsley left, O'Rourke maintained his regular supply of goals. The scoring could have been heavy again on both sides, but it ended three minutes after half-time when Bradford drew level.

After that, both teams missed chances, and City were the worst offenders. In the end, a draw was not a bad result.

After the result, the chief interest lay in the debut of French. He did enough in the first half with his cleverness on the ball and his use of it to convince Town officials that they had made no mistake.

On his return to inside-forward, Harber had a quite useful game, but Stark, after coming on as substitute, shone only fitfully.

O'Rourke, always hardworking, would have been a real source of danger had the ball come through to him more quickly to give him time to beat the offside trap.

There was general uneasiness in the Town defence, with Rivers uncertain and Moore, particularly in the first half, seeming very conscious of the presence of Hannah, though he covered up well.

Altogether, Town could be well satisfied with the outcome. Attendance: 2,635.