



# Wycombe Wanderers Website

## Match Report

**Wanderers were forced to settle for a point in a 1-1 draw with Blackpool at Adams Park on Saturday, with Kyle Joseph equalising in stoppage time for the visitors.**

Richard Kone put the Blues in front in the first half, converting a penalty after being fouled in the box by Matthew Pennington.

But they then suffered a setback in the second period when Alex Hartridge was shown a second yellow card, reducing the hosts to 10 men.

And the Tangerines made their advantage count late on through Joseph's intervention.

Wycombe made three changes to the side that started in the 2-1 win over Exeter on New Year's Day, with Alex Hartridge and Josh Scowen replacing the departed Caleb Taylor and Aaron Morley, while Garath McCleary came in for Beryly Lubala, who missed out through illness.

The hosts could've made an ideal start when Richard Kone was presented with a chance from a loose pass across the Blackpool defence, but he couldn't keep his shot down after surging into the area.

Blackpool responded with decent chances of their own, as Lee Evans curled over and drilled a chance straight at Franco Ravizzoli either side of a header from Rob Apter which bounced wide.

So the Tangerines will have felt aggrieved to have fallen behind but it was of their own making, with Odel Offiah lacking pace on his header into his own area and Kone reacted quickest, getting there ahead of Matt Pennington brought him down with a foul. The striker dusted himself off and converted the penalty with aplomb for his 16<sup>th</sup> goal of the season.

1-0 is how it remained until half-time, and Joe Low could've doubled the lead soon after, but turned a cross over the bar from close range.

And then it was his central defensive partner who was in the spotlight, with Alex Hartridge receiving a second yellow card for a foul on the wing, reducing the Blues to 10 men.

Blues reacted by bringing on Declan Skura for Cameron Humphreys, and Blackpool made a double change of their own, cranking up the pressure with their man advantage.

Franco Ravizzoli did well to thwart Albie Morgan's powerful low strike down to his right, before Matt Bloomfield swapped his whole frontline, bringing on Dan Udoh, Brandon Hanlan and Gideon Kodua for Garath McCleary, Richard Kone and Fred Onyedinma.

The fresh energy up top helped alleviate pressure for a decent period, although Sonny Carey should've levelled for Blackpool, planting a free header over the bar from an inviting cross.

Wycombe took the sting out of the Seaside's momentum with some strong hold-up play at the top end of the pitch, but succumbed in stoppage time when Albie Morgan's mishit cross was turned in by Kyle Joseph, who saw the ball loop into the far corner with an instinctive touch to deny Wanderers all three points.