



Blackpool Website Match Report

Blackpool fell to defeat on the road against Wycombe Wanderers in Sky Bet League One.

Goals from Sam Vokes and Brandon Hanlan made the difference as Neil Critchley's side couldn't make it three consecutive victories in all competitions following the international break.

The Seasiders had to withstand an early spell of Wycombe pressure, with the hosts going close from an edge of the area free kick that landed narrowly wide of the target in the 11th minute. That pressure told moments later as, despite an outstanding Dan Grimshaw save from close range, Sam Vokes touched home inside the six yard box to give the Chairboys the lead.

Vokes was causing problems again as another fine delivery from wide met the striker's head but he couldn't convert a second in a matter of minutes. Blackpool started to come into the game, beginning to take control of possession and Callum Connolly's raking cross towards the back post had to be tipped away by Max Stryjek with Jordan Rhodes lurking.

Wycombe went close to a second as Gareth McCleary found space to drive into the box from wide but his driven ball across the six yard box had no takers. Blackpool carved open an opportunity of their own five minutes before half time as Callum Connolly delivered an inswinger towards the free head of Jordan Rhodes who buried his effort, but the official raised his flag for offside.

Rhodes was there again moments later after the ball fell to James Husband with space to cross but the forward's header sailed over the bar as the Seasiders trailed at the break.

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Just a minute in the second half, Wycombe pushed forward getting joy from direct play, with the ball falling to the feet of Brandon Hanlan to dispatch from a tight angle to double the lead for the hosts.

Neil Critchley opted for a triple change in the 54th minute as Kenny Dougall, Sonny Carey and Karamoko Dembele replaced Jensen Weir, Albie Morgan and Jake Beesley with the Seasiders looking to find a way back into the game. Jordan Rhodes found space in behind again and, after a great first touch, the Wycombe defender was able to get back to block the effort before Kenny Dougall struck wide from the resulting corner.

Karamoko Dembele found space to drive into the final third on a couple of occasions with 20 minutes to go but both Sonny Carey and Jordan Rhodes couldn't quite latch on to the through ball to take advantage. Owen Dale replaced Callum Connolly in the 74th minute to add another attacking outlet to find a way back into proceedings.

Blackpool's spell of pressure continued and Kenny Dougall's low driven cross was diverted goalwards by Jordan Rhodes but a fingertip save from Max Stryjek denied the Seasiders with 11 minutes of normal time remaining. Sonny Carey was the latest to test Stryjek with a powerful strike from range but the keeper was in fine form to deny the midfielder with seven minutes to go.

As the six added minutes ticked by, Jordan Rhodes saw his diving header hit the sidenetting as Blackpool couldn't find the breakthrough.

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