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## Match Report

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Wycombe Wanderers beat Cheltenham Town 3-0 in their penultimate pre-season friendly, with a brace from Richard Kone and a goal from a trialist wrapping up a comfortable victory for Mike Dodds' men.

The match got underway in Gloucestershire with the Adams Park outfit in their new light and dark blue, and the Robins sporting their brand new away strip.

Wanderers started lively, with Kone and Fin Back making dangerous runs forward, whilst Armando Quitirna forced the first corner of the match.

Young Ryan Cole then won the ball back high up the pitch with a great piece of pressure, forcing another corner.

Caolon Boyd-Munce's delivery was too deep but was recycled into the box, allowing Ewan Henderson to test Joe Day from range.

Quitirna was integral to everything his team did in the opening 20 minutes, looking extremely lively and causing the Cheltenham defence plenty of issues, which eventually led to their opener.

A delightful ball from James Berry carved open the Robins' defence, allowing Kone in one-on-one.

The Ivorian cooly slotted past Day, to score the second goal of Wycombe's pre-season.

Just a couple of minutes later, Michael Flynn's side almost levelled.

A deflected shot from Ethon Archer cannoned off a Wanderers defender, beating Shamal George but rattling the frame of the Blues' net.

Sadly, Quitirna had to be withdrawn for Jaiden Bartolo after he picked up a knock. The Guinea-Bissau international walked off the pitch, which was a reassuring sign.

Play was then stopped as a Cheltenham supporter was knocked unconscious by a clearance. Medics attended to the supporter who was treated pitchside whilst the game continued, and the fan's condition was stabilised.

Moments later, Kone bagged his brace.

A wonderful ball over the top by Back found Henderson free on the right flank with Kone in support. He squared it to the 22-year-old, who rolled it home into an empty net.

Daniel Harvie made his long-awaited return to action in the second half.

His first minutes since suffering a season-ending injury against Birmingham City in early March.

Dodds' men then smashed the woodwork through the newest addition Jamie Mullins, after some great work by Alex Lowry opened up a shooting opportunity for the former Brighton prodigy.

A trialist then got his goal to seal the victory at the death. Taylor Allen's cross was prodded home by the number 37, securing a comfortable 3-0 victory for the Chairboys in their penultimate preseason fixture.

Wycombe conclude their pre-season schedule on Tuesday night when they face Barnet away from home.