



Wycombe Wanderers Website

Match Report

Goals from Dan Harvie and George Abbott were enough to secure a deserved 2-0 victory over Northampton Town in Michael Duff's first game as Head Coach at Adams Park on Saturday afternoon.

Luke Leahy was the architect for both goals, clipping in a cross for Harvie to fire home in the first half, before Abbott stylishly collected and finished Leahy's assist on 70 minutes to ensure there was no way back for the in-form Cobblers.

Duff was welcomed onto the pitch to a warm ovation from the home faithful and watched on as his side began brightly, going close early on through Cauley Woodrow's curling effort, before Ewan Henderson's strike was beaten away by the keeper, Jamie Mullins' cross-shot sailed just over and Fred Onyedinma headed wide on his 400th career appearance.

But just as it looked as though the Cobblers had weathered an early storm, the breakthrough came. It was an excellent passing move outside the box between a host of blue shirts and when the ball broke to Luke Leahy, he clipped in a sublime cross which was met by the onrushing Dan Harvie, who converted first-time.

A lull in goalscoring chances then ensued, with Wycombe looking comfortable with their lead and battling hard for every ball in what was a tenacious and fired-up display.

Cauley Woodrow flashed a header on target on 37 minutes at the end of another well-crafted move, while Ethan Wheatley fired wide under pressure from Connor Taylor with the first effort of the second period – the Cobblers' first real chance so far.

Dean Campbell curled a shot on target which was comfortable for Mikki van Sas as the rain began to pour at Adams Park, and the visitors looked to make amends for what they might've considered a below-par first half.

George Abbott replaced Jamie Mullins in the middle of the park just past the hour-mark, and a second goal nearly arrived after strong build-up down the right led to Ewan Henderson whipping in a low cross which reached Woodrow, but he curled just wide with a tough first-time chance.

Bradley Fink and Caolan Boyd-Munce came on for Sam Bell and Henderson on 70, and within moments it was 2-0 thanks to a moment of magic from George Abbott.

Again it was Leahy with the assist, clipping a ball to the edge of the box where Abbott controlled it superbly on his chest before twisting, jinking past two defenders and stroking the ball into the bottom corner in front of the terrace.

It took the sting out of the Cobblers' hopes of a comeback, and instead the Blues had chances to stretch their lead even further, with Woodrow curling wide and Boyd-Munce seeing an effort deflect past the post.

Bradley Fink was then inches away from a first Chairboys goal when stretching excellently to head Onyedinma's cross onto the bar, and Boyd-Munce was denied on the follow-up.

Fin Back replaced Onyedinma soon after, and Donnell McNeilly came on for his debut in place of Woodrow on 85 minute, before Jack Grimmer's header from Leahy's corner was thwarted from a tight angle.

The final scoreline could've been any number as opportunities kept coming, with Burge denying Harvie's late strike at the end of a brilliant counter from McNeilly, but two goals were enough to complete a thoroughly entertaining afternoon in HP12.