

Two-goal sub Kashket puts stunned Crewe all in a stew

By Dave King

FIVE-GOAL Wycombe Wanderers produced their best performance of the season so far with a thumping 5-1 demolition of Crewe Alexandra at Adams Park on Tuesday night.

And it was the first time that Wycombe have scored five goals since Gareth Ainsworth has been in charge.

Goals from Sam Wood, Paris Cowan-Hall and a first ever senior goal for Dominic Gape in a thrilling first 45 minutes sent Ainsworth's team into a commanding 3-0 lead at the break.

And then two strikes from substitute Scott Kashket in the 63rd and 69th minute sealed the win, with Crewe grabbing a 71st minute consolation from Cooper.

For Kashket, who was making his home debut, they were his first goals for Wycombe since joining the club in August. The 20-year-old signed until December 31st after being released by Leyton Orient.

It was only Wycombe's third win of the season from 10 starts, but pushes them away from the bottom two trapdoor into 19th place, level on points with four other teams.

Ainsworth expressed his delight at the result after the game. He said: "It's been coming. With pace in the team and players coming back from injury, we dominated the game and we're really pleased."

After the game, Cowan-Hall Tweeted his delight at the result. "What a feeling! Great team performance three points and happy to have scored, fans were ledge!! We go again Saturday."



Two goal Scott Kashket was a deadline day signing for the Chairboys when he agreed a short-term deal in August

Wycombe: Blackman, Harriman, Stewart, Pierre, Jacobson, Thompson (sub: Bloomfield 73), Rowe, Gape, Wood, Hayes (sub: Freeman 73), Cowan-Hall (sub: Kashket 62). Subs (not used): Jombati, Richardson, Akfenwa, De Havilland.

Booked: Harriman, Cowan-Hall.

Attendance: 2,572

• TUESDAY night's morale-boosting

wind served as a contrast to a disappointing 1-0 league defeat at Carlisle United on Saturday.

Ainsworth believes Wanderers were denied a clear penalty, convinced that Dominic Gape was tripped in the area late on at Brunton Park as Wanderers chased an equaliser.

Referee, Seb Stockbridge, waved passionate appeals from both staff

and players away and Ainsworth was left incensed by the decision.

"We deserved something today and are not getting the rub of the green. I cannot for the life of me believe he has not given a penalty with eight minutes to go," Ainsworth said.

"It is a definite trip on Dominic Gape and he is adamant he has been tripped. Why hasn't he booked him if he thinks he has dived?"

Greens' Vase glory

BUILDBASE FA VASE

HOLMER GREEN have been handed a home draw for the first round proper of the Buildbase FA Vase.

After a 3-0 victory over Crickwood Wanderers last Saturday, Holmer have been paired with the Reading-based Highmoor Ibis, who play in the Hellenic League Premier Division.

The Spartan South Midland Premier League outfit moved into the competition proper with a low key performance against dogged but limited Wembley-based opponents.

The visitors, who play in the Middlesex Premier League had some gifted players, but were no match for Holmer's measured passing and movement all over the field.

As early as he seventh minute a long throw by Jamie Britnell was headed on by Perry Dicker, but Greg Deer couldn't keep his header under the crossbar.

Three minutes later Eliot Derby fed Tom Gant who laid the ball off to Curtis Stone. The far post right-wing cross was met perfectly by Dicker, although under pressure from two defenders, and his firm header looped over Logan and into the goal.

After 17 minutes, Holmer increased their lead. A low Gary Lines' cross from the left following a dead-ball kick, was met at the near post by Deer. He flicked the ball neatly into the adjacent bottom corner.

It was 3-0 and game over by half-time. On 35 minutes Homer moved further ahead after another Stone centre. Deer forced the goalkeeper to divert his effort onto the goal-frame. Joe Collins was on hand to force the loose ball home.

The second half proved similar to the first, but Holmer were frustrated by a more dogged visitors' defence and their own slack final ball or finish.

They were awarded a penalty after 66 minutes, but Stone's spot-kick was kept out by Logan. Although the ball rebounded in front of goal, no less than four successive attempts to force the ball home were blocked by desperate defending.

The next round of the FA Vase will be played on October 22 - it is only the third time the Greens have reached this stage of the competition.

In 1999, they went out to Watton United after an away replay, and in 2007 they were beaten by Hampshire side Brockenhurst at Watchet Lane.

