

Kids told of dangers of falling for sucker punch like Terry

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BRENTFORD boss Wally Downes was a happy man despite Brentford losing top spot in the Second Division to Wigan after being held to a draw goal-less draw by Luton on Saturday (writes **MIKE TRAND**).

Downes, cousin of former world boxing champion Terry Downes, said: "My youngsters learned another lesson. That was the first time they have been up against a side that has come here playing not to lose. It was important that they didn't get done by a sucker punch as Terry once did when he lost to Willie Pastrano.

"My fear was that we could be exposed to a counter attack when we were pushing forward. Eddie Hutchinson needs to get a little bit more discipline into his game and not be so gung ho going forward. But he provides an extra threat and that is a great asset to have in your side.

"I was content with a point - it could be vital come the end of the season."

Brentford, the only team in the Second Division to remain unbeaten, forced 15 corners without really looking like scoring apart from in the dying minutes when Eddie Hutchinson stormed through to send a 30 yard shot inches over the bar.

Despite an onslaught of high balls into Hatters box, it was Luton who came closest to scoring. Steve Howard rose above Michael Dobson and powered in a header, which beat keeper Paul Smith, but the underside of the bar came to the rescue.

Smith and his defence will be pleased to have picked yet another clean sheet up - their fifth in seven appearances - as they had to make a change at the back. Ijah Anderson came in for his first appearance of the season as Leo Roget was side-lined with blurred vision.

Downes commented "Ijah had the period where he was out because of the sending off and then the team started so well. He has come in against Luton and been as solid as ever."

Brentford: P Smith, Dobson, Sonko, Somner, Anderson, O'Connor (Williams 78), Hutchinson, J Smith (Fullarton 78), Hunt (Hughes 87), McCammon, Vine.