



Cheltenham Town Website

Match Report

The Robins were defeated 3-0 by League One Wycombe Wanderers in the first match at the EV Charger Points Stadium of the 2025/26 season.

First half goals from Richard Kone and a late goal from a trialist saw the Chairboys to victory as Town continue to build up the minutes ahead of the new campaign.

Following the defeat, manager Michael Flynn said:

"I thought it was a really good test against a very good Wycombe team who are unlucky to not be a Championship team now.

"We did alright today but the first goal I'll have a look at again, that was the only one really that I was concerned about.

"But today was all about pre-season, getting that fitness in, getting that sharpness in against very strong opposition."

It was the visitors who started the faster, with Kone heading the first real chance of note wide after seven minutes.

Ewan Henderson then brought Joe Day into action for the first time just moments later. The midfielder hit the target with his effort from range but the save was a comfortable one.

Mike Dodds' side would find the opener however on the 20-minute mark, Kone rounding off a well-worked passage of play from the visitors to break the deadlock.

It was nearly the perfect response from Town when Ethon Archer struck the post moments after the opener, cutting in from the left before his deflected effort hit the upright.

But it was the Chairboys who would double their lead before the interval. Big calls for offside were waved away by both the referee and assistant on the far side before James Berry teed up Kone to add a second.

After the break Town looked to find a way back into the clash, firstly through Jordan Thomas who saw a shot blocked after Mark Barber's long throw sparked danger.

Next to go close was Luke Young, whose effort from range was well hit, but held by the visitors' keeper Will Norris.

The visitors had some big chances themselves soon after. Half time substitute Jamie Mullins rattled the bar from distance before Fred Onyedinma spurned a big chance in the area, dragging wide.

Manager Flynn made a number of changes in the second 45 and one of those changes in Harrison Sohna came closest to getting on the scoresheet.

The midfielder struck the ball sweetly on the half-volley from the edge of the box, but the effort was always rising and went over the bar.

And as the game neared full time the visitors were able to add one more goal to their tally, as their trialist snuck the ball underneath Mamadou Diallo into the near bottom corner.

Next up for the Robins are two more challenging tests, this time coming in the form of Championship opposition in Swansea City and Bristol City.

CHELTENHAM TOWN (4-1-3-2): Day (Gk) (Diallo 87); Power (Caple 68), Cundy (Bakare 63), Bennett (Barber 46), Anderson (Willcox 63); Young (C) (Sohna 63); Thomas (Tustin 63), Pell (Kinsella 46), Archer (Bailey 68); Miller (Dulson 63), Angol (Backwell 63)

WYCOMBE WANDERERS FIRST XI (4-2-3-1): George (Gk): Back, Skura, Hartridge, Cole; Westergaard, Boyd-Munce; Quitirna (Bartolo 30), Henderson, Berry; Kone

WYCOMBE WANDERERS SECOND XI (4-2-3-1): Norris (Gk); Grimmer, Casey, Allen, Harvie (Trialist 78); Mullins, Leahy; Onyedinma, Tilley, Lowry; Udoh

REFEREE: S Hooper

ATTENDANCE: 1,059 (164 from Wycombe)

