



Wycombe Wanderers Website Match Report

Wycombe picked up three big points on the road with a superb 3-1 victory at Cheltenham Town on Saturday.

Jack Grimmer's first goal of the season was swiftly followed by Garath McCleary's exquisite breakaway strike, and Freddie Potts forced an own goal from Curtis Davies after keeper Luke Southwood tipped McCleary's penalty into his path, before Matty Taylor notched a consolation for the hosts.

Matt Bloomfield handed a debut in midfield to new signing Matt Butcher, while fellow new recruits Beryly Lubala and Nigel Lonwijk were named on the bench as Josh Scowen and Chris Forino were sidelined through injury, and Ryan Tafazolli missed out with an illness.

The Robins started the stronger of the two sides, seeing Tom Pett's volley flash wide and George Lloyd fire straight at Max Stryjek, before Curtis Davies squandered a decent chance when a free-kick fell for him in the box but he could only prod it tamely at the keeper.

But the deadlock was broken at the other end, and after Matt Butcher had started a move which resulted in a Wycombe corner, Luke Leahy's delivery was flicked on for Jack Grimmer to convert from close range at the back post.

Liam Sercombe fired wide under pressure after a long throw caused concern for the Wanderers' backline, before the visitors doubled the lead with a blistering counter-attack from one box to the other in a flash. Joe Low's clearance was touched on by Garath McCleary to Sam Vokes, who flicked the ball into the Robins' half and McCleary continued his run to sprint onto it and drill low and hard past Luke Southwood from just inside the Cheltenham area.

Wycombe were now full of confidence and Dale Taylor's long-ranger flew over before Kieran Sadlier saw a shot deflect wide, though Cheltenham could've pulled one back before the interval when Elliot Bonds created a chance for Keena, who couldn't wrap his foot around it under pressure from Grimmer six yards out.

The hosts brought on striker Matty Taylor for his debut at the interval as Keena made way, but it was Wycombe who kicked on and made it 3-0 soon into the second half. The impressive Butcher slipped in a crisp pass for Vokes, who cut back onto his right foot and had his legs swiped away, giving the referee no option but to point to the spot.

McCleary's low penalty was saved by Southwood, but Freddie Potts reacted quickest and smashed the ball across the face of goal where Curtis Davies couldn't do anything but turn it into his own net.

It could've been 4-0 moments later when McCleary's low cross was dummied by Vokes but landed kindly for the striker off the heel of a defender, but the no.9 could only smash over.

A Cheltenham double change breathed new life into their side and debutant Taylor pulled one back on 58 minutes, spinning and volleying superbly past Stryjek when the ball broke for him in the box.

The hosts' tails were up, and Wanderers looked to inject new pace into the attack when Beryly Lubala came on for his debut, replacing Sadlier.

Liam Kinsella headed a deep cross over the bar for the home side on 68 minutes, and Josh Harrop curled a free-kick over from a dangerous position 10 minutes later, though generally the Blues had seemingly quashed the momentum that was growing after Taylor's strike.

Lubala almost sealed the win in style with a lob from 60 yards which landed on the roof of the net, but the Blues defended their box resolutely enough to secure the points ahead of the visit of Peterborough to Adams Park next week.