



# Wycombe Wanderers Website

## Match Report

**A youthful and experimental Wanderers side put on an impressive show in a 3-1 Carabao Cup second round defeat to second-tier Bristol City at Adams Park.**

Goals from Dylan Kadji, Kane Wilson and Antoine Semenyo sent Nigel Pearson's men through to the third stage, while there was a memorable first Wycombe goal for Ali Al-Hamadi, who converted a header in front of the terrace to make it 1-1.

Gareth Ainsworth and his staff showed faith in some younger Chairboys stars for the visit of the Championship's seventh-placed outfit, recalling Tyla Dickinson in goal while Jack Wakely, Ali Al-Hamadi and Jasper Pattenden earned the chance to impress from the outset.

But the strength and experience in the City line-up suggested this would be a stern test, and so it proved when Dylan Kadji made the breakthrough just seven minutes in, converting on the goal-line from Kane Wilson's header from a corner.

Ali Al-Hamadi came closest to an equaliser with a low drilled effort which landed a yard wide, before Jason McCarthy's flicked header from Joe Jacobson's corner was cleared en route to goal in the closing stages of the opening period.

Wanderers carried their rhythm into the second half and deserved their equaliser just four minutes in, when Anis Mehmeti got away a delightful cross at the second attempt and Ali Al-Hamadi powered home a header from close range in front of the terrace to make it 1-1.

The hosts were grateful to Dickinson for making a fine save to thwart Chris Martin from a stooping header from close range, before Jack Young volleyed wide from 20 yards at the other end.

A flurry of subs arrived just after the hour-mark, with Adam Leathers, Jordan Obita and Lewis Wing all entering the fray, though it took Wycombe a while to adjust and Cameron Pring should've capitalised and put the visitors in front, only to plant a free header over the bar from a corner.

Dominic Gape replaced Jack Young soon after, but the Robins regained the lead with just under a quarter of an hour remaining when a deep cross was met at the back post by Kane Wilson, who got ahead of Obita to turn home.

The Chairboys dug deep in their pursuit of another leveller, testing the opposition defence, and handing a debut to Arnold Matshazi as Al-Hamadi made way, thrusting the 18-year-old former Blackpool hotshot into the attack.

But the Robins made their experience count in the closing stages, doing enough to keep Wycombe at bay and secure their place in the hat for round three with Semenyo tapping into an empty net after City seized on a loose ball at the back in stoppage time.