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Two goals in stoppage time saw Wycombe Wanderers leave it incredibly late to defeat Rotherham United 3-2 at New York Stadium, as they moved back into the League One automatic promotion places.

The visitors had to come from a goal down, but after the division's top scorer, Richard Kone, scored his 18th of the season, strikes from Sonny Bradley and Gideon Kodua sealed the win, before a Jonson Clarke-Harris penalty in the dying seconds made it a nervy ending in South Yorkshire.

After a dull and drab opening 45 in which both sides looked flat, Mallik Wilks looked odds on to give Rotherham the lead after the break.

He burst through on goal but he saw his shot bounce back off a post and into the grasp of goalkeeper Will Norris.

Rotherham made the breakthrough in the 66th minute when substitute Louie Sibley smashed an effort in from a tight angle.

Norris got a hand to it but it bounced over the line via the underside of the crossbar.

It looked like Wanderers were going to suffer their seventh league loss of the season, but Kone headed home a Luke Leahy header three minutes later to the Adams Park side back on level terms.

Then, drama ensued in the final minutes.

Another Leahy delivery, this time from a corner, was headed in by Sonny Bradley who celebrated his second goal for the club since joining on loan from Derby County in January.

It was also his first strike for the Chairboys in the league.

Kone then turned provider and assisted Kodua moments later, before Clarke-Harris tucked home a penalty in the fifth minute of added-on time after Joshua Kayode had been felled.

The result means Wycombe now have 71 points for the season, the same as Wrexham, but they have gone above them on goal difference.

Wanderers have a GD of +28 compared to the Welsh outfit's +21.

Additionally, the victory means Wycombe are unbeaten in their last eight matches away to Rotherham, with this being the first time since 2013 that both teams have scored in the same game.

Prior to that, the last six encounters saw at least one team keep a clean sheet.

## Rotherham United manager Steve Evans firmly believes Wycombe Wanderers will achieve promotion to the Championship this season.

The two will meet in South Yorkshire this evening [Tuesday, March 18], with the Chairboys sitting third in the League One table, three points behind second place Wrexham.

The Adams Park team had been in the top two for large portion of the season, but five wins from their last 14 league outings has seen form stutter as we head into the end of the campaign.

Despite this inconsistency, Evans believes Wanderers will achieve promotion by securing a spot in the top two.

Speaking to the Rotherham Advertiser, he said: "Tuesday is a real test for us.

"Wycombe, for me, are a team that will be promoted.

"I think that they and Birmingham City will be the two that go up automatically.

"I think Wrexham will also grace the Championship because they're good enough to be promoted in the play-offs."

On the game itself, which will kick-off at 7.45pm, he added: "We have to make sure we've got fresh legs.

"If we're not fresh against Wycombe, it will be a long night."

Wycombe are unbeaten in their last seven visits to Rotherham, with their last defeat coming in 2000.

Additionally, in the 22 games between the two sides, Wanderers have kept a staggering 11 clean sheets.

The last time both teams scored in the same game was back in March 2013, with the clash ending 2-2 at Adams Park.