



Wycombe Wanderers Website

Match Report

Chris Forino's late header helped secure a draw from a hard-fought battle with Charlton at the Valley on Saturday.

Miles Leaburn tapped home an opener for the hosts in the first half but Wanderers kept themselves in the game and deserved their point, which was secured by Forino's bullet header from Joe Jacobson's corner.

Matt Bloomfield was forced to do without the injured Garath McCleary, joining Jordan Obita, Sam Vokes, Dominic Gape and Curtis Thompson in the treatment room, so David Wheeler came into the attack while Ryan Tafazolli returned in defence as Jason McCarthy dropped to the bench.

Blues began brightly in the London sun and could've been ahead inside two minutes when Joe Jacobson lofted a cross into the box and, as the Addicks defence pondered how to deal with it, Wheeler beat his man to the header and nodded just wide of the post.

The visitors needed to capitalise on the hosts' nervy start, but were unable to do so and fell behind to just Charlton's second attack when Albie Morgan's blocked cross rebounded back to him, and his second attempt reached Miles Leaburn two yards from goal, and he tapped home with ease.

Morgan had scuffed an effort wide moments earlier from Tyreece Campbell's cutback, and Charlton came on strong again when Jes Rak-Sakyi teed up Leaburn for another chance which needed to be turned behind by Max Stryjek.

But Wycombe grappled back momentum and were unfortunate not to find a leveller before the interval. Chem Campbell's instinctive acrobatic effort was tipped away by Ashley Maynard-Brewer after Joe Jacobson's free-kick was turned into his path by Forino, and then Campbell reacted quickest to a loose ball before drilling just wide of the far post.

Ryan Tafazolli headed over on the stretch and Joe Jacobson's free-kick rippled the roof of the net after Michael Hector was booked for a foul on Brandon Hanlan 20 yards out, with Sean Clare also shown yellow a minute earlier for a foul on Campbell.

That was that for the first half, and Charlton discovered they'd find joy on the counter-attack by sitting deep to soak up Wanderers pressure, with Rak-Sakyi bringing a fine save from Stryjek soon after the interval after cutting in from the right.

David Wheeler sidefooted a volley over the bar from Lewis Wing's deep free-kick, before Stryjek stood firm to deny Albie Morgan and Tyreece Campbell as Charlton sought a second.

Ryan Tafazolli saw a volley deflected wide and Josh Scowen fired off-target from 20 yards before the game entered a lull with the Addicks seemingly comfortable with their lead.

But a much-needed spark arrived from substitute Nick Freeman, who collected Lewis Wing's clever pass in the box and earned a corner with a fine strike which was tipped behind by the keeper. From Joe Jacobson's delivery, Chris Forino rose highest to power home a header to level the scores.

From then on it was anyone's game, with Scott Fraser spurning a decent chance on 90 minutes, and Miles Leaburn flicked a header wide, before Hanlan almost won it at his former club, curling an effort towards the bottom corner, requiring a smart save from the keeper.

Seven minutes of stoppage time didn't bring a winner for either side, and now Wycombe return to Adams Park for next Saturday's visit of MK Dons.