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SPORT: A win is needed at The Den as Wanderers face Millwall Wanderers 'will be fighting for everything'



Millwall manager Gary Rowett

WYCOMBE will face in-form Millwall this weekend - as the Chairboys' hopes of survival diminish game by game.

After a last-minute goal that gave Derby all three points at Adams Park midweek, Gareth Ainsworth's side will need to look to pick up a win at The Den.

Gary Rowett and his side are currently on a seven-match unbeaten run as they eye up the play-offs.

The Lions beat Birmingham City last time out and will be looking to

carry on their excellent form that has seen them rise to eleventh.

The Millwall boss expects Wycombe to "fight for everything" but admits if his side wants to achieve their ambitions this season, all three points are a must.

Rowett said: "We're coming up against two teams who are scrapping for their lives."

"They will be fighting for everything."

"But if we want to have the same ambition to get to where we want to be, or similar to last season, we have

to go and take some points in these run of games."

However, Rowett could be without six first-team players as Ryan Leonard, Connor Mahoney, Shaun Williams, Murray Wallace, Maikel Kieftenbeld and Kenneth Zohore were all left out of the Birmingham game.

The Millwall manager has also admitted pitch isn't in great condition and it will act as a leveller for the two teams.

Rowett continued: "The pitch is not going to be good."

"It wasn't great anyway, like most teams' pitches aren't because they haven't had the time to do work on them in the summer [due to the Covid-19 pandemic cutting the break]."

"And we had to train on the pitch last week because the training ground was frozen."

"It is going to be a difficult pitch to play on. It is a little bit of a leveller."

Wycombe are currently 10 points from safety and will need to start picking up points if they want a shot at survival.

WWFC: Derby defeat the Chairboys at Adams Park 'Wycombe deserved the victory' - Rooney

Derby loss is 'hardest to take'

ALAN PARRY REFLECTS ON TUESDAY'S 'KICK IN THE TEETH' FOR CHAIRBOYS

DERBY County manager Wayne Rooney believes that Wycombe 'deserved the victory' after his side defeated Wanderers 2-1 at Adams Park on Tuesday evening.

Andre Wisdom scored an injury-time winner to snatch all three points for the Rams in a match in which Derby were by far second best.

They went ahead in the first-half when Uche Ikpeazu scored an own goal by heading Martyn Waghorn's corner past Ryan Allsop, before Wanderers' number nine equalised with a penalty three minutes into the second period.

The Ugandan forward had several more chances to score for Wycombe, but he was denied on three occasions by Derby keeper David Marshall, who was without a doubt the visitors' best player.

It looked like both clubs were going to get a point each but in the 93rd minute, Waghorn's free-kick hit the post before Wisdom smashed in the rebound.

The defeat for Wycombe means they stay bottom of the Championship, 10 points from safety, whilst Derby move six points clear of the drop zone.

Speaking after the match, Rooney said: "I thought Wycombe played well as they played to their strengths."

"They used their big striker [Uche Ikpeazu] who is physical and he made it tough for our defenders at times."

"I felt there were a few easy free-kicks that we gave away but I know

By James Richings

it is difficult as he is a very powerful player.

"Wycombe have done what we probably expected them to do."

"They put balls in the box, their full-backs did well going forward and at the right times and Wycombe deserved the victory to-night."

"I think there is no doubt in saying that. I would have been pleased going away with a point so I'm delighted to go away with a win."

"We didn't perform well enough and we have to look at that."

It was the third time this season that Wycombe had conceded an injury-time winner.

After the game, Wycombe boss Gareth Ainsworth shared his frustrations over the standard of officiating as he said two moments in the game went "horrendously against" the Chairboys.

Rooney understood the irritations that the Premier League has the technology to make the key decisions in-game but believes the game is better without the use of VAR.

The Derby manager said: "Some of the decisions are very frustrating through VAR and you don't understand how they have come to that decision."

"We haven't got it in the Championship and I think it's better without it even though you are frustrated at times after games."

Up next for Wanderers is a away trip to Millwall on Saturday.



Gareth Ainsworth and Wayne Rooney. Photo by PA

WYCOMBE have lost so many times this season that defeat has become an all too familiar experience, but Tuesday night's cruel loss to Derby County was the hardest of all to take.

It was a game that Wanderers deserved to win, and Derby manager Wayne Rooney admitted as much after his team snatched a fortunate winner deep into stoppage time.

After their excellent win at Huddersfield last Saturday (February 13), the Blues produced another display of exciting, attacking football and dominated for long periods of the game.

They had to come from a goal behind once again after striker Uche Ikpeazu headed the ball into his own net trying to clear a Derby corner in the 16th minute.

Wanderers thought they had taken the lead moments earlier when Daryl Horgan netted after being put clean through from a quickly taken free kick by Anis Mehmeti.

However, referee's assistant Eddie Smart raised his flag even though Horgan was clearly inside, and the goal was disallowed.

Wycombe have been the victims of so many poor decisions by officials this season they have learned to take them in their stride, and they fought back to draw level in the second half.

Disaster struck with just seconds remaining. Derby launched a rare attack and Wycombe's Knight was adjudged to have committed a foul just outside the penalty area, a decision he hotly disputed.

This kick in the teeth was arguably worse than the seven-goal thrashing at Brentford, but Wanderers have the consolation of knowing that wins will surely come if they can perform like this in their remaining games.