

The Lambert factor hurt us, says Taylor

NORWICH boss Paul Lambert spent Friday night in the same hotel as the Wanderers players – and if they had still been there on Saturday evening the Scotsman would probably have bought all of them a round of drinks.

The Blues could not have been more accommodating for their old boss, shipping three goals in the first 36 minutes and then caving in twice more in the second half just when the Wycombe strikers were threatening to stage a comeback.

But Lambert, who managed Wycombe for two years before quitting 15 months ago, preferred to concentrate on his new team rather than focus on Wycombe's shortcomings.

He said: "It was a terrific response from the players and the fans. We got three good quick goals and then got sloppy for Wycombe's goals which put us on the back foot."

But his first Norwich team, which showed six changes from the previous game, quickly reasserted themselves to finish comfortable winners.

Lambert said: "After that the response was great. I made a lot of changes before the match but the response was great. I felt I had to make changes and freshen things up because of the hurt that club had incurred since the Colchester game.

"I had to go with my own instinct and it worked. The lads confidence had been dented by losing 7-1 to Colchester in the first game so to come back with the response they did was very pleasing."

And despite winning 5-2, he still had his players in on Sunday.

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He said: "There are things we can improve on.

"There are things that we can do a lot better than what I saw. The club we have inherited has been hurt and hopefully today we gave something back. But it is only a small part. There is miles to go.

"That fourth goal was vital for us."

But he would have been happier with a 1-0 victory.

He said: "When I came to Wycombe I said I didn't want to play fantasy Playstation football and I stand by that. I am here to try and win and if I can win 1-0 and be hard to beat every week I will take it and be very happy."

Wanderers boss Peter Taylor felt the Lambert factor had a bearing on the game.

He said: "It didn't help us that they changed their manager in the week.

"Norwich away would have been a difficult game anyway and especially because they would have been looking to bounce back after losing their first game 7-1 at home.

"The fact that Paul Lambert came in stirred it up a little bit more so it was always going to be difficult – but that doesn't give us any excuse for the way we defended.

"At 3-2, I thought we could get back into the game. Chris Zebroski started causing Adam Drury a few problems but unfortunately we conceded again.

"I'm sure their heads would have gone and panic would have set in if we had kept it at 3-2 long enough but we didn't."

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