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Match Report



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Wycombe Wanderers' League Cup run has ended for another season as they lost to Fulham 5-4 on penalties, following a 1-1 draw at Adams Park.

With nearly 8,000 people packed inside the Hillbottom Road venue in what was the club's highest attended game of the season so far, the hosts had the perfect start on four minutes.

Jamie Mullins gave the ball to Cauley Woodrow, and the ex-Fulham striker fired home from range to put the Chairboys ahead.

It was the on-loan Luton Town man's second goal in consecutive matches, and his third since arriving in South Buckinghamshire at the start of September.

This was as good as it got for Wanderers as they let Fulham have the ball.

They ended the half with less than 30 per cent possession, with the goal being their only shot of the contest.

For the Cottages, they enjoyed the ball but struggled to find a way through a dogged Wycombe backline.

On 14 minutes, Adama Traore's cross was headed towards goal by Raul Jimenez, but the latter's attempt was pushed away by Will Norris.

Moments later, it was take two as another header by the Mexican forward was parried away by Wanderers' number 50, whilst Brazilian winger Kevin, put his shot wide.

Michael Duff's team were more than happy to sit back and defend the one-goal lead, as Fulham looked vulnerable on the counterattack.

Sam Bell tied Issa Diop in knots on the left, whilst the battle between the two Nigerians in Calvin Bassey and Fred Onyedinma on the right was an interesting watch.

Boos were heard by the Fulham fans at half-time as they lacked that cutting edge up top, but they didn't need to wait long for their equaliser, as it duly came two minutes after the restart.

A quick corner kick from Kevin found Josh King unmarked in the box, and the teenager poked home from close range.

It was then an onslaught of Cottage attacks, as Norris was on hand to deny Tom Cairney, Harrison Reed and Traore.

The introduction of Caolan Boyd-Munce and Donnell McNeilly gave the Chairboys that muchneeded balance in the middle of the park and up top, as Wanderers looked open when Fulham attacked.

The Premier League outfit continued to boss the ball, as in the last five minutes Norris made a huge save to thwart Kevin.

Moments later, King fired wide.

It went to penalties, and despite Ewan Henderson missing Wycombe's opening kick, it went to sudden death after Ryan Sessegnon had the decisive kick to settle the tie, saved by Will Norris.

However, Wanderers couldn't capitalise as Donnell McNeilly and Fred Onyedinma had their pens saved by Lecomte.

Issa Diop then converted home as Fulham won the tie 5-4 on penalties.

It means Wycombe still haven't won a home League Cup tie inside 90 minutes since August 2003, when they defeated Wimbledon 2-0 at Adams Park.