



FULL FORCE: Owusu of Brentford clashes in mid-air with Luton's Matt Taylor

Predator Partridge feathers his nest...

His killer goal stretches Brentford's unbeaten run to 22 games - and has injury-hit Hatters running for cover

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BRENTFORD'S unbeaten league run stretches to 22 with this victory over Luton.

Brentford welcomed back Lloyd Owusu after missing three league games with an ankle injury.

The Hatters were without strikers Philip Gray and Andrew Fotiadis, both injured. The game got off to a slow start and Adam Locke, making his debut for the visitors, blazed hopelessly wide of the target from the edge of the box after 12 minutes.

Six minutes later Scott Partridge missed from 12 yards for Brentford. Midway through the first half Brentford almost opened the scoring. A Martin Rowlands pass found Gavin Mahon on the edge of the box and his delicate left-foot effort drifted just wide of the

target with keeper Nathan Abbey scrambling across his goal.

Matthew Taylor and Locke both had efforts that missed the target. The first booking of the game came after 39 minutes, Robert Quinn for scything down Taylor.

A minute from the break the Hatters almost opened the scoring. Another left-wing corner was not cleared by the Bees defence and Liam George's close-range effort was cleared off the line by Andy Scott.

In the dying moments of the half a cross-field ball from Paul Evans found Scott on the edge of the box and his lob drifted just wide of the right hand post.

After the break the Bees came out more determined, Owusu's right-foot strike brilliantly turned aside at full stretch by keeper

Abbey. The Bees opened the scoring after 55 minutes.

Their first corner of the match, taken by Mahon on the left, was met by Darren Powell in the box, his goalbound header flying into the back of the net via Taylor's boot.

Three minutes later the Hatters were denied a penalty when Stuart Douglas appeared to be sandwiched between two Brentford defenders but the referee waved play on. On 63 minutes Scott's short free-kick was played to Evans and his 30-yard strike was saved low down by Abbey.

The Hatters made their first and only substitution on 71 minutes, Efetobar Sodje coming on for Tresor Kandol and with his first touch of the ball he fouled Owusu wide on the left. From the resultant Mahon free-kick the

Bees scored their second goal. A Hermann Hreidarsson header crossed the face of the goal and found Partridge and his sweet 12-yard right-foot volley gave the Hatters' keeper no chance.

Brentford made two late substitutions, Derek Bryan and Tony Folan replacing Owusu and the injured Mahon but they were unable to make any real impact.

Brentford: Woodman, Quinn, Powell, Hreidarsson, Anderson, Rowlands, Evans, Mahon, Partridge, Owusu, Scott. Subs: Pearcey, Folan, Bryan, Theobald, Jenkins.

Luton: Abbey, Spring, Johnson, Douglas, George, Doherty, Fraser, Kandol, Locke, Watts, Taylor. Subs: Sodje, White, Boyce, Scarlett, Tate.

Referee: P Taylor (Cheshunt).