Two seasons ago, Holmer exited at Ascot United despite a late surge.

NON-LEAGUE football round-up

Lockhart-Adams ends bleak run

CHALFONT St Peter have finally ended a poor run of three defeats on the bounce.

It took a dramatic hat-trick from Kofi Lockhart-Adams to earn a late, late 5-3 win at Hanwell Town in the Evo-Stik League Southern Division One Central League.

Despite going a goal down to the Middlesex-based team after just nine minutes, Lockhart-Adams bagged a quick-fire half-hour hat-trick.

Three times Saints went a goal, down, and three times Lockhart-Adams levelled the scores with strikes in the 20th, 32nd and 51st minutes.

With the game seemingly edging towards a draw, Tyrone Pink grabbed a late goal in the first minute of injury time for 4-3.

And then Remmel Clarke sealed all three points with the decisive goal in the fourth minute of added time.

The midweek victory was in stark contrast to last Saturday's 2-0 defeat to league leaders Farnborough.

A poor challenge from Dave Thomas allowed Eddie Smith to give the visitors the lead from the spot in the 21st minute and Sam Shaban added a late second.

Tomorrow, third-placed Saints travel to Oxfordshire side Kidlington.

In the same division, Marlow maintained their unbeaten home record with a goalless draw against Potters Bar Town which saw the hosts finish the game with nine men.

Jason Brown was red carded as the teams walked off at half-time with Marlow angry at a penalty decision which didn't go their way.

Brown was dismissed for squirting a Potters Bar player with a water bottle.

Adam Richards received a second yellow card after 69 minutes,

reducing Marlow to nine men, but the Blues held firm to earn a well-deserved point.

Then on Monday evening, Marlow shared a 2-2 draw with struggling Beaconsfield SYCOB, and now lie seventh in the table on 17 points, five points behind Farnborough, who have played a game less.

Tomorrow, Marlow hit the road with a visit to fourth-placed Royston Town.

Beaconsfield SYCOB sit 20th in the 22 team table and are without a game tomorrow, but they will follow Marlow with a trip to Royston next Tuesday.

Last Saturday, they suffered a 2-1 defeat to Fleet Town.

Cricklewood Wanderers provided little resistance to a dominant Holmer Green side as they eased to a 3-0 win.

Perry Dicker got the ball rolling with a fine first half header before Greg Deer and Joe Collins completed the scoring in a match Holmer could have

won by a bigger margin.

Hellenic League Premier Division side Flackwell Heath moved level on points with league leaders Thatcham Town after a 3-0 win over Brimscombe & Thrupp.

Few sides have been able to match Penn & Tylers Green in the Division One East this season and it was a similar story for Sandhurst Town.

Despite being pushed hard, Casey Bocarro's long-range effort and Chris Hurst's penalty secured a solid 2-0 win for Penn.

Risborough Rangers' seven game unbeaten run ground to a halt on Saturday as they lost 4-2 against a well-drilled Harpenden Town side.

Jason Costello and Lamar Mason-Williams got the goals for Rangers.

Amersham Town's abject start to the season continued at pace after they fell to a 3-0 loss at the hands of high-flying Thame Rangers.

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Scott Kashket: two goals

TWO-GOAL hero, Scott Kashket says the atmosphere at Wycombe Wanderers has helped him settle and he has no regrets about his departure from Leyton Orient in the summer.

The 20-year-old joined the Chairboys on a short-term deal on deadline day after being released by Orient.

He had to wait until Saturday to make his first appearance for Wanderers – a 1-0 defeat away at Carlisle United – and then scored twice after coming on as a substitute in the 5-1

midweek demolition of Crewe Alexandra.

Patience has been a virtue, but Kashket says the move has been nothing but positive.

He said: "I was happy to get out of there and everyone was saying Wycombe was a great club and I am seeing that now.

"It is different. You are treated very, very well here and it is a family club so everyone is close together."

Kashket was used sparingly during his two years at the Matchroom Stadium and is now hoping to earn a

longer term deal with Wycombe.

He says the welcome he received has helped him settle and he is enjoying his time at Adams Park.

Kashket explained: "I have enjoyed it and the players have made it really easy for me. They have been very friendly and encouraging and that is what you want when you are new to a club."

