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Match Report

Bromley hosted Wycombe Wanderers this Tuesday night for a Carabao Cup round two encounter under the lights. Bromley came into the tie having beaten Ipswich Town on penalties in round one, whilst Wycombe scraped through their first round tie against fellow league one outfit Leyton Orient away from home, after the Wanderers went 1-0 up in the fourth minute of injury time, courtesy of an own goal from Orient centre back Jack Simpson. Andy Woodman made six changes from the side that started the 2-2 draw against Notts County on Saturday.

Ben Krauhaus kickstarted the game, and it was the Blues with the first chance of the game, when a fluid passing move culminated in Taylor Allen clipping a ball into the Bromley penalty area, desperately inviting any yellow shirt to steer the ball home. Magnus Westergaard didn't need to be asked twice, and he ran onto the ball, before taking flight and nodding past Sam Long for 1-0.

The hosts had a good chance to level the game on 16 minutes through Marcus Dinanga, when the number ten latched onto a loose ball in behind the Wanderers backline; the frontman found himself closed down before he could fire towards goal.

Another chance fell for the Ravens minutes later. Mitch Pinnock launched one of his famous long-throws into the box, which was met by the head of Nicke Kabamba, who nodded down towards the feet of Ben Krauhaus. The number seven struck towards goal, but Will Norris reacted well, diving low to deny.

Bromley couldn't believe that they hadn't taken the lead just before the half hour mark – chaos in the Wycombe penalty area saw a number of shots being fired towards goal, with Kabamba's effort the pick of the bunch, but the Ravens were unable to find a way past Norris between the sticks.

Andy Woodman's men drew level on 34 minutes – Wycombe failed to properly clear the danger in their own penalty area following a long throw-in, and the ball looped to Jude Arthurs, whose perfectly fired rocket cannoned off the crossbar before nestling into the top left hand corner for an early goal of the season contender.

Arthurs certainly seemed keen to keep Norris on his toes, and he fancied his chances from range once more just minutes later. The number 20 received a pass from Marcus Ifill on the outskirts of the penalty area, before he turned and whipped an effort towards goal; Norris quelled the danger with a strong save.

Winger Junior Quitirna conjured up an exhibition of eye-catching trickery on the stroke of half-time, dribbling past four black and white shirts, before drawing a foul from Pinnock to win his side a free kick. Spurs loanee, George Abbott, who spent time on loan at Notts County last season, stepped up to take the set-piece, but his cross into the box failed to trouble.

Ifill displayed superb athleticism on 55 minutes when he drove at the Wycombe backline from inside his own half after intercepting a loose pass – the rapid winger hurtled past three defenders before poking a ball across the face of goal, forcing the visitors to concede a corner. Ifill was the man to swing in the corner, but the referee blew for a Wanderers free kick after he adjudged a foul to have been committed in the box by a Bromley player.

Woodman opted for a quadruple substitution on the hour mark with Michael Cheek, Idris Odutayo, Will Hondermarck and debutant Jemiah Umolu replacing Dinanga, Kabamba, Pinnock and Krauhaus.

Alex Lowry came close to giving his side the lead when his fake shot on the edge of the Bromley 18-yard box fooled everyone, allowing the 22-year-old to chip Long; although the ball looped over the head of the Bromley number 12, it also sailed over the crossbar, and the score remained 1-1.

Wycombe continued to probe and nearly bagged a second goal on 76 minutes – James Tilley thought he had scored after he struck a powerful shot from close range, but the outstretched leg of Long denied the number 15 of his second goal of the season.

Neither side could find a winner in 90 minutes, which meant the winner of the tie would be decided by a penalty shootout, in front of a packed out north terrace.

Caolan Boyd-Munce was the first to step up to the spot, and he scored his penalty with precision, into the bottom left corner. Cheek stepped up next, and buried his effort into the roof of the net. Mekhi Savage was next to take for Wycombe, and he missed.

Next, Jude Arthurs had his spot-kick saved by Norris, and Alex Hartridge scored his penalty for the Wanderers. Odutayo then sent Norris the wrong way to draw the score level at two penalties apiece.

Lowry then converted his penalty to make it 3-2. Ifill followed suit, tucking calmly past Norris to draw level.

Goalscorer Westergaard stepped up with confidence, but this was not shown in his finish, and Long denied. Byron Webster also missed his attempt.

Fin Back steered his penalty into the back of the net for 4-3, and Kyle Cameron bagged his as well, in off the post, for 4-4.

Cameron Stones was the next to score from 12 yards, and Hondermarck was denied by the crossbar, meaning Wycombe Wanderers won the shootout, boosting them into the Carabao Cup third round draw. Up next, we face Harrogate Town on Saturday.

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