



Wycombe Wanderers Women were game back in league action facing Abingdon Town at home on Sunday, going down to a 3-4 defeat.

The game was defined by a poor opening 15 minutes for the Chairgirls in which they conceded three goals with one in reply from forward Sally Grimm, her first of three on the day.

Following half-time, Wycombe came out for the second half and immediately struck back with a fantastic goal from Grimm and shortly after she completed her hat-trick with a terrific lob, to bring about a remarkable 3-3 scoreline.

However, Wycombe were unable to capitalise upon the hard work they had done to get themselves back into the game and it was Abingdon who scored the final goal from a corner to win an enthralling match at the 1878 Stadium.

Manager Carl Simon said: "It's disappointing because we did everything to win and keep losing by the odd goal. Defensively we must improve, especially in key periods that is clear, and we will continue to work on this with the players.

"We know that when we get this right we will start to come out on the right side of these results". It was pleasing to see many Wycombe supporters at the ground today. It's great to see young girls with their parents supporting the team as our Chairgirls inspire the next generation of players".

Player of the Match was Sally Grimm who has progressed this season from the reserves, scoring a powerful hat-trick and giving everything for the cause.

The Chairgirls move onto next week's game where they face Milton FC away in the League Cup.

Meanwhile, Wanderers' reserves won 4-1 at Oxford City under-23s this weekend.

The game started with hesitation for a while and the first goal gave Wycombe the chance to relax, Shannon Read getting into good areas as always to strike over the keeper.

There were breaks in play due to injuries and one of these breaks saw Naimh Creighton go off and leave for the hospital. All of us here at Wycombe Women wish Naimh a very speedy recovery.

A second goal came as Keira O'Leary attempted a shot from the left side of the pitch and see it wickedly bounce over the Oxford City goalkeeper to give Wycombe a 2-0 lead at half-time.

Most of the second half was played in City half, however, against the run of play, an Oxford free kick caused mayhem in the Wycombe defence. Oxford fired a shot at goal which was put away into the far corner to give them a chance at a comeback.

The next goal came as the Chairgirls worked to get the ball into Shannon Read's feet and she coolly slotted away to give Wycombe back their two-goal lead.

Another break in play towards the end saw Emma Dean go down and not be able to get back up, another Wycombe player visiting the nearest hospital with a suspected long-term injury. Speedy recovery Deano.

The final goal was then scored by Amy Norfolk as she shot across the goalkeeper which took another uneven bounce and ended up in the back of the net to finish the game.

Credit to Oxford City U23s who have improved since our last meeting and made it difficult for us to get the goals. Plenty of work to get through for our game next week.

Player of the Match: Shannon Read

Next match, away to Goring United Women, 29th January, 2pm kick-off.

On a cold and frost Saturday morning at Burnham football stadium, Wycombe Wanderers Women's Under-18s were fortunate to be able to reverse the fixture and host Watford Ladies who took the field for the first time in seven weeks.

Both teams took the field in the glorious sunshine and enthusiastic manner, and within the first few minutes of the start, Wycombe defence was breached, Watford capitalising on some charitable defending to take the lead.

Heads could've gone down credit to the young Chairgirls, they rallied themselves, got themselves back into the game and dominated passages of play in the first half and were unlucky not to pull level through Naomi Tilley, who - after pouncing onto a weighted pass from Char Hill - saw her shot parried wide by the Watford keeper who played very well.

Wanderers looked increasingly dangerous on free-kicks and set-play corners which troubled the Watford defence and once again were unfortunate not to be able to pull level with shots from Sage, Hill and Tilley.

Big mentions to the starting back four for the Chairgirls of Harris, West, Condra and Price who all had an outstanding first half and a particular Ruby Harris for a last-ditch tackle to keep Watford's goal tally down.

With the second half well underway, Watford looked increasingly dangerous with attacks down the right-hand flank and their second and third goals came in quick succession as The Chairgirls looked exposed when pushing for the equaliser.

Watford defended well and managed to see out the game winning 3-0 despite some good pressure from the home side.

Next match is at home, on 28th January, with a 10.30am kick-off, with the opponent to be announced in the coming days.