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Match Report

Chairboys take away point on the road in Mike Dodds' first league game in charge.

It was a tough challenge on the road as the Chairboys left with the points shared in Mike Dodds' first league game in the dugouts. Will Swan converted in the opening minutes for the hosts but Dan Udoh was the one to strike back to draw the Blues back onto level terms.

The hosts were quick off the mark to gain the opener despite the first few minutes being all Wycombe. A run against play saw the ball taken into the Red Devils' attacking third where Max Anderson was able to lay off to Swan situated on the right edge of the box. Swan's spectacular strike made its way across goal and nestled in the top left corner to send the hosts 1-0 up in the 5th minute.

It was a quick rebuttal from the Chairboys who continued to push despite trailing early on. A close chance in the 11th minute resulted in a smart save as Joseph Wollacott tipped Fred Onyedinma's nod back out to safety. Only minutes later however, after continuing to look threatening in his attack, Udoh smashed home the target as he stayed strong on the ball following a Declan Skura assist, cutting back onto his left foot as he was one-on-one with his man and drew the visitors back level in the 19th minute.

The remainder of the half lacked in any clear-cut chances for either side as they entered into the break all square.

The return for the final 45 echoed a similar pace to the end of the first half, as no convincing opportunities for either side to take the lead presented themselves in the opening minutes of the half.

Crawley came closest first to making it two with Tyreece John-Jules feeding through a ball to Rushian Hepburn-Murphy whose attempt was well-read by Will Norris, on his league debut for the Blues in between the sticks, as he dove down to his right to palm the ball out of danger.

As the battle for the winner continued, Chairboys captain, Josh Scowen, looked near as his right-footed blast from outside of the box was blocked by a gaggle of Crawley bodies well-placed in front of goal in the 67th minute.

Deadline day signing, Xavier Simons, made his debut in the light and dark blue quarters and looked impressive in the Chairboys midfield, however, it was an even contention to see out the remainder of the game to maintain the level scoreline for both sides.

The Chairboys leave Broadfield with a point, as they now look ahead to their return to Adams Park, where they are set to host Bristol Rovers on Tuesday 18th February.