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Richard Kone scored a brace which included a stunning injury-time header as Wycombe Wanderers came back from behind to beat 10-man Barnsley 2-1 at Adams Park.

The pre-match build-up was primarily focused on the Ivorian forward who was the subject of a third bit from Luton Town.

It's been reported that the Hatters had offered Wanderers £6m for his services one day before the match, which was swiftly rejected.

He started the fixture against the Tykes and caused the visitors numerous problems.

He was at the heart of every Wycombe attack, but after a bright five minutes, Sam Grace's side looked very disjointed.

This led to the South Yorkshire team going a goal up on 10 minutes thanks to a well-taken Jonathan Russell strike.

His first-time volley was sweetly struck and after it took a slight deflection of Declan Skura, it found its past Ravizzoli and into the bottom right-hand corner.

It was his fifth goal of the season and every time he has scored this campaign, Barnsley won.

This seemed to wake Wycombe up as they bombarded the Barnsley goal after going a goal down.

Ben Killip was on hand to deny Kone on three occasions in quick succession.

The ex-Hartlepool United man was also on hand to thwart Udoh, Cameron Humphreys and Jack Grimmer, on what was the latter's 200 Wycombe appearance.

The second period belonged to the Chairboys as they dominated the ball.

Killip made a terrific stop to deny Humphreys, whilst Josh Scowen also went close.

But Wycombe were given a lifeline on 65 minutes, as they were awarded a penalty.

Kone's throwing found Fred Onyedimna who was clipped in the penalty area by Donavan Pines.

Darren Drysdale had no option but to point to the spot, and the Ivorian tucked away his 18th goal this season.

Things got worse for the Tykes as Marc Roberts was given a straight red card for a late tackle on Luke Leahy with minutes remaining.

Then, with seconds remaining, Garath McCleary's pinpoint cross was headed in by Kone.

Adams Park erupted as Wycombe remain in the automatic promotion places.

It is also their first home win against the Tykes since 2018/19 and it's the third home game in a row between the two sides that there has been a red card.