



● **CRACKER:** Brian Stein hammers in his second goal at Oakwell on Tuesday night, to pull the Town back to 2-2 in the 55th minute.

BARNSLEY POWER

DECIDES THRILLER

THE TOWN'S lead at the top of the Second Division was trimmed to just two points when, for the third consecutive match, they failed to achieve victory at Barnsley on Tuesday night.

The Town's only consolation was that they played a part in a match crackling with entertainment and goals which delighted the crowd.

On a slippery muddy pitch, and with driving wind and rain, defences were always likely to be in trouble and in fact Barnsley won more easily than the result suggests.

They were quick and incisive in their attacks and an injury to Jake Findlay gave the Town added problems.

Fast raiding wingers kept the Town at full stretch for long periods and as well as becoming the first side to score four against the Town this season, Barnsley

BARNLSLEY 4
LUTON TOWN 3

also saw a shot hit a post and had another "goal" disallowed.

Yet things had started brightly when Brian Stein took a pass from Kirk Stephens, tricked his marker, and placed his shot carefully to give the Town the lead after only ten minutes.

The Town played a calm and controlled game trying to ride out Barnsley's storming attacks and looking for something on the break.

The defence creaked uneasily at times and failure to clear a corner as the first half ticked into injury time led to Colin Walker heading an equaliser.

Eight minutes into the second half Walker helped himself to his second goal after Findlay weakly palmed away a cross, only for the Town to get back into the game with another glorious goal by Stein.

Raddy Antic, who replaced Lil Fuccillo for the second half, made the opening, but as Barnsley attacked in numbers, little more was seen of the

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Town as an attacking force.

A free kick just outside the penalty area gave Ian Banks the chance to shoot Barnsley into a 3-2 lead in the 67th minute and eight minutes later it looked all over for the Town when Ian Evans made it 4-2 with a header.

Barnsley were rampant and Walker hit the post when he might have completed a hat-trick, but a lucky goal gave the Town brief hope of revival in the 80th minute.

Nicky Law, trying to head a shot by Antic out of danger put the ball into his own net instead of over the bar to make it 4-3 and the Town were lucky not to concede ano-

ther when Walker netted but was adjudged to have used his hands.

MATCH DETAILS

TOWN: Findlay; Stephens, Goodyear, Donaghy, Aizlewood, Hill, Horton, Fuccillo (Antic 45); Stein, White, Moss.

BARNLSLEY: Horn; Law, McCarthy, Evans, Chambers; Glavin, Banks, Mann; Walker, Aylott, Birch. Sub Barrowclough not needed.

THE GOALS: Brian Stein 10 minutes, Colin Walker 44 minutes, Walker 53 minutes, Stein 56 minutes, Ian Banks 67 minutes, Ian Evans 75 minutes, Nicky Law, own goal for the Town, 80.

OTHER GOAL ATTEMPTS: Town three saved, four wide; Barnsley ten saved, nine wide, one hit the post, one disallowed for hands. Corners: 13-2 to Barnsley.

ATTENDANCE: 14,044.
REFEREE: Norman Wilson of Morecambe.

ENTERTAINMENT: Absolutely sparkling despite the result.

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