



Wycombe Wanderers Website

Match Report

Goals from Beryly Lubala and Richard Kone clinched an 11th successive win for the Chairboys as they overcame National League Wealdstone in the second round of the Emirates FA Cup.

The hosts should've taken the lead at Grosvenor Vale when Alex Reid spurned a great chance from close range, before Lubala curled home a stunning free-kick to break the deadlock.

Kone marauded through the Stones' defence to make it 2-0 and end the contest after coming off the bench in the second half.

The third round draw takes place on Monday evening, ahead of Wanderers' League 1 trip to Exeter on Tuesday.

Wycombe made the full 11 changes from the starting line-up that saw off Mansfield in the league four days earlier, and found it tough to break through a confident Stones outfit who'd gone six games unbeaten and overcame League 2 Grimsby in the first round.

Tyreeq Bakinson curled an effort over the bar from 20 yards before the hosts should have taken the lead, but Alex Reid couldn't convert a low ball across the face of goal.

And the miss came back to haunt them when Beryly Lubala opened the scoring in style at the other end, curling an impeccable free-kick into the top corner from 25 yards.

The goal seemed to settle the Chairboys' tension and they saw out the rest of the half relatively comfortably, but knowing a stern still awaited them after the interval.

Sam Ashford turned a wayward strike goalwards as Blues failed to clear a corner, but Shamal George was equal to it, and he then held a low drive from distance from ex-Blue Max Kretzschmar.

Ryan Tafazolli thundered a header goalwards from a corner which was well beaten away on the line, before George came to the rescue to thwart a Stones attacker who latched on to a weak backpass.

Fred Onyedinma and Garath McCleary came on for Lubala and David Wheeler midway through the half, before Alex Reid had another sight of goal from a sloppy pass out from the back, but George was equal to it.

Then Luke Leahy and Richard Kone replaced Bakinson and Brandon Hanlan, and Matt Butcher fired across goal from a tight angle as the visitors hunted a second goal to put the game to bed.

And then it came. Kone held the ball up well down the left and marched towards the area, with the ball breaking kindly for him to smash home past the keeper.

The second goal killed off Wealdstone's hopes of a comeback and the Blues were able to celebrate a successful route through to round three.