A bright cameo display at Carlisle, and then the impressive run-out against Crewe after coming on just after the hour mark, suggests Kashket has plenty to offer in at-

tack.

Kashket will be pushing for a first start at home to Exeter tomorrow, when he hopes to replicate the impressive displays from the past two games.

Do that, and he could do enough to earn an extension on his current deal at Adams Park, which expires at the end of December.

Kashket explained: "I want to get on the pitch and show the manager what I am about and earn a longer deal."

WYCOMBE: Boss warns after thumping victory Win doesn't mean we've turned a corner

GARETH Ainsworth has poured cold water on suggestions his Wycombe side have turned a page as they prepare to take on Exeter City on Saturday at Adams Park.

The Chairboys ran riot on Tuesday evening, slotting five goals past high-flying Crewe Alexandra, notching only their third league win from ten games in an injury-ravaged start to the season.

First half goals from Sam Wood, Paris Cowan-Hill and Dominic Gape before a second half double from substitute Scott Kashket earned Wycombe their biggest win in four-and-a-half years.

Now Ainsworth doesn't want his team to rest on their laurels.

"I think it would be naive to think we've turned a corner," Ainsworth admitted. "Some of the performances we've put in this season have been similar but we didn't get the right result.

"Against teams like Portsmouth and Stevenage we ended up losing, but the performance was there, and that is what's important for me as long as I know my team are trying to do the right things.

"Sometimes you'll get nights where you create chances and the goals will fly in and that's what happened against Crewe and it was fantastic for the boys and everyone to celebrate."

But now Ainsworth believes it's important to bury the result.

"I've told my players to get off

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that high horse," he said. "Of course, it's important to ride the wave because this kind of result breeds confidence but I don't want us to be arrogant or overconfident.

"Pride before the fall is a great saying in football because we know all about humility. We've got one of the lowest budgets in the football league so we know we have to work hard to achieve results."

Wanderers did the double over Exeter last season, but Ainsworth believes Paul Tisdale's side pose a different threat this season despite having an injury-stricken squad.

"As a trust-owned club the match in itself is a success," he stressed.

"But having the fans own the club means that the budget is still going to be tight and I think they knew this season was going to be hard.

"But just like us they have turned over big sides already so they are a proposition that we will not be taking lightly just because we scored a few goals in the week. They are a solid outfit under Paul.

"I've been in this game for a long time but Paul has been in even longer. We both know League Two, we know what it takes to get results and I think league position will go out of the window on Saturday."

Wanderers have picked up 11 points from their first ten games, but Ainsworth thinks it would be unfair to suggest the table is a true



Gareth Ainsworth: We can't afford to be arrogant or overconfident

reflection of what his side are capable of.

"If we had had every player, or even 90 per cent of players fit from the start of the season I would have said yes, you can look at us now and judge us.

"I believe we'd be a lot higher than we are now. We lost big names in the summer through injury, even Paul Hayes has only played a handful of games.

"It's been tough. We've had players out for long spells, some with broken legs. These aren't little things and the injuries have played a part but I don't want people to think it's an excuse.

"I believe in the next five or six games we'll start to consolidate where we are in the league and where we will shape up, but we just need a bit of time to allow players to come back in."

Skipper chalks up 100th game

WYCOMBE defender Joe Jacobson has paid tribute to skipper Paul Hayes after he played his 100th game for the club on Tuesday.

Hayes made his debut for the Chairboys in February 2012 and not since then has the side amassed a bigger win than the five-star showing against Crewe Alexandra.

The veteran striker couldn't mark the occasion with a goal, but contributed heavily in the win by setting up two goals in a stunning victory.

"Hayes's huge for us," Jacobson said. "His experience and guile is unbelievable and there aren't many players like him at this level.

"With Paris's pace alongside him, their link up play is awesome and, as you saw it even works the other way round with Paris flicking it onto Hayes to run onto."

Jacobson returned to the fold following a 12-week spell on the sidelines after he picked up an injury in training prior to the their match against Colchester in August.

"Just getting back out there on the pitch was important for me," he said.

"Being injured is the worst thing in the world, and if you ask any player he'll say the same.

"I'm really grateful to the medical staff who have helped me get back a lot sooner than we thought and, to come into a team that wins 5-1 is a bonus.

Now Jacobson is urging his teammates to strive for a spell of consistency. "The best teams in the league are consistent and we just haven't been so far this season."