



Wycombe Wanderers Website Match Report

Wycombe's unbeaten home streak brought to an end by late Bolton flurry, writes Darcie Panayiotou.

The Chairboys fell to a 4-2 defeat in their first game back in action at Adams Park since September, going down to two late Bolton games after recovering from a two-goal half-time deficit.

Luke Leahy scored a superb 20-yard strike soon after the break and David Wheeler turned home the equaliser, before Eoin Toal's header and Aaron Morley's penalty secured the win for the visitors.

Wanderers look to bounce back at Oxford on Saturday.

Matt Bloomfield made one change to his starting XI from their weekend fixture against Peterborough, with Richard Keogh coming in for Chris Forino who is out with injury.

A persistent first 45 saw strong chances from both sides, with the visitors converting two chances to send them ahead before half-time. Attacking play from Bolton's Ricardo Santos found Paris Maghoma whose strike from outside the box slipped through the fingertips of Max Stryjek and into the back of the net, sending them one up in the 14th minute.

Bloomfield's boys hit back at the early deficit with strong opportunities created from Luke Leahy's clever build-ups. Leahy's play down the left of the field proved threatening for the hosts with his assisting pass to Dale Taylor ultimately being shut down by Bolton's defence.

Wycombe's most promising opportunity to equalise in the first 45 built up from the left of the field, with Leahy's cross to Brandon Hanlan in the box finding Freddie Potts' right foot as his strike was pushed out wide by Bolton's keeper. Building on the momentum, Jasper Pattenden got on the deflected ball with his shot finding the arms of Nathan Baxter.

The Trotters doubled their lead in the 36th minute as Josh Sheehan's long-diagonal from the right of the field met George Thomason outside of the box with his left-footed shot looping over Stryjek and into the bottom left corner.

Despite the two-nil deficit, the Chairboys maintained a strong defensive line, with Leahy and captain Josh Scowen holding down Bolton and preventing them from converting in the box. However, a bad foul saw Scowen receive his fifth yellow card of the season and now facing suspension for Wycombe's Saturday bout away at Oxford.

Undeterred by the scoreline at the end of the first half, the Chairboys came out with a bang as Leahy put Wycombe back in the game with his impressive effort. Hanlan's deflected cross into the box landed 18 yards out and met by Leahy's storming run and left footed strike, netting top right.

The Blues looked threatening in the final third early in the second half but unable to convert an equaliser, however they maintained the visitors in their defensive half, with a header clearance from Leahy blocking Bolton from adding a third from a corner.

The Chairboys' persistent pressing in their attacking half secured the equaliser in the 81st minute at the feet of David Wheeler, who was brought on for Pattenden. A short corner taken from the Blues saw a shot by Potts rebound, with Wheeler sending it in from the right of the six-yard box putting Wycombe back level with 20 minutes to go.

A tough few minutes for Wycombe resulted in Bolton hitching the win with two quick-fire goals in the 84th and 87th minutes. Eoin Toal scored a third for the visitors with a header preceding a corner. Their fourth came from Cameron Jerome drawing a foul from Richard Keogh in the penalty area. Aaron Morley stepped up to send the penalty under Stryjek, sealing their victory.

This defeat sees Wycombe drop to 10th in the league. As they head towards their upcoming fixture away at Oxford on Saturday 28th October, they look to bounce back to claim vital points.

