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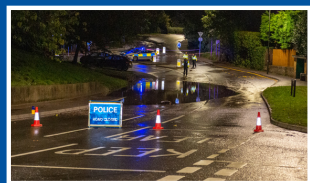
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WANDERERS: Rochdale boss' honest assessment



Rochdale manager Brian Barry-Murphy

Dale undone

ROCHDALE boss Brian Barry-Murphy admitted his side were undone by a quality Wycombe side.

He said: "It was a very difficult game for us. We played against a team who have been performing well all season and sit high up in the table.

"We weren't able to create enough pressure to sustain against them and, on the flip side of that, we conceded some very poor goals.

"The result didn't go our way today, but it must be understood the players put absolutely everything into the game midweek for the Club.

"We have to be forgiving of that because there are reasons why we performed like we did, which are clear to me.

"I wasn't being pessimistic before the match when I spoke of how difficult this game would be.

"We were unable to produce the attacking movements we have been known for, but the players gave absolutely everything and I couldn't ask for anymore."

Latest from the Blues

Wycombe Wanderers

Game change

WYCOMBE Wanderers clash with Ipswich Town has been rearranged for November 26 at 7.45pm, following the postponement of the game earlier this week.

The game was originally scheduled for October 12 at Portman Road but Town requested a change due to players on international duty.

The Chairboys face Peterborough at Adams Park on Saturday (kick off 3pm).

Ladies win

FIRST-HALF goals from Samantha Jackson and Tara Woodward helped Wycombe Wanderers Ladies record their first league win of the season, overcoming Oxford City on Sunday afternoon.

However, the performance was overshadowed by an injury to Christina O'Connor eight minutes into the game.

Following the delay, the Chairgirls sparked into life immediately and took the lead through Jackson's excellent finish. The game was played in good spirit and at a good tempo with both teams enjoying spells of possession with the quality of the final ball lacking. However, a slick team build up resulted in Tara Woodward extending the Chairgirls lead on 44 minutes with a smart finish.

The second half was disjointed in that both teams conceded possession too easily. Oxford City, to their credit, had a 10-minute spell where they enjoyed more of the ball and created a few half chances and caused some alarm in the Chairgirls' penalty area calling on some last ditch defending.

The Chairgirls created a few good chances built on some very good forward play from Woodward, the best falling to Chante Inniss who could only find the side netting from a wide angle.

There are some good signs as the team begins to find its feet at the more senior level with another FA Cup game on Sunday at home to Worthing to look forward to.

Yates deal

CAMERON Yates has signed an extension to his contract with Wycombe Wanderers, keeping him at Adams Park until June 2021.

Boss Gareth Ainsworth said: "Cam looks every part a promising young goalkeeper who has what it takes to enjoy a successful career."

WANDERERS: Gaffer pleased with 'mature' display Ainsworth hails a 'perfect' gameplan win over Rochdale



Wycombe Wanderers manager Gareth Ainsworth

WYCOMBE boss Gareth Ainsworth admitted the Blues' 3-0 victory against Rochdale was a gameplan that worked perfectly as the Chairboys propelled themselves to second in League One.

The Blues raced into a two-goal lead before the break as goals from Fred Onyedimma and Adebayo Akinfenwa put Rochdale to the sword.

Rochdale threatened slightly more after the break but Onyedimma's second goal of the game put the seal on an authoritative display at Spotland.

Ainsworth said: "We are a decent counter attacking outfit and probably 80 per cent of their 70 per cent possession would have been in their own half.

"At 1-0 and 2-0, you don't mind them keeping it in their own half as they aren't going near you goal and think my boys were quite clever in how they played and how they approached the game.

"We have gameplans for every game but it is good to be able to chop and change and put into place what we want to put in place but I was really impressed with maturity that some of the boys showed and their game management as well.

"We really were quite comfortable second half. It didn't feel threatening and Rochdale probably ran out of steam with the midweek game against Manchester United.

By Nicholas Tunney

"It is not always the case but I am glad that the boys stayed solid and mature and they had one or two shots that every team is going to get against you.

"But we limited Rochdale to very few chances and I thought the boys put in a really good away performance and I was really pleased with that."

Ainsworth was boosted by the return of Curtis Thompson to the starting line-up on Saturday and the Blues boss was keen to praise the midfielder for his display, who was making his first start of the season.

He added: "Curtis is an outstanding talent.

"He was a free from Notts County and he is just one of those stories of players that played against us who did fantastically well in mine and Dobbo's eyes.

"Nobody else seemed to see that, like Alex Samuel at Stevenage, and I am so glad this has worked.

"Sometimes it is our best way of scouting and Curtis has come on leaps and bounds and he is really becoming a good midfield player.

"He is really professional and is a great guy, very mature for his age and I am pleased he managed to get through the 90 minutes."

WANDERERS

Onyedinma brace seals



By Nicholas Tunney

WYCOMBE Wanderers catapulted themselves to second in League One with an impressive 3-0 win over Rochdale at Spotland.

