

Brentford v Everton: Thiago Banned, Barry on Fire, Wilson Waits

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Brentford v Everton is a Monday night game with real bite. The Bees are without suspended striker Igor Thiago and two injured defenders, while David Moyes brings an Everton side that has won its last three. Kick-off at Gtech Community Stadium is 8pm GMT, which is 4am SGT on Tuesday 24 November 2026.



Source: Brentford FC official website (brentfordfc.com)

Brentford v Everton: the Thiago-shaped hole

Brentford return from the November international break nursing a 2-0 defeat at Brighton and Hove Albion. Thiago was sent off in that match, and the clubâ??s appeal against the red card has failed. He now serves a three-match ban, starting here and running through the games against Manchester United and Arsenal.

That stings, because Thiago has made a habit of tormenting this opponent. Last season he scored a hat-trick in Brentfordâ??s 4-2 win at Hill Dickinson Stadium and added a brace in the 2-2 draw in April. Everton will be relieved not to see him.

Head coach Keith Andrews is calm about it. â??Itâ??s the reason we have a squad capable of performing when certain players arenâ??t available,â?• he said. He has hinted that wide players could drift into central roles, and that one man in particular has been â??chomping at the bitâ?•.

Wilsonâ??s moment

That man is Callum Wilson. The 34-year-old arrived on a free transfer from West Ham in the summer and has scored in all three of Brentfordâ??s Carabao Cup ties, including a long-range finish in the 6-1 win over Birmingham City. He also scored against Reading and Sunderland.

Wilson was one of the Premier Leagueâ??s most prolific substitutes last season, and his dead-ball smarts matter too. Only Casemiro and Virgil van Dijk scored more goals from free-kicks, corners and throw-ins in the division last term. A first league start for the Bees could be a very good use of that experience.

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Thierno Barry: Evertonâ??s problem and the Beesâ?? puzzle

If Brentford are short of a number nine, Everton are rich in one. Thierno Barry reached double figures for the season, across all competitions, with two goals against Coventry before the break. The 24-year-old Frenchman took a while to settle on Merseyside, but he has now scored four times in three appearances.

The numbers are striking. Barry has six Premier League goals, behind only Erling Haaland (nine) and Alexander Isak (seven). Yet his expected goals total of 9.53 is the highest in the division, and his 0.26 xG per shot says he is getting to high-quality chances. He has also won 45 aerial duels, more than any

other player in the league across the first ten matchweeks.

Brentford are strong in the air themselves, trailing only Leeds United in successful aerial duels. It is a proper contest of strengths. Keep an eye on second balls, because that is where Barry tends to profit.

Injuries and team news

Aaron Hickey (hamstring) and Nathan Collins (knee) both picked up knocks on international duty and will be out â??for a number of weeksâ?•, according to Andrews. Both are out here. There is some good news, with Fabio Carvalho in line to return to the matchday squad after missing recent games. Josh Dasilva and Antoni Milambo continue their recovery.

The depleted back line has an obvious job: stop crosses and deny Barry any easy contact. Craig Pawson is the referee, and the match is live on Sky Sports.

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Moyes and the Everton momentum

Everton arrive in form. They have won three in a row in all competitions and, with four Carabao Cup goals from Barry, have reached the quarter-finals of that competition. Andrews called them â??well drilled, well organisedâ?• with â??a spirit around the teamâ?•, and spoke warmly of Moyes as â??an iconic manager of English footballâ?•.

That respect is deserved. Everton are hard to unsettle and good at winning scrappy games, which is exactly the kind of match a depleted Brentford might end up in.



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Verdict

Brentford are missing their best finisher, two defenders and a bit of momentum. Everton have a striker playing with total confidence. I fancy a tight game, with Wilson nicking something from a set piece and Barry replying. A 1-1 draw feels right, though Moyesâ??s side will believe they can take all three points.

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