



Wigan Athletic Website

Match Report

Wigan Athletic exited the Carabao Cup following a 2-0 defeat against Wycombe Wanderers on Tuesday evening.

Latics fell to only their second defeat at the Brick Community Stadium this season following goals in each half from Caolan Boyd-Munce and Donnell McNeilly.

Ryan Lowe's men hosted their Sky Bet League One counterparts, looking to progress into the last 16 of the competition for the first time since the 2012/13 season.

The Gaffer made five changes from their last outing at the weekend, with Jensen Weir, Raphael Borges Rodrigues, Callum Wright, Ollie Cooper, and Asamoah Jr coming in for the start at the Brick Community Stadium.

Latics' first chance of the half came from Cooper on his full debut. Dara Costelloe was played into space in the middle of the park, shunting down the left and spraying the ball into the path of Cooper, whose strike flew just wide of the post.

The visitors came close, with George Abbott's over-the-top ball on route to Bradley Fink before Sam Tickle snatched the chance out of thin air.

It didn't take Wycombe long to get their goal, though, with Boyd-Munce finding the net just moments later. The number eight received the ball on the edge of the Latics box, knocking it past Cooper before curling it home with precision.

The home side were inches away from equalising on the stroke of half-time. Raphael drove forward down the right, dizzying his marker with his fast feet before fizzing a ball into the box. Morgan Fox's backheel rolled across the line, with Will Aimson's close-range touch a breath away from goal.

A loose ball from defence sounded alarm bells in the away end, with a stray back pass meeting Costelloe rather than Will Norris, but neither he nor Asamoah Jr were able to convert the chance.

It was a superb save from Tickle that kept the Tics in the game, pushing another Boyd-Munce wonder-strike over the crossbar in what proved to be his last action of the half.

Second-half substitute Callum McManaman did brilliantly in the far corner, winning a free-kick for the Tics in a dangerous area as one of his first moves of the half. The subsequent set piece was floated into the box by Raphael, with Norris rising high above the bodies to pluck it out of action.

Up at the other end, Fox did well to snuff out an attack, sliding his body into the path of Finley Back by the far post to knock the ball out of play.

It was a piece of tidy football that got Wycombe their second of the game, with Alexander Lowry and Abbott playing off one another to unlock the back line and cross the ball into space for Donnell McNeilly, who headed home from close range.

Ryan Lowe made three late substitutions, bringing on Fraser Murray, Ryan Trevitt, and Matt Smith with the hopes of flipping the game on its head. The midfielders had a positive impact, but were ultimately unable to get on the scoresheet as the Chairboys held on to secure their place in the last 16.

After two defeats on the bounce, Wigan Athletic will look to bounce back in their return to League One action this Saturday against Cardiff City.