



# Reading Website

## Match Report

### READING FALL TO DEFEAT AGAINST WANDERERS

**Wycombe Wanderers to the spoils on a frustrating afternoon for the Royals in RG2. Rubén Sellés' team had found a way back into the game, only to be denied a point by a late penalty.**

The Royals got the match underway attacking Club 1871 in the usual fashion, and begun what would prove to be a scrappy but hard fought opening fifteen minutes of the game.

The first chance of note for either team would open the scoring, with a searching cross in the box falling to centre back Nigel Lonwijk whose acrobatic effort found the bottom corner past a diving David Button - 1-0 to the visitors.

The goal would spur the Chairboys on even more, with Kieran Sadler seeing an effort from the edge of the box deflect out for a corner which was fortunately handled with ease.

The Royals found things hard going at times against a well drilled Wycombe side, but did have a couple of opportunities to test Ravizzoli in the Wycombe goal. First up Kelvin Ehibhatiomhan was able to cut in from the left hand side as he does so well. He would be able to fire an effort at goal but it would tamely nestle into the hands of the keeper. Femi Azeez would be the next to have a go when he would replicate Kelvin's efforts but out on the right wing. His shot would be a tougher test for Ravizzoli, but the keeper would once again be equal to it.

Wycombe would have chances for themselves with Sadler guilty of shanking a first time effort wide, but they would go in ahead at half time with work to do for Rubén Sellés time in the second 45.

#### **Half-Time: Reading 0-1 Wycombe Wanderers**

Charlie Savage and Ben Elliott would come off the bench at half time, and the Royals started the second period on the front foot. Clinton Mola made a break from his left back position across the halfway line and was felled by Matt Butcher who went into the referees book for a tactical foul.

Shortly afterwards the first chance would be forged by the home side, with a Charlie Savage cross picking out Tyler Bindon whose effort came back off the post.

It would be end to end stuff in the opening throes of the second period, with Wycombe looking dangerous on the counter attack whilst Reading were throwing players forward in search of an equaliser.

It would be the pressing of the Royals that seemed more likely to prove fruitful however, with Smith and Bindon both coming close to find a route back into the game for the Royals. First up it was the Kiwi Bindon who once more got his head onto a cross, this time from Lewis Wing, however the effort would sail over.

Next up, Smith would outmuscle the last defender and find himself bearing down on goal with just the keeper to beat. Face with a tight angle and the onrushing Ravizzoli however, he could only place his shot into the keeper's midriff.

Our number ten wouldn't have to wait long however to get his name on the scoresheet. Neat work from Azeez and Wing on the left wing would provide the former with the opportunity to place a ball into the box. Waiting expectantly was Smith, who would coolly nod the ball into the bottom corner past the helpless keeper - parity at last after a much better second period.

The period after the equaliser would see Reading try to build on their momentum, but despite enjoy much of the positive play in the second period it would be the hosts who would be the next to alter the scoreboard.

A foul from Clinton Mola in the box would offer the Chairboys the opportunity to regain the lead, and Beryly Lubala duly converted from 12 yards - a really tough break for the Royals.

Reading would cause some panic in the Wycombe penalty area in the final 30 seconds of the game, with goalkeeper joining the hunt for an equaliser. The added man in the area would cause the defence issues, but the bounce of the ball cruelly evaded the attacking Royals, and the referee would call an end to the proceedings.

**Full-Time: Reading 1-2 Wycombe Wanderers**