The game itself was thrown into doubt but survived two pitch inspections after hours of torrential rain in Greater Manchester.

Fortunately, the game got given the green light and a brace from Fred Onyedinma, which was sandwiched by an Adebayo Akinfenwa goal, gave the Blues their first away win of the season.

Onyedinma opened the scoring in 16th minute, when a cross from the right was deflected into the path of the forward at the back-post. He took a touch before firing beyond Robert Sánchez, despite MJ Williams' best efforts to keep it out on the line.

The visitors doubled their lead ten minutes later through Akinfenwa, when he met a ball into the area from the left, looping a header over Sánchez from 12-yards.

Dale's best first-half chance came on the stroke of the break, when Jim McNulty met Ryan's out swinging corner, powering a header off the face of the crossbar.

Dooley replaced Ryan on the hour mark and saw a low shot well held by Allsop.

Wanderers' third came 12 minutes from time. Scott Kashket pulled a ball back for fellow substitute Josh Parker, who struck the upright with an effort which fell kindly for Onyedinma to slot home his second of the game.

Despite having less than 30 per cent possession, Wycombe ran out easy winners and now face Peterborough at home on Saturday (3pm).

Wycombe Wanderers: Allsop, Grimmer, Stewart, Phillips (sub: Mascoll, 85), Charles, Gape, Pattison (sub: Kashket, 62), Thompson, Onyedinma, Akinfenwa (sub: Park-



er, 76), Wheeler
Rochdale: Sanchez, Keohane, Williams, McNulty, Norrington-Davies, Ryan (sub: Dooley, 60), Camps, Henderson, Andrew, Rathbone.



easy Wanderers victory



Onyedima bagged two goals and Akinfenwa the other as Wycombe stormed to a 3-0 win over Rochdale on Saturday. Photos: PRiME Media Images

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Football

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WANDERERS: Jacobson and Freeman back Wycombe bolstered by return of key men



Wycombe Wanderers manager Gareth Ainsworth is hoping to have a few players back for this weekend's clash with Peterborough. Photo: Andy Rowland

By Nicholas Tunney

WYCOMBE manager Gareth Ainsworth has been boosted by the news that key players are set to return for the clash against Peterborough at Adams Park on Saturday.

Joe Jacobson and Nick Freeman are in contention for what should be a cracking match against Posh.

Rolando Aarons and Curtis Thompson are also back in the fold after spells on the sideline and the Blues boss is awaiting news on Matt Bloomfield, who has suffered a series of sickening head injuries in recent games.

Ainsworth said: "We are hoping

to have a full squad to choose from, barring Paul Smyth, who is very close and he should be back for the Sunderland game (October 19), which will be great.

"We have had a good run and Blooms will have to be looked at with his head knocks and be assessed.

"Jacobson and Freeman are hopefully both in contention for Saturday, which will be great, so hopefully a full squad to choose

from barring Paul and selection problems because it is such a strong squad at the moment."

Peterborough promise to provide the Chairboys with a stern test and Ainsworth is looking forward to what should be an exciting clash against Darren Ferguson's side.

He added: "They have three players who have scored all 23 league goals for them, bar one, and that is Maddison, Eisa and Toney.

"We are well aware of the threat they have got from those players and those three are a cracking trio.

"They are Championship quality

and we are going to have to be at our best to firstly, keep solid, and secondly, get something from the game as it is a real, real test.

"I think Peterborough are one of the best teams in our league and it will be a really tough challenge on Saturday.

"It will be tough without a shadow of a doubt and Darren Ferguson has been fantastic with me throughout my career.

"In the early days, he was there to give advice and he wants to help and he has experience to call on and I have the utmost respect for him."



Curtis Thompson

Curtis happy to be back

Wycombe Wanderers

WYCOMBE midfielder Curtis Thompson explained his injury woes are firmly behind him after making his comeback in Wycombe's 3-0 win over Rochdale on Saturday.

Thompson made his first appearance of the season and played the full 90 minutes at Spotland, turning in an excellent performance to help the Blues to their first away win of the campaign.

The former Notts County man had to have surgery on his shoulder after playing through the pain barrier towards the end of last season but admitted he was delighted to be back pain-free.

He said: "It was very frustrating.

"Any injury is frustrating and to have surgery is not great but it happens in football and you just have to deal with and get on with it but I have now dealt with it and I am back to full fitness now and looking forward to kicking on."

Thompson forged a superb partnership with Dominic Gape last term and the 26-year-old was delighted to rekindle old ties for the former Saints man.

He added: "I loved every minute of it.

"I missed being out there with Gapey and watching him every week. He is a phenomenal player and it is just great to be back at the side of him."

This weekend sees the Blues take on Peterborough on Saturday (3pm) and Thompson is champing at the bit to play in some key matches at home, where the Blues are unbeaten.

He commented: "The fans play their part massively and we are very comfortable at home because we know we can pick up wins from tough games."

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