

FALCON FURY OVER NO GOAL

Television replays show that Faulconbridge's header should have counted as Wanderers are left frustrated

CRAIG Faulconbridge was fuming yesterday as television replays proved his goal in Saturday's goalless bore with Huddersfield should have been allowed.

The Wycombe striker swooped to land his first goal in 11 games – only to see a linesman's flag rule him offside.

Faulconbridge said: "The goal was perfect and I told the officials afterwards that when they see the tape, they'll cringe."

But referee Mike Thorpe refused to accept he had boobed. He just gave Faulconbridge a consoling pat on the back as he left Adams Park.

The Falcon's 75th minute disallowed header from Danny Senda's right wing cross was the only talking point of a drab game as the two sides slugged out a 0-0 draw for the second time this season.

Faulconbridge said: "I haven't scored for a while and it would have been nice to have done it. There was nothing wrong with the goal. I had timed my run to perfection. I was celebrating when I turned round and saw the flag up."

"I didn't say anything to the ref at the time because I have been sent off for saying stuff to linesmen before so I have to watch what I'm saying."

FOOTBALL By Dave Peters

"But I asked him afterwards if he'd seen the tape. He said no and I told him that when he does, he will cringe."

"I told him it is 11 games now since I haven't scored but there was no sympathy from him or any of the officials."

And to make matters worse, Faulconbridge's afternoon finished early when he had to go off early with a dead leg following a clattering challenge.

But Faulconbridge, who joined the Blues in the summer from Wrexham after an 18-month transfer chase, has vowed to keep going and end his goal drought.

He said: "It is disappointing to get a perfectly good one ruled out, but I will carry on playing the way I'm playing and I will just keep my head down and keep going."

"I've been playing well enough – I just haven't been scoring."

Blues boss Lawrie Sanchez was also fuming with the decision which cost his side two points and also saw the end of their proud record of having scored in every match at Adams Park this season.

He said: "I don't know how Craig could have been offside when Danny Senda pulled the ball back for him."

"Danny Senda said Craig was behind him when he crossed it. I had a word with the officials and they said Craig was stood in an offside position."

"Apart from not scoring we did everything else. We were spot on but we just didn't have that finishing touch in the box."

"We're disappointed but we kept a clean sheet and picked up another point and that is positive."

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