

Women's Reserves clinch another three points

The Reserves hit Launton for six in second half onslaught.



Another emphatic win for the Reserves see them keep up the pressure at the top of the Thames Valley Counties Division 3 table.

Wycombe Wanderers Women Reserves went into their first game of the New Year raring to go in the first of their remaining few matches.

Showing their attacking intent in the first five minutes with consecutive corners, the first falling loose to captain Emilie Bamford who saw her shot saved and the second being put over the cross bar by the keeper.

Attacking midfielder Amy Norfolk was next to have an effort on goal, followed by another from Bamford, both saved well by the Launton goalie.

Camped in the Launton half, defender Eve Savage saw her effort go just wide of the post on 18 minutes and, after a great through ball from Emily Norfolk, Naimh Creighton got on the end of a trademark Sally Grimm cross that went just wide two minutes later.

Determined to get on the scoresheet, Savage shot wide from 20 yards on 23 minutes and had another effort well saved in the 36th minute.

Bamford hit the crossbar from 25 yards on 40 minutes. And when, two minutes later, Grimm latched onto a through-ball from Amelia Gilbert only to see her effort saved, it was starting to look as if luck was not on the Chairgirls' side!

Half time: Wycombe Wanderers 0-0 Launton

However, having done everything right but score in the first half, Wycombe made amends almost immediately in the second - Naimh Creighton scoring into the top corner after some messy play in the area.

Emily Norfolk doubled the lead straight from the restart, hitting the top corner from the edge of the area. And Amelia Gilbert made sure of the win just two minutes later, meeting Grimm's corner with her head!

Not happy to settle for three, Wycombe continued on the attack, only a fantastic save low to the left denying Gilbert her second of the game on 55 minutes.

Creighton did however, get her second on 58 minutes, getting up off the ground to slot home her penalty after being taken out in the box. Gilbert made it 5-0 on 60 minutes running on to a good through ball from Hollie Carter and slotting the ball into the bottom corner.

Wycombe slowed the game from then on, maybe a slight lack of match fitness showing on what was a very heavy pitch. Despite this, they finished the game in the attacking half, kept a clean sheet and added one more goal to the scoreline - Amy Norfolk getting in on the act in the 82nd minutes, having been the first to react to a scramble in the box and shooting into the far corner!

Full time: Wycombe Wanderers 6-0 Launton

A great win for the Chairgirls who now go into their next fixture away to Aylesbury United full of confidence.