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## Match Report



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Wycombe Wanderers secured their first away league win of the season as they came back from behind to defeat Northampton Town 2-1 at Sixfields.

The visitors started the better and nearly took the lead inside two minutes as Josh Scowen's volley went over the bar from a Garath McCleary cross.

However, just 60 seconds later, Wanderers found themselves a goal down.

After Scowen gave the ball away in the centre of the park, Northampton broke and Jack Grimmer's last-ditch challenge on Sam Hoskins resulted in a penalty for the Cobblers.

Hoskins picked himself up and converted the set piece, as he sent Franco Ravizzoli the wrong way.

But the lead didn't last long as Dan Udoh equalised on 11 minutes.

A brilliant move on the right saw Grimmer lay it off McCleary, and the latter's cross was slotted home by Wycombe's new number 11 from close-range.

It's his third goal of the season since his move from Shrewsbury Town.

The tempo of the first half was in full flow as both the Chairboys and the Cobblers attacked when the score was all square but to no avail in taking the lead.

For Wycombe, the creativity was coming from the right with McCleary and Grimmer, causing problems for the Northampton defence, which Cameron Humphreys controlled for the midfield alongside Josh Scowen.

For the hosts, Callum Morton pulled the strings.

However, the opening 45 minutes' main talking point was a clear penalty that was not given to Wanderers.

Midway through the first period, Grimmer found himself eight yards from goal after a long ball into the Northampton box.

As he got near the six-yard box, the Scotsman was clattered by Town keeper Lee Burge, with referee Adam Herczeg opting to award a drop-kick for the hosts.

There was a stunned silence around Sixfields as everyone expected a spot-kick, but nothing was given.

Into the second period, Humphreys forced Burge into a good stop before Dan Harvie also went close.

But seven minutes into the half, Richard Kone got himself on the scoresheet in fortuitous circumstances.

The Northampton defence did not deal with a cross from the right-hand side, and after a mix-up from goalkeeper Burge and centre back Jack Baldwin, Kone was on hand to tap in from closrange.

And just like Udoh, it was also his third of the season.

Northampton threw the kitchen sink but Wycombe held on valiantly to make it four games unbeaten in all competitions.

The result is also the first time that Wanderers have come back from behind to win since Matt Bloomfield took over in February 2023.