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Match Report



Wycombe Wanderers have progressed into the knockout stages of the Football League Trophy after they defeated Gillingham 3-0 in the group decider.

The Chairboys took on the Gills at Priestfield in a winner-takes-all clash, as both sides had a chance to join Colchester United in the round of 32.

And it was the side from Buckinghamshire who prevailed, thanks to goals from Alex Lowry, Jack Matton and Bradley Fink.

Wanderers looked dangerous in the opening 10 minutes as Armando Junior Quitirna forced Taite Holtam into a good stop, before the stand-in keeper, who was making his first appearance of the season, was forced into another save, this time to deny Fink.

However, the 20-year-old was helpless when Lowry gave Wycombe the lead.

Junior found the Scotsman with a low ball, before Lowry took a touch and passed it beyond the shot stopper.

It was one-way traffic for Wanderers, in what was a very dominant display by Michael Duff's men.

Holtam was called into action once again as he denied Lowry on 14 minutes, before Junior fired over the rebound.

Donnell McNeilly forced the Gills' second choice keeper into a very good save just before the half-hour mark, as the Chairboys showed no signs of slowing down.

Gillingham's best chance of the contest in the opening 45 minutes fell to Marcus Wyllie, who was denied by Wanderers debutant Stuart Moore in the Wycombe goal.

Wyllie, prior to his move to Kent, enjoyed two very successful spells at Risborough Rangers.

The Chairboys ended the half with 12 shots at goal, with five on target, compared to the Gills' five, with two forcing Moore into saves.

The second period was a continuation of the first as the Adams Park team were relentlessly piling on the pressure, and they eventually got their second thanks to Jack Matton's first goal for Wycombe.

A Caolan Boyd-Munce in-swinging corner was met by the centre back on 62 minutes, who poked home from close-range.

It was his first goal for the club since joining last summer.

Wanderers would score again with six minutes remaining, when Bradley Fink brilliantly headed home a James Tilley cross to seal the victory.

That's now eight wins in 12 since Michael Duff took over in September.

Up next is Port Vale away on November 15.