



Wycombe Wanderers Website

Match Report

Wycombe came from behind to secure a superb 2-1 victory at Northampton Town at Sixfields on Saturday. Sam Hoskins' early penalty put the hosts ahead but Dsan Udoh and Richard Kone netted in each half to complete the turnaround to give the Blues a deserved three points.

Matt Bloomfield made two changes to the side that started in the 2-2 draw with Blackpool a fortnight earlier, with Richard Kone returning to the attack and Declan Skura earning a first league start in defence, as Kieran Sadlier and Alex Hartridge moved to the bench.

Gideon Kodua missed out of the squad through injury and new signing Fred Onyedinma was deemed to not yet be ready for action as he builds up match fitness.

Wycombe showed promise in the early stages with Garath McCleary twice delivering balls into danger, but they came unstuck at the other end when they conceded possession in their own third and the Cobblers capitalised, earning a penalty after Jack Grimmer was adjudged to have fouled Sam Hoskins as he collected Callum Morton's pass.

Hoskins stepped up himself to dispatch the penalty and send Franco Ravizzoli the wrong way to make it 1-0 with only four minutes played.

But Wanderers were not to be deterred and went on to impose themselves on the game, enjoying plenty of territory high up the pitch, and they deserved the equaliser which came courtesy of Dan Udoh's first-time finish on 12 minutes.

The move started with Ravizzoli picking out Grimmer on the right wing and, after a quick exchange of passes with Aaron Morley, the captain threaded a fine through-ball into the path of McCleary, whose low cross was inch-perfect for Udoh to convert.

Cameron Humphreys then dragged a cross-shot wide from the left of the area as the Blues looked the more likely to score next, and they were denied what looked a clear-cut penalty of their own when Lee Burge clattered Grimmer in the area but the Blues' appeals were waved away.

Joe Low then defended excellent to prevent Morton getting a shot away as he stayed onside to reach a through-ball, before the striker did latch on to another Tyler Roberts pass and bore down on goal before Ravizzoli reacted quickly to divert the ball behind for a corner.

Udoh and McCleary couldn't convert an opportunity shortly before the interval after the referee played advantage following a tug on Richard Kone to enable a 2-on-2 chance for the Blues, and Jack Grimmer made a fine block to deny Cam McGeehan before the half-time whistle was blown.

Cameron Humphreys drilled over from 20 yards soon after the restart, and the same player was denied by a superb save from Lee Burge as he fired through a crowd of players at the end of another sparkling move.

And the turnaround was achieved soon after when Dan Harvie was freed down the left and whipped in an inviting ball to the front post, where the defender and keeper erred and allowed Richard Kone to tuck home the easiest finish of his young career so far.

Dan Udoh could've made it 3-1 on the hour-mark but drilled wide on his right foot after being sent free into the area by McCleary, before Caleb Taylor made his Chairboys debut on 65 minutes, replacing Declan Skura in defence.

The hosts lost keeper Lee Burge to injury soon after, with sub Nik Tzanev taking his place, and the new glovesman was nearly picking the ball out of the net within a minute, only for Kone's shot on the turn to fly just wide after superb play from McCleary.

A triple change from the hosts gave them fresh impetus and substitute attacker Tariqe Fosu almost brought his side level, forcing a fine flying save from Ravizzoli from the edge of the area on 78 minutes.

Tyreeq Bakinson almost scored with one of his first touches after replacing Cameron Humphreys, drilling over from the penalty spot, while Beryly Lubala also came off the bench to replace the excellent McCleary.

Then Matt Butcher and Alex Hartridge replace Udoh and Aaron Morley with four minutes to play, and Ravizzoli was called upon again to save a low shot from Hoskins from the edge of the area.

Eight minutes of added time gave the hosts hope of salvaging something, but the Blues stood firm to make it seven points from the last nine available going into a trio of home games in league and cup.

