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Match Report



Wycombe captain Jack Grimmer scored a 102nd-minute equaliser as Wanderers drew 1-1 away at struggling and managerless Blackpool.

The Chairboys went into the contest 11 unbeaten against the Tangerines, but for large parts of the contest, the home side bossed the ball yet did not penetrate Wanderers' defence.

Michael Duff's team soaked up the pressure and had several chances to take the lead, but struggled to convert.

Sam Bell, who scored the winner away at Wigan Athletic a week earlier, couldn't find his feet when one-on-one with Blackpool keeper Bailey Peacock-Farrell.

The ball was cleared away, but only to Donnell McNeilly, who couldn't get his shot on target on the half-hour mark, and just before the break, Wycombe again went close.

McNielly found himself in front of Peacock-Farrell, but took an age getting his shot away.

After his attempt was denied by the ex-Leeds United and Burnley keeper, Leahy tried his luck with a brilliant bending effort.

However, his rebound went just wide of the mark.

Wycombe would rue these missed chances as Blackpool took the lead with their only shot on target, right on the stroke of half-time.

A mistake by Dan Casey allowed Ashley Fletcher in on goal.

He ran down towards Will Norris before smashing home his third goal of the season.

Blackpool hadn't beaten the Chairboys in any capacity since 2004, and Wycombe looked to let this record continue as they peppered the Tangerine goal with attempts from all angles.

Dan Harvie, on his weaker right foot, saw his chance go wide, Grimmer fired over from 12 yards, before he tried his luck again, only to be denied by Peacock-Farrell, before Fred Onyedinma smashed a fierce shot into the side-netting.

Substitutes in Armando Junior Quitirna and Alex Lowry added much-needed pace to the contest, as both went close but to no avail.

With three minutes remaining, there was a lengthy delay to the proceedings as Blackpool's Michael Ihiekwe suffered a serious head/neck injury.

He was treated for roughly 10 minutes before the game restarted, and in the 12th minute of injury-time, Grimmer fired home his first goal since February 2024 to rescue Wycombe a very unlikely point.

The result means Wanderers are now unbeaten in their last 12 against Blackpool, winning two and drawing 10.

Duff's men are now on 13 points for the season, as they move up to 17th.

Up next for the Adams Park side is Huddersfield Town, the first of four consecutive home games.