



## **Wycombe were left frustrated as they shared a point against Crawley Town.**

With Wrexham having won their game away at Northampton earlier in the day, Wycombe knew that all eyes would be on the Chairboys. Mike Dodds largely named a similar starting eleven to the team that started against Preston North End in last week's FA Cup match. Xavier Simons was named on the bench whilst Bez Lubala dropped to the bench in favour of Dan Udoh. And the Chairboys couldn't have got off to a worst possible start. Despite some positive Wycombe interchange, the hosts took the lead in emphatic fashion. Will Swann played a nice one-two combination with Max Anderson before shaping a shot with the outside of his boot which rasped beyond Will Norris to give Crawley the lead.

Undeterred by the set back, Wycombe applied the pressure and quickly looked to address the situation. A series of attacking moments led to the Chairboys almost getting an equaliser. A cross into the box by Sonny Bradley was headed by Fred Onyedinma and looked to be looping into the Crawley net but was superbly clawed out by Joseph Wollacott. The Chairboys continued to pester the Crawley goal with a series of corners but eventually the equaliser came. In open play, Declan Skura threaded a ball onto the chasing Dan Udoh who managed to control the ball and dummy his defender before placing a shot past Wollacott to put Wycombe on level terms.

There after however, the game became rather niggly as Referee Farai Hallam and his linesmen made a series of dubious decisions which baffled both benches. Subsequently a number of challenges either got dismissed or would be pulled up much to the dismay of both playing squads. Half time couldn't come soon enough as there was a feeling that tensions were rising with Wycombe slightly struggling to adapt at that point in the game.

Come the second half, the game however continued to be stop-start affair with Hallam being the games main attention with his endless strange decision making. Despite this, Crawley applied the pressure and Rushian Hepburn-Murphy had the hosts best chance to restore the lead. A cut back from Tyreece John-Jules found the attacker who scuffed his shot, which Norris managed to tip his effort wide of the post. Wycombe then pushed the agenda and appeared to contain their hosts for large periods of the second half in their own area. And through this, Cameron Humphreys managed to get the Chairboys best moment when he received the ball from Luke Leahy and delivered a ball to Sonny Bradley. But Bradley couldn't get enough direction with his subsequent header.

As the game entered the last ten minutes, both sides made a flurry of changes to impact the score line. Mike Dodds brought on Bez Lubala, Xavier Simons and Gideon Kodua to reinvigorate the attacking options whilst Crawley largely re-organised their shape whilst looking to threaten on the counter attack. But the Chairboys looked the most likely to probe the games final moment. One final change with Sam Vokes in place of the tireless Dan Udoh, encouraged the Chairboys faithful. And he almost had an instant impact. A clever threaded ball by Kodua played Lubala in the Crawley box, who unleashed a quick cross that just missed the chasing Vokes and Fred Onyedinma to potentially give the Chairboys the winner. As Crawley valiantly defended the last four minutes of added time, much reflection will be drawn from Mike Dodds and the Chairboys now move onto Tuesday night as they host Bristol Rovers at Adams Park.