



Wycombe Wanderers Website

Match Report

Wycombe made it four wins from six games in all competitions under Michael Duff with a hard-fought 1-0 victory at Wigan Athletic on Saturday afternoon.

Sam Bell was the match-winner, turning home Fred Onyedinma's low cross at the end of a fast attack from deep, and Wanderers remained resilient under late pressure to hold on to all three points.

Michael Duff made four changes to the side that started in the 2-2 draw with Barnsley seven days earlier, handing a first league start to Donnell McNeilly while Dan Casey was preferred at centre-back to Connor Taylor, and George Abbott and Fred Onyedinma returned from injury and illness respectively.

The first chance fell to the hosts when a ball into the channel was raced on to by Fraser Murray and he held it up on the edge of the box for Christian Saydee, who could only drill wide.

Paul Mullin headed wide soon after from Steven Sessegnon's cross from deep, and Raphael Borges Rodrigues didn't connect crisply enough with a strike from distance to trouble Will Norris.

The Latics continued to threaten with Murray attempting an impressive acrobatic effort which flew over, but the breakthrough came at the other end courtesy of a lightning-fast counter-attack led by Ewan Henderson.

The Scotsman weaved past a couple of Latics midfielders and threaded a ball into the path of Fred Onyedinma, who raced onto it in the box and delivered low across the face of goal for Sam Bell to bundle home his second goal in two games.

Bell threatened again soon after, whipping a dangerous bouncing effort towards the far corner from the edge of the box, forcing a save from Sam Tickle with the final effort of the half.

Wigan made three changes at the interval, introducing Dara Costelloe, Joe Hungbo and Callym Wright, but it was Wycombe who came closest to scoring next thanks to some magical footwork from Onyedinma, who danced into a shooting opportunity but saw his drive tipped behind by Tickle.

The Blues could sense a second goal might be available to them on the counter, and threw on fresh legs in the form of Cauley Woodrow and Caolan Boyd-Munce just past the hour mark, as McNeilly and Luke Leahy made way.

Connor Taylor followed immediately after, with Jack Grimmer being unable to continue having picked up a knock, and Alex Lowry came on for Ewan Henderson with 17 minutes remaining.

Wanderers survived an inviting low cross into the box which just missed the outstretched toe of Dara Costelloe, and the same striker glanced a header narrowly wide from Hungbo's delivery on 86 minutes.

Hungbo then looked to break into the box after a clever touch into his path, but Taylor Allen reacted superbly to thwart the danger, and then Will Norris came to the rescue with almost the final kick as he spread himself to deny Costelloe's low chance inside the box.