



Ipswich Town Website Match Report

Hirst, Chaplin, Burns and Ladapo on target

Town made it eight wins and nine clean sheets in a row with a commanding victory over Wycombe at Portman Road.

George Hirst powered home a header with 38 minutes played before Conor Chaplin doubled the advantage in the final minute of the first period.

Wes Burns added a third early in the second half with Freddie Ladapo coming off the bench to slot in a fourth from the penalty spot.

Town thought they'd opened the scoring with 15 minutes on the clock but Hirst was deemed to be offside as Nathan Broadhead played it through to him, with the striker then rounding the 'keeper and passing into the back of the net.

Wycombe's first opportunity came 10 minutes later as Lewis Wing curled just wide of the frame after a free-kick had only been cleared to the edge of the area.

With the visitors defending in numbers and sitting in deep, the Blues had to be patient as they probed for a breakthrough. Harry Clarke brought Chairboys goalkeeper Max Stryjek into action for the first time midway through the half with a low drive from distance.

Stryjek was scrambling across his goal 10 minutes before the interval as he got down well to tip a low Chaplin free-kick around the post.

The Blues took the lead a few moments later as a near-post corner from the returning Leif Davis was powered home by Hirst for his fourth goal in as many games.

Chaplin doubled the advantage seven minutes later as, after being found by an inside pass from Burns, he drilled a low shot from the middle of the box into the back of the net.

Burns was causing problems for the visitors early in the second half, too, with his drilled cross from the right wing being turned into the side-netting by a relieved retreating defender.

The Welshman got the goal his performance deserved not long afterwards as, after good build-up play from Clarke and Hirst, he fired through the goalkeeper's legs from the right side of the box.

Town continued to dominate proceedings and, with just under 15 minutes remaining, added a fourth from the penalty spot. After Kyle Edwards was bundled over, Ladapo coolly slotted the resulting penalty into the bottom corner.

Wing fired a free-kick over the top of the bar late on for the visitors as the Blues extended their run without conceding to 866 minutes.