



Wycombe Wanderers Website

Match Report

Jack Grimmer rescued a point for the Chairboys with a last-gasp equaliser at Bloomfield Road as Wycombe left Blackpool with a point for the seventh occasion in succession.

Ashley Fletcher's strike on the stroke of half-time looked to be enough to secure all three points for the home side, but Grimmer collected Connor Taylor's clever pass in the 101st minute before slotting home.

Michael Duff made one enforced change to the side that started in the 1-0 win at Wigan seven days earlier, with Caolan Boyd-Munce starting in midfield in place of the injured George Abbott.

A lively start saw Sam Bell's shot blocked by Andy Lyons inside the first minute at the end of a quick counter-attack, before Lyons' cross just evaded Albie Morgan in the box and Lee Evans slashed wide from the edge of the box.

But the game soon settled and neither keeper was called into action, though Wycombe had to dig deep to defend their own box well with Sam Bell and Dan Casey in particular coming up with vital interventions as the Tangerines looked to break through.

CJ Hamilton dragged a cross-shot across the face of goal on 21 minutes with Ashley Fletcher unable to stretch out a foot to divert it home, before action swung to the other end where Fred Onyedinma's powerful low drive from a tight angle was blocked behind by keeper Bailey Peacock-Farrell.

Caolan Boyd-Munce's excellent slide tackle in midfield set up a three-on-three attack in the Tangerines' box but neither Bell nor Donnell McNeilly could get a shot away as the hosts stood their ground well, and then Ashley Fletcher flicked a header over the bar from a cross as the game opened up.

Boyd-Munce couldn't connect cleanly on the volley as a ball sat up awkwardly just inside the box on 34 minutes, and Wanderers' best chance of the half was a gift from Albie Morgan when his loose backpass was seized upon by McNeilly, but his effort was blocked by Peacock-Farrell and Luke Leahy curled the rebound wide.

And Wanderers were made to pay when Ashley Fletcher emphatically fired Pool in front just before half-time, collecting Tom Bloxham's prodded through-ball and beating Dan Casey to it before charging through and smashing past Will Norris.

Ewan Henderson hit the target with a powerful effort in first-half stoppage time but the keeper stood firm to keep it out and the home side went in at half-time with a slender advantage.

Connor Taylor replaced Dan Casey in defence at half-time, and McNeilly went close to a leveller with a powerful strike on the turn which was blocked en route to the top corner.

A double change arrived on the hour-mark when Cauley Woodrow and Junior Quitirna came on for Boyd-Munce and Sam Bell, and a chance opened up for Onyedinma soon after, but he could only strike the ball into the side netting.

Quitirna weaved his way into a shooting chance in the box but was thwarted by a brave block, and then Jack Grimmer fired over after Quitirna's cross from the right landed in his path at the end of a move which started with a free-kick into the area.

Then an even better chance presented itself to Grimmer from Ewan Henderson's cutback, but his effort flew straight at Peacock-Farrell who kept it out without really knowing much about it, and then McNeilly's low cross flew across the face of goal with no blue shirt there to tuck it home.

Magnus Westergaard and Alex Lowry replaced Leahy and McNeilly on 73 minutes in a bid to capitalise on the growing momentum, before Andy Lyons fired over with a tough chance during a rare Blackpool attack.

Chances kept coming for the Blues, and Dan Harvie curled inches wide on his right foot from 20 yards, and his dogged determination on the edge of the Blackpool box teed up a chance for Lowry, whose curling effort was superbly tipped over by the keeper.

The hosts' captain Michael Ihiekwe appeared to land awkwardly after an aerial challenge and had to be stretchered off just as the clock approached 90, causing a lengthy delay while he received treatment on the pitch.

And when play resumed, Blackpool sat deep and allowed Connor Taylor space to pick out a pass for Grimmer, who slotted home into the far corner to ensure Wycombe got the point they deserved.