

Luton 0 Brentford 1

By Elizabeth Whellans

A GLORIOUS solo effort by Rowan Vine decided a scrappy encounter as Brentford claimed their first league win of the year.

Vine's right-wing run took him to the edge of the area and he sent in a 20-yard drive which hit the top corner.

It was easily the brightest spot as Brentford's hard work and organisation proved too much for a team trying to keep in touch with the play-off places.

But Brentford boss Wally Downes was delighted.

"All our players work hard for one another," he said. "We got to half-time with the score still level, and that gave us a reasonable platform to push on.

"Having got our heads in front we then toughed it out and we deserved to win."

What made it even more pleasing for Downes was that he was without four first team regulars, and his reshuffled defence included Lee Fieldwick, who can look back with some pride on his debut.

Luton boss Joe Kinnear was very disappointed: "We had enough clear-cut

Vintage Vine the solo star

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chances to win the game," he said. "but even so the performance was flat.

"Too many players had an off day and I have spelt it out to them in no uncertain terms.

"Brentford hassled us, worked hard, and they closed us down."

Dean Crowe, in the side because leading scorer Steve Howard was suspended, came under fire from Kinnear for wasting the best chance.

Kinnear took the striker off at the interval and sent on midfielder Steve Robinson as an emergency front man.

The Luton players have been called in to Kenilworth Road today and will be forced to watch the video of their lacklustre display.

He said: "The message to some of them is that they must get their act together. Too many went missing today that's not good enough."