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Match Report



Sam Bell's second league goal in as many games secured Wycombe Wanderers their first away league win of the season, as they defeated Wigan Athletic 1-0 at the DW Stadium.

The on-loan Bristol City man finished off a well-worked move on the half-hour mark to seal the points for the Chairboys in a game of few clear-cut chances for both teams.

The ex-Premier League outfit started the better as Christian Saydee fired wide and Paul Mullin headed over inside the opening 11 minutes.

Wanderers sat back and allowed the Latics possession, and it was one moment of quality which sealed the win for Wycombe.

Ewan Henderson managed to carve out a fantastic ball for Fred Onyedinma, who returned to the starting 11 after missing last weekend's 2-2 home draw against Barnsley through illness.

The Nigerian ran into the box and laid it off to Bell, who fired home from six yards beyond Sam Tickle to put Michael Duff's men in front.

It was his third goal in six games since joining on Deadline Day.

Wanderers only had five shots on goal compared to Wigan's 12, but managed to have three on target whilst their opponents had two.

One of these Chairboys attempts came in the second period when Onyedinma nearly got a third of the campaign, but he was denied by Tickle from an acute angle.

As time ticked away, Wigan began to throw the kitchen sink, and they nearly rescued a point deep into stoppage time, but Dara Costelloe's shot was brilliantly saved by Will Norris, who had brought back into the frame last weekend.

For Wycombe, it is now back-to-back league wins at Wigan in consecutive seasons, a feat that has never been achieved before.

The club are also now unbeaten in their last five against Wigan, keeping five clean sheets in that time. Four wins and one draw.

Prior to that, Wanderers were winless in their last five against the Latics.

The Chairboys have now moved up one place to 19th on 12 points.

Up next is an away trip to Blackpool on October 18.