



Wycombe Wanderers Website

Match Report

Wycombe put in their best performance of the season so far to secure a well-deserved 3-0 victory over Huddersfield Town at Adams Park on Saturday.

The Terriers lost key men Alfie May to a red card and Leo Castledine to injury in the first half and the hosts took full advantage, romping to victory thanks to goals from Cauley Woodrow and Fred Onyedinma, plus Daniel Vost's own goal.

Coming up against the side that he managed last season, Michael Duff made three changes to the side that started in the 1-1 draw at Blackpool seven days earlier, with Connor Taylor returning to the backline on his birthday while Alex Lowry and Cauley Woodrow also earned recalls as Dan Casey, Caolan Boyd-Munce and Donnell McNeilly missed out.

Leo Castledine – son of former Chairboys midfielder Stewart, who entertained guests in the Legends Lounge ahead of the game – came close to opening the scoring with a curling free-kick from 20 yards which whistled just over the bar, before Fred Onyedinma almost robbed visiting keeper Lee Nicholls of the ball on the edge of the Terriers' box, but it bounced to safety.

Castledine threatened again on the left, receiving Alfie May's reverse pass and darting towards the box, only to see his effort land safely in the gloves of Will Norris.

The Wycombe keeper expertly came to the rescue on 20 minutes when Marcus Harness's clever through-ball almost reached May but Norris raced from his goal to thwart the danger with a sliding challenge, and then Castledine's low curling strike for the bottom corner was deflected behind by Taylor Allen.

The flash point arrived just before a deluge of rain, when Town's Alfie May was shown a straight red card for a late sliding challenge on Fred Onyedinma in front of the Family Stand.

And Wycombe looked to capitalise straightaway, seeing Ewan Henderson's half-volley fly just over from 20 yards.

Then Sam Bell went closer, sneaking in round the back of Cauley Woodrow's inviting cross and sending a bullet header on target, only for Nicholls to deny him with a one-handed save.

Alex Lowry bent an effort narrowly wide from the resulting corner, before the visitors were dealt a further blow when the impressive Castledine went off injured following a collision with Connor Taylor.

Wanderers' breakthrough came on 38 minutes when Dan Harvie's cross from the left was deflected on by Josh Feeney and Lowry's flicked header landed kindly for Cauley Woodrow to nod home from close range.

Wycombe were purring, and went close to a spectacular second through Jack Grimmer, whose fizzing drive from 25 yards was tipped over by Nicholls, and then Sam Bell twisted and turned his way into a shooting position but his effort landed over.

There was still time for Woodrow to force a diving save from Nicholls in first-half stoppage time before Wycombe took their one-goal lead into half-time knowing the advantage probably should have been greater.

Connor Taylor headed wide from Luke Leahy's corner early in the second half, and Lowry's curling shot from 20 yards with beaten away by Nicholls as the home side continued with the same intensity.

Blues injected fresh legs into the side on 68 minutes when Donnell McNeilly replaced Lowry, and Jack Grimmer's high burst and low cross into danger showed the intent of a side who wanted to score a second to wrap things up rather than sit back defend what they had.

The chances kept coming, with Dan Harvie cutting in and shooting straight at Nicholls on his right foot, and then the second goal arrived in style when Huddersfield's poor pass out from the back was intercepted by Woodrow and the ball reached Onyedinma, who cut inside his man and smashed home on his left from 20 yards in front of the terrace.

And then it was three. Blues were in complete cruise control as Onyedinma and Dan Harvie swaggered their way down the left, and the latter's low cross was turned into his own net by the unfortunate Daniel Vost.

The home crowd were baying for more, and captain Grimmer nearly delivered, stinging the fingers of Nicholls again with a rasping drive, before a quartet of subs arrived with Anders Hagelskjaer, Fin Back, Caolan Boyd-Munce and Junior Quitirna coming on for Harvie, Grimmer, Henderson and Bell.

Boyd-Munce hit the target in stoppage time, but three goals was more than enough to send the home fans happy ahead of a mouth-watering Carabao Cup fourth round meeting with Fulham at Adams Park on Tuesday.