



Wycombe Wanderers Website

Match Report

Wanderers recorded a dramatic 3-2 victory at Rotherham United on Tuesday night, coming from behind to surge back into the top two.

After a goalless first half, Louie Sibley fired the Millers into the lead only for Richard Kone to head home Luke Leahy's cross, becoming the top scorer across the whole of the EFL in the process.

Jonson Clarke-Harris saw a goal disallowed for Rotherham late on and Blues went on to capitalise, with Sonny Bradley and Gideon Kodua finding the net in stoppage time to put the visitors 3-1 ahead.

Clarke-Harris dispatched a penalty at the death to guarantee a nervy finale, but the points headed south ahead of an 11-day break for the international weekend.

Wycombe were able to recall Richard Kone into the starting XI after he missed Saturday's defeat to Wrexham through illness, while Xavier Simons returned from suspension in midfield and Sonny Bradley came into a new-look back three.

Shaun McWilliams planted a header over the bar from an inviting cross with the first chance of the game, but then Wanderers went close twice in quick succession with Cam Humphreys' low shot being blocked en route to goal before Joe Low fired over after the ball was returned into danger.

Simons fired over from 20 yards as the Blues pressed for an opener, while Bradley made a crucial intervention at the other end, getting a toe to Sam Nombe's inviting cross to deny McWilliams a tap-in.

That was it for the first half, and Josh Scowen fizzed a low shot into the gloves of Dillon Phillips at the start of the second period before Mallik Wilks struck a low effort against the inside of the post with the ball bouncing kindly into the gloves of Will Norris.

The Millers were growing into the game and broke the deadlock midway through the half when Louie Sibley's effort was adjudged to have crossed the line despite Norris's near-post efforts, giving Wanderers a job to do to turn it around.

And within three minutes they were level. Luke Leahy found space out wide on the left to deliver an appetising ball, and Richard Kone found even more space six yards out to head home with ease. Game on.

Garath McCleary and Gideon Kodua replaced Josh Scowen and Joe Low to inject fresh injury into a new shape for the final 20 minutes, and the tempo of the game certainly accelerated towards the finale as Wycombe hunted a winner.

Nobody would've seen what was to come.

First there was controversy when substitute Jonson Clarke-Harris fired home from 20 yards and ran off to celebrate, with the officials seemingly the only people in the stadium not to spot the handball that had preceded his strike. After a momentary pause, the fourth official's intervention prompted the referee to disallow the goal and the score remained 1-1.

Then as the clock struck 90, Pelly Ruddock almost scored a disastrous own goal, seeing his attempted clearance fly just over the bar, and from the resulting corner, Luke Leahy's delivery was headed home by Bradley to spark pandemonium in the away end.

That wasn't the end of it. Soon after, Leahy's ball down the left wing found McCleary, and he held up it for Kone who in turn fed Kodua to smash home to make it 3-2. Game over with just a couple of minutes to go, or so it felt.

But within an instant, Rotherham had a penalty after a foul in the box by Xavier Simons, and Clarke-Harris slotted it home to set up a tense finish.

Blues defended their box well and inflicted the Millers' first home midweek defeat in League 1 since 2007, and more importantly returned to second place in the table with nine games to go.