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Match Report



Wycombe Wanderers lost for the first time under new head coach Michael Duff as they were defeated 2-1 by newly promoted AFC Wimbledon at Plough Lane.

The Chairboys kept with the same 11 that defeated Northampton Town a week earlier, but despite winning two on the bounce under the new man in charge, the Adams Park side looked completely flat.

And inside the opening five minutes, Wimbledon had two great attempts to go in front.

First, Alistair Smith fired over a bending left-footed shot from the edge of the box, and moments later, they were given a glorious chance to take the lead.

Myles Hippolyte, the man who scored the Wombles' winner in the Play-off final back in May that secured the London-based team promotion, found himself one-on-one with Wycombe goalkeeper Mikki van Sas.

He shrugged off Jack Grimmer and was through on goal, but inexplicably, he dragged his shot wide.

This miss didn't seem to have too much of a bearing on Wimbledon's confidence, as they took the lead on 11 minutes.

Steve Seddon's free-kick delivery was headed in by Omar Bugiel for his second of the season, but his first in the league.

He also scored against Wycombe in the previous campaign when the two teams met in the EFL Trophy.

It was then 2-0 after 32 minutes, and it was the same two players who combined, but the other way around.

This time, Bugiel laid it off to Seddon, who buried it low and hard beyond van Sas.

Wanderers looked flat, tired and out of ideas as they went into the break two goals down.

The Chairboys must have had the hairdryer treatment from Duff as they came out firing in the second half, where they pulled one back on the hour mark thanks to Ewan Henderson's first goal for the club.

A cross from Fred Onyedinma hit the Scotsman on the knee, with the ball looping beyond ex-Wycombe keeper Nathan Bishop, before hitting the post and going in.

The Chairboys continued to pile on the pressure as Luke Leahy clipped the bar with a cross, substitute George Abbott fired over, whilst Cauley Woodrow's shot was defended near the goal line by Dons defender Ryan Johnson.

Captain Jack Grimmer went close as his header went wide, but the day belonged to the Dons.

The result means that in the 14 league meetings the two teams have had, Wycombe have won just one, whilst Wimbledon have tasted victory on seven occasions.

Up next for the Chairboys is a home bout against Barnsley on October 4.