



Wycombe Wanderers Website Match Report

Blues were pegged back by Morecambe and forced to settle for a point in their Family Day fixture at Adams Park on Saturday.

Chris Forino crashed home a first-half header to break the deadlock but Adam Mayor levelled from a corner to ensure the visitors left with a point.

Gareth Ainsworth made one change to the starting line-up that lost to Cambridge in midweek, with Chris Forino returning from illness to take Jack Grimmer's place in defence.

The Blues began the brighter of the two sides and saw Anis Mehmeti fire over from the edge of the box, while Max Stryjek held Caleb Watts' effort at the other end.

The breakthrough arrived from the head of the returning Forino, sparking pandemonium in the East Stand accommodating over 1,000 local families as part of the club's Family Day initiative. The defender lost his man to power home a header from Garath McCleary's cross after neat work down the right from the no.12 and Jason McCarthy.

It could've been 2-0 when Sam Vokes crashed home a header in almost identical circumstances to his disallowed goal against Cambridge on Tuesday, but again the referee spotted an infringement and cut the celebrations short.

And Morecambe almost levelled straightaway after. The ball pinged around the Wycombe box and it broke for Watts, who smashed wide when he should have scored.

Back came Wycombe, who were denied by a fine flying save from Connor Ripley when Anis Mehmeti unleashed a superb hit from 25 yards that looked destined for the top corner.

1-0 is how it stayed til half-time, with Liam Shaw bending an early chance past the far post for the Shrimps soon into the second period.

Wanderers went close twice in quick succession, firstly when Jordan Obita drilled low at the keeper from 20 yards, and then when Obita nodded a high ball down for Vokes to smash goalwards, but Ripley made a fine reaction save to tip it over.

Chances kept coming, with Joe Jacobson heading wide, and Lewis Wing having a shot blocked following fine work from Mehmeti.

The narrow advantage meant that Morecambe would also believe they could find a way back in the game and Liam Shaw's powerful drive – expertly tipped over by Stryjek – served as a warning sign to the Blues.

The visitors brought on last season's top scorer Cole Stockton, before Jacobson's corner almost sailed straight in, requiring a smart save from Ripley.

Then on came Brandon Hanlan, swapping places with Garath McCleary in the Wycombe attack, before the Shrimps came close when Adam Mayor's low rifled shot took a deflection and struck the base of the post.

And from the resulting set piece, Morecambe were level, with Mayor scoring direct from the corner as the linesman judged that the ball had crossed the line before Stryjek clawed it away, with the keeper protesting that Stockton held his arm as the corner came in.

The goal stunned the home fans and left the hosts with little time to fight back with a winner, and matters could have got even worse had Stryjek not stayed tall to deny Mayor when we went through.

Controversy followed in stoppage time when Wanderers bundled home through a combination of Hanlan and Mehmeti, but again the referee took issue and ruled it out, deeming there was a foul on keeper Ripley as Hanlan leapt over him to convert.

That was it as far as chances went, and so the Blues now eye three points when Port Vale visit Adams Park on Tuesday night.