



Wycombe Wanderers Website

Match Report

Goals from debutants Sam Bell and Cauley Woodrow handed Wycombe a first league win of the season, seeing off Mansfield Town 2-0 at Adams Park.

Bristol City loanee Bell lobbed home the opener in the first half after Fred Onyedinma flicked the ball into his path, before Woodrow wrapped up the three points with a penalty in the second half after Onyedinma was fouled.

Mike Dodds handed debuts to deadline day signings Bell, Niall Huggins and Woodrow and saw his side begin brightly, with Bell firing wide early on after collecting the ball around the penalty spot from a cutback from the right.

Nathan Moriah-Welsh drilled wide from distance with the visitors' first effort, before the breakthrough came at the other end from a rare route one passage of play, with Fred Onyedinma flicking Mikki van Sas's long kick into the path of Bell, who lobbed home exquisitely.

Bell was popping up everywhere, testing the handling of Liam Roberts with a well-hit effort from 25 yards, and his neat backheel almost played in George Abbott, who was denied a shooting opportunity by a last-ditch challenge in the box.

Wycombe were looking comfortable, but couldn't rest on their laurels and Ryan Sweeney's powerful header against the bar was a warning sign as Mansfield delivered a free-kick into danger, and then Will Evans fired wide from range at the end of a quick counter.

Taylor Allen flicked a header wide for the hosts in first-half stoppage time, but all in all the half-time one-goal advantage was a fair reflection of the game so far and Blues were rightly applauded into the changing room.

Mansfield began the second half well and saw Stephen McLaughlin's effort deflect wide before Connor Taylor blocked Moriah-Welsh's rocket and the resulting corner was helped on at the near post but evaded any yellow shirts at the back stick.

But Wanderers swung momentum the other way and doubled their lead soon after from the penalty spot, thanks to another debutant in Cauley Woodrow. George Abbott slipped in Fred Onyedinma with an excellent through-ball and when Frazer Blake-Tracy brought him down, Woodrow stepped up confidently to dispatch the spot-kick.

Goalscorers Bell and Woodrow departed midway through the second half with Ewan Henderson and Bradley Fink taking their places, though maintaining a clean sheet to preserve the points was of higher priority than hunting a third goal.

Connor Taylor blocked George Maris's goalbound strike through a crowd of legs, before Junior Quitirna came off the bench to replace Fred Onyedinma, who'd picked up a knock.

The new no.7 had a chance to make it 3-0 soon after, collecting Fink's layoff but shooting over off-balance.

Mansfield showed few signs of mounting a comeback late on, and in fact it was Wycombe's more enterprising play around the Stags' box that looked more likely to add to the score tally, but 2-0 more than sufficed as Wanderers celebrated their first league win of the campaign.

Attendance: 5,080 including 832 Mansfield fans