



## Oxford United Website

### Match Report

**Oxford United's good day off the pitch wasn't followed up by a win on it today as they were beaten 2-0 at Adams Park.**

Having got over a major hurdle in their search for a new home earlier in the day, United were beaten by first-half goals from Wycombe's Sam Vokes and Anis Mehmeti as their two-game winning run came to an end.

United were second best in the first half but even so, it was a surprise when they fell behind to the first true opening of the night after 20 minutes.

Having lost the ball halfway inside the Wycombe half, United raced after Mehmeti as he exploited the empty space on their right flank but were powerless when his cross found the unmarked Vokes, who had the simplest of jobs to plant the ball beyond the sprawling Simon Eastwood for the opener.

Billy Bodin went close to an equaliser after good work from the irrepressible Lewis Bate in midfield, but ten minutes before the break the roles were reversed when Vokes gave Mehmeti the ball and he bided his time and then curled a superb effort beyond the dive of the desperate Eastwood to give the Chairboys a two-goal cushion at the break.

United improved after the break - they had to - and Cameron Brannagan and Yanic Wildschut had efforts drift over the bar as they increasingly forced the pace. Matty Taylor and Gatlin O'Donkor were given half an hour but got little change out of a well-drilled Wanderers defence. In terms of possession the U's were on top, but that one big chance just refused to materialise despite the game being played almost exclusively in the Wycombe half for the last 30 minutes.

Sam Long did his best to drive them forward from right-back, Brandon Fleming was lively on the other flank as a sub, but somehow the day belonged to Harry Hall and Riva Casley in a court room in the City of Dreaming Spires rather than anyone on the pitch this evening.

Skipper Elliott Moore

**Oxford United couldn't follow up a positive day off the pitch with a win at Wycombe last night where two first half goals saw them lose ground on the play-off teams after a 2-0 defeat at Adams Park.**

It came hours after the first hurdle was cleared in the search for a new home but as skipper Elliott Moore told iFollow, for the players it was a case of just focussing on the game itself:

“We all knew the positive news and that things are happening but players don’t concentrate too much on that on a matchday” he said. “The only thing we were concentrating on was the game today. Maybe over the next week we will look more into it and find out more about the new stadium but tonight was all about the game.

“I thought you could take the positives from it and we were the better team and controlled the game, but you also have to take the negatives and we conceded two sloppy goals and know what we can do better. We need to put those things right on Saturday at Burton.

“We also know we have to be more ruthless around their box. They are a very hard side to break down. If you look at the stats we probably had more of the ball and more chances but we need to finish that off.

“We won't sulk. We have just had two positive results so although this is a downer and we don't like to lose any football game it is now all about how we move on to Saturday now. We need to put things right and get three points at Burton.”