



Wycombe Wanderers Website Match Report

Brandon Hanlan and Luke Leahy have both been taken to hospital for treatment and assessment after sustaining injuries during today's game. We are pleased to report that Luke regained consciousness in the ambulance at the stadium

The Chairboys fell to a 1-0 defeat at Adams Park, following a total of 135 minutes played as a result of two lengthy pauses due to the serious injuries of Brandon Hanlan and Luke Leahy, writes Darcie Panayiotou.

Stevenage secured the win after producing the only goal of the game in the 59th minute of the first half as Jamie Reid's five-yard shot slotted in the top-left of the net. Wanderers look to bounce back after the international break as they face AFC Wimbledon in the group stages of the EFL Trophy.

Matt Bloomfield's boys took on Stevenage for their first league bout since the Chairboys celebrated their League 1 promotion in 2018 with a 1-0 win courtesy of a goal from the gaffer. With five changes to the starting XI named in Wycombe's 2-1 win against Bradford in the FA Cup, Harry Boyes, Joe Low, Kieran Sadlier, and Jasper Pattenden were all dropped to the bench, along with Freddie Potts who is out with injury.

A 60-minute first half proved difficult for either side to clench the opener, with both teams defending attacking presses to keep the score line even until late into injury time. Wycombe had produced a promising opportunity to gain the advantage, with Luke Leahy's left-swung free kick being deflected by the visitors' captain onto the crossbar in the 44th minute. An exceptional 14-minutes of injury time was added on to the opening 45, following a challenge between Carl Piergianni and Brandon Hanlan which saw Hanlan stretchered off after 10-minutes of treatment, with Tjay De Barr coming on as his replacement.

A nerve-wracking 15-minutes followed with both sides battling to go ahead in the first half. Despite attacking pressure from Wycombe, the visitors converted in the 59th minute following a long-diagonal pass from the right of the pitch finding Kane Hemmings on the left of the box, whose cross met Jamie Reid five yards out, allowing him to slot it in top-left and sending them one up before half-time. Bloomfield's men came out strong in the second half looking to hit back at the deficit, with opportunities for Dale Taylor and Tjay De Barr to even the score line in the opening 15-minutes. Taylor's right footed shot from the centre of the box was blocked by Boro's defence. De Barr's missed chance to get Wycombe back on level terms came from a misplaced header sending the ball just wide of the right post.

The Chairboys continued persistence for an equaliser was briefly halted following a serious collision of heads between Luke Leahy and Josh Scowen in defence of a Stevenage corner late into the final 45. Following lengthy on-pitch treatment, Wycombe's season-leading goal scorer, Leahy, was stretchered off and taken for further assessment.

Despite Wycombe's perseverance of attack in face of the unsettling pause of play, the Chairboys were unable to convert in injury time, as the visitors walked away with the three points.