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Match Report



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Wycombe Wanderers have reached the fourth round of the League Cup for the first time in nearly 20 years after they defeated fellow League One outfit Wigan Athletic 2-0 at the Brick Community Stadium.

In the first meeting between the two teams in this competition, Michael Duff made 11 changes to the side that defeated Northampton Town by the same scoreline at the weekend.

Fringe players such as Dan Casey, Fin Back and James Tilley were just some of the names allowed to impress the new head coach, and it was the latter who had the game's opening chance.

On 16 minutes, the ex-Wimbledon man ran towards goal and let fly from range, but his attempt missed the target.

Wycombe bossed the ball as the Latics couldn't get near them, and on 32 minutes, the Chairboys got their deserved goal.

Caolan Boyd-Munce, who was only making his third start for Wanderers since joining from St Mirren in the summer, brilliantly bent in his first goal for the club from the edge of the box with a left-foot effort.

The Northern Irishman nearly got his second of the contest moments later with a similar type of finish, but Sam Tickle in the Wigan goal was on hand to tip it away.

Right back Fin Back also went close, but his attempt was blocked.

The Chairboys were in command whilst Wigan, who got to the final of this competition in 2006, looked flat and limp.

The hosts' best chance of the first-half fell to Will Aimson, but the Latics captain fired over from close range.

The second period saw the ex-Premier League outfit have more fight and hunger, but they couldn't penetrate the Wycombe backline.

This allowed Wanderers to soak up the pressure, and after a lovely exchange between Alex Lowry and George Abbott, the latter's cross was knocked in by Donnell McNeilly on 62 minutes.

The 19-year-old, who joined on Transfer Deadline Day on loan from Nottingham Forest, headed home his first goal for the Adams Park side.

The victory means Wanderers have reached the fourth round of the competition for the first time since the 2006/07 season – the year they reached the semi-finals, where they took on eventual winners, Chelsea.

Additionally, it was only the second time in Wycombe's history that they had scored twice at Wigan in the same game.

The first occurred in a 5-2 defeat in August 1997.

The draw for the fourth round of the EFL Cup will take place in the evening of September 24.