



Wycombe Wanderers Website

Match Report

Wanderers went down 3-0 to Exeter City on the opening day of the League 1 campaign at Adams Park.

Jack Aitchison and Will Aimson struck two early goals for the Grecians before Max Stryjek saved Sam Nombe's penalty, and James Scott wrapped up the points with the third goal in the second period.

Matt Bloomfield kicked off a new era in Chairboys history by naming seven new signings in the starting XI; a new-look Wycombe side to tackle the 23/24 season.

Exeter came out of the blocks flying inside the opening minute, as City capitalised on a poor clearance and Jack Aitchison slotted home into the far-left corner.

Wycombe's misery was compiled just two minutes later, as the Blues defence failed to clear their lines and Aimson poked home from a goalmouth scramble following a corner.

Max Stryjek's heroics denied the Grecians a third goal inside the opening ten minutes, as he amended for his own foul in the box by denying Sam Nombe from the penalty spot.

Chairboys fans got their first glimpse of Premier League excellence from Freddie Potts in the first half. The European champion produced a trademark slide tackle before clipping an inch perfect ball to Brandon Hanlan, however the forward was denied by a firm last-ditch challenge from the City back line.

Dale Taylor had Wanderers' only real effort at goal in the first half, gliding past his marker before unleashing a fierce strike that was eventually blocked and cleared by Exeter's resolute back line.

Half time: Wycombe Wanderers 0-2 Exeter City

Wanderers opened the second half in a much-improved manner, with Luke Leahy unleashing a powerful long throw that caused mayhem in the City box. A goalmouth scramble saw the ball drop to Hanlan, however his poke was clawed away just in time by the imperious Will Aimson.

Bloomfield's men were outraged to not receive a spot kick of their own early into the restart. Josh Scowen controlled Leahy's set piece exquisitely and seemed to be hacked down in the box; claims were soon dismissed by referee Charles Breakspear.

A slick Wycombe move lacked the end product as the Blues' opening fixture continued to slip away from them. Dale Taylor latched onto Vokes' knock down and teed up substitute Josh Scowen, however his powerful effort landed just over the bar.

Despite a valiant second half display from the Chairboys, Exeter sealed their three points on the counter-attack with a finely dispatched finish from substitute James Scott after an unfortunate ricochet.

Chances were at a few for Wycombe in a disappointing opening to what promises to be an exciting campaign, with debutant Leahy's tame headed effort the closest Wycombe managed to a consolation goal in the final ten minutes.

Exeter held firm as the final whistle blew, denying a new look Chairboys team any share of the spoils on the opening day of the 23/24 season, despite glimpses of positive play that will certainly improve over the year in HP12.

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