



Wycombe Wanderers Website

Match Report

Wycombe suffered a 2-1 defeat at AFC Wimbledon despite a dominant second-half display, with the damage being done in a below-par first 45 minutes at Plough Lane.

Omar Bugiel headed the home side into an early lead and Steve Seddon doubled their advantage soon after, with Ewan Henderson's first Wanderers goal proving to be only a consolation.

Michael Duff reverted to the same XI and subs that defeated Northampton Town 2-0 in the league seven days earlier, and they were dealt an early warning sign from the in-form Dons when Matt Stevens teed up Ali Smith on the edge of the box on just three minutes, but he curled over.

And there was an even better chance for Myles Hippolyte moments later when he stayed onside to meet a ball over the top and charged towards goal, but fired horribly wide with only Mikki van Sas to beat.

Wycombe couldn't settle into the game and fell behind on 11 minutes when a free-kick from the left was glanced on by Omar Bugiel, who got ahead of his man and found the bottom corner with a header.

Wimbledon were comfortable and stretched their lead from a routine long ball from Ryan Johnson was helped on by Bugiel and Steve Seddon latched onto it, drilling home past van Sas.

Dons remained resilient until the break to preserve their two-goal lead, and Blues threw on George Abbott in place of Jamie Mullins at the interval in an effort to turn the tide.

Wycombe applied pressure early on in the second half and Luke Leahy's curling cross-shot came off the bar, before George Abbott fired over when off-balance at the end of a slick move.

The pressure mounted and Wanderers' improved display was rewarded with a lifeline as Ewan Henderson netted in unorthodox fashion, meeting Fred Onyedinma's cross with an improvised effort off his knee which bounced off the post and in.

Cauley Woodrow hammered one not far over the bar soon after as the one-way traffic continued, and then his goalbound strike deflected off the thigh of Ryan Johnson and landed behind.

A couple of Wimbledon subs helped stem the tide for a while, before Sam Bell burst forward and almost bent a low strike inside the post from 20 yards, seeing it land just wide.

Donnell McNeilly came on for Fred Onyedinma with 15 minutes remaining, and Abbott threatened again from range but saw his drive rise too high.

Then Bradley Fink was thrown on up front while Caolan Boyd-Munce also entered the fray after Jack Grimmer had sent Luke Leahy's corner over the bar, with Bell and Leahy making way.

Time ebbed away as the Dons dug deep to cling on to the three points, but they were relieved to see Fink's late effort disallowed with the linesman signalling for a Wimbledon throw before the ball struck the net.