

Brentford's Yoane Wissa prematurely celebrates "really good friend" Bryan Mbeumo's penalty



Brentford striker Bryan Mbeumo calmly slotted a penalty past goalkeeper Dean Henderson to put the Bees 1 nil up against London rivals Crystal Palace in the Premier League, however it was the actions of "really good friend" Yoane Wissa that caught fan's attention.

Prior to Mbeumo striking the ball Wissa started to run off with his hands raised in the air seemingly indicating that he knew his teammate was going to open the scoring for the West Londoners.

When asked about Wissa's celebration in a post-match interview with Sky Sports, Mbeumo said "We are really good friends off the pitch and yeah I think if one of us scores we are really happy for the other."

Wissa and Mbeumo are one of the best attacking duo's in the Premier League this season with 11 and 14 goals respectively. They are the only the only pair of teammates in the English top flight with double digit goals individually.

The pair are also currently ranked as Brentford's all-time top two scorers in the Premier League with Mbeumo being one goal behind the Congolese international who has 37 goals.

The Cameroon international's penalty was initially missed as Mbeumo struck the right post, however he was given a second opportunity after a VAR check showed that Palace defender Marc Guehi encroached the play.

Wissa's confidence in his friend was not shaken despite the original penalty miss as Mbeumo has now scored nine penalties without a miss in the Premier League. Only Cole Palmer, Yaya Toure and Raul Jimenez have scored more whilst maintaining a 100% record.

Brentford Manager Thomas Frank was also asked if someone else should have taken the replay of the spot kick to which he said "No I want him (Mbeumo) to take it again. He is our best penalty taker, he had a 100% record before this."

Bees winger Kevin Schade doubled their lead late in the 80th minute of the game with a header from Danish midfielder Mikkell Damsgaard's cross.

Palace managed to cut the deficit with a goal from debutant Romain Esse but it was not enough as the Bees were able to escape Selhurst Park with their second consecutive away win of the season.