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Match Report

Sam Bell and Cauley Woodrow scored either side of half-time as Mansfield Town slipped to a first league defeat on the road since opening day this afternoon against Wycombe Wanderers at Adams Park.

The goalscorers debuted for the home team and Bell's 14th minute strike was the difference between the two sides at the break.

Woodrow doubled the advantage from the penalty spot six minutes into the second-half as the hosts claimed maximum points.

Manager Nigel Clough made four changes from the team that earned a valuable point away at Lincoln City last Saturday.

Jamie McDonnell was away on international duty with Northern Ireland and was replaced in the heart of midfield by Louis Reed, who captained Stags at Adams Park.

The other three changes saw Stephen McLaughlin, Baily Cargill and Nathan Moriah-Welsh replace Max Dickov, Ryan Sweeney and Aaron Lewis.

The home side created the first chance of the game after six minutes when forward Sam Bell met winger Fred Onyedinma's low cross and fired wide of the mark from inside the area.

Defender Baily Cargill was forced off with injury before play could resume after over stretching to try and block Onyedinma's cross and was subsequently replaced by club captain Ryan Sweeney.

Ten minutes into the encounter, midfielder Luke Leahy was shown the first yellow card of the game for simulation, going to ground in the area under pressure from playmaker Nathan Moriah-Welsh.

Moriah-Welsh saw Stags' first sight of goal shortly after, latching onto Wycombe goalkeeper Mikki Van Sas' misplaced clearance before arrowing wide of the right post from distance.

Wycombe struck first when Sam Bell was the quickest to react to a misplaced defensive header on the edge of the Mansfield area by Ryan Sweeney, taking the ball in his stride and lofting over Liam Roberts, who looked to close him down.

Stags' bad luck on the injury front continued in the first-half on 24 minutes.

Winger Luke Bolton was the next player forced to leave the field and manager Nigel Clough handed a debut to forward Tyler Roberts as a result.

Sweeney then went into the book on 28 minutes for a late challenge inside the Stags half.

Tyler Roberts' introduction seemed to help Stags make headway up the pitch in their search for an equaliser, with the amber and blue creating a golden chance 10 minutes before the

interval.

Stephen McLaughlin, who was playing as a left winger, swung a delightful free-kick into the area which was powered goalwards by the head of Sweeney, however, Van Sas produced a fine stop from close-range to push the goalbound header onto the bar.

Defender Jordan Bowery had his name taken by the referee in first-half stoppage time for a foul on Bell just inside the Mansfield half.

Stags continued to probe forward in search of a goal to level the match in the exchanges before the break, but Wycombe stood strong to keep hold of their lead.

The gaffer made his third alteration of the match as the second-half got back underway, sending on winger Max Dickov in place of Sweeney, who was cautioned midway through the first-half.

Stags looked to begin the second period on the front foot and earned an early corner when Moriah-Welsh's vicious strike from range needed blocking en-route to goal by a Wycombe defender.

From the resulting corner, which was delivered by Moriah-Welsh, McLaughlin rose highest to meet the ball at the front post and glanced narrowly wide of the mark.

Wycombe were awarded a penalty six minutes into the second-half when Frazer Blake-Tracy slid in to try and prevent Onyedinma from getting his shot away inside the area.

McLaughlin was booked for contesting the decision made by referee Scott Oldham.

Debutant Cauley Woodrow made no mistake from 12 yards, firing the ball past Roberts and into the bottom left corner.

Woodrow was then booked on 58 minutes for halting a Stags attack just inside his own half.

Mansfield's pressure on the home side's defence was almost rewarded with 20 minutes to play, but two excellent blocks denied George Maris and then Tyler Roberts from halving the deficit.

Six minutes later, after being found by McLaughlin on the edge of the area, Evans tested Van Sas with a low strike from 20 yards.

Wanderers substitute Armando Junior Quitirna should've sealed the game for the Chairboys 12 minutes from time, however, he could only blaze the ball over the bar from a great position inside the area.

In the last action of the match, Ewan Henderson was booked two minutes from time for a foul on halfway.