



WYCOMBE.....2 MANSFIELD.....0

BELL 14, WOODROW 52 (PEN)

OH HE'S A BELLTER

Sam is on song for Chairboys as Stags downed

HELLS BELLS:
Sam Bell opens
the scoring



UNDER-PRESSURE boss Mike Dodds breathed a huge sigh of relief as debut boys Sam Bell and Cauley Woodrow led Wycombe to a first league win of the season.

It was the Chairboys' first victory in 12 League One games overall after being beaten in last season's play-offs.

And it was a massive boost to ex-Sunderland caretaker Dodds who has struggled at Adams Park so far.

He said: "I'm relieved. I'm a really content, self-confident person.

"I'm a young head coach who needs to learn quickly.

"This is a huge shift. I have to win games of football but I'm genuinely relaxed with the job I'm doing.

"The fan base is demanding, it's tough but I will be a better person for

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this experience. I'm quietly confident I will get it right, I have zero doubt I'll get things right. That might make me delusional.

"I told the dressing room I'm really proud of them. I had three senior lads who told me on Thursday, 'Boss, don't change, we're loving this' and that meant a huge amount to me.

"I'm standing my ground and taking this club in the right direction."

Dodds was helped by Bell, on loan from Bristol City, and Woodrow, on loan from Luton, along with Niall Huggins borrowed from Sunderland.

And this looked like a different

Wycombe from the off. Bell fired wide from Fred Onyedinma's early cross before the former found the net on 14 minutes.

It was a route-one goal, different to Wycombe's usual possession-based approach, as Ryan Sweeney could not deal with Mikki van Sas' long punt and Bell nipped in to score.

Mansfield were hit by first-half injuries to Baily Cargill and Luke Bolton.

But they could have equalised when Sweeney's header from Stephen McLaughlin's free-kick was pushed onto the bar.

McLaughlin twice went close at the start of the second half before the hosts were awarded a 52nd-minute penalty.

Onyedinma was adjudged to have

been fouled by Frazer Blake-Tracy and Woodrow, who last scored in the Premier League for Luton 18 months ago, powered in the spot-kick.

There was no way back for Mansfield and Wycombe could have won by more with sub Junior Quitirna missing the target.

Stags boss Nigel Clough was unhappy with the whole afternoon.

He said: "We did not help ourselves. The first goal was just a routine ball, a poor goal to concede.

"Little things did not go our way, they finished their chances and we didn't.

"We thought initially Frazer got the ball for the penalty and all the lads are adamant. It was a 60-40 decision that went against us. He certainly got some of the ball."