

Fans applaud unlucky Blues

Blues boss Peter Suddaby made the drastic changes he had promised, and his new-look side very nearly pulled off a hard-earned point on Saturday.

Out went Corbin, Seacole, Burgess and Mayes, and as the four men new making their full debuts for Wycombe showed their paces, Wycombe almost won revenge for their 5-1 home drubbing at the hands of Enfield last month.

Wanderers got off to their usual poor start, as middle-of-the-table Enfield went ahead after only seven minutes through Steve King, and another heavy defeat already looked on the cards.

But the visitors gradually exerted some pressure, and while never appearing steady at the back, they carved out a couple of good chances.

Matthew Carmichael went close with a sweetly-struck shot on the half-hour before the equaliser came after 34 minutes. Mark West touched a through-ball onto Carmichael, who beat the keeper from the edge of the area for his first goal for Blues.

Enfield regained their psychological advantage just before the interval when Gary Lester could only push away a Dave Howell effort and Steve Scott was on hand to tap home.

Wycombe came back after the break, with Graham Bressington making an impression on his return and left-back Sean Norman surging forward. Carmichael and West again combined for Blues' second equaliser with West lobbing Andy Pape after 57 minutes to make it 2-2.

Wycombe could even have taken the lead as Bressington fired high, but then Robin Lewis caught Lester on the hop from 25 yards and Nicky Francis headed Enfield's third.

But for smart defending by Nigel Gray, the home side could have wrapped it up, but even then Wycombe had energy reserves left to mount a final assault, with Andy Graham and West both going close in scrambles, Carmichael shootin over the bar and West just unable to put the finishing touche to a Graham cross.

In the end it was not to be Blues' day, but at least the fans had a reason to applaud their team off the pitch.

Team:

Wycombe: Lester, Lovell, Norman, Day, Barratt, Gray, Bressington, Myers, Carmichael, Westley, West, subs: Durham, Graham.