



A Katie Riddington penalty was enough for Wycombe to see off a good Maidenhead side in a tightly fought contest on a cloudless afternoon in Burnham, as the Chairgirls lifted the inaugural Sponsors Cup on a day aimed at celebrating the support of the Wanderers fans and sponsors.

In a game of few clear cut opportunities it was the Chairgirls who started the better, Amy Leach in particular with a big chance, but her effort produced a good save from the visitors' goalkeeper.

Maidenhead, who play their football a few levels above Wanderers, began to take control and had the majority of the ball in the first half. Despite the pressure the Wycombe defence stood firm with goalkeeper Emily Strange remaining largely untested.

In a game lacking any real quality it was first half substitute Freya Harris who provided the all important moment at the start of the second. Her quick feet in the box were too much for the Maidenhead defence; she was caught by a late challenge leaving the referee with little choice but to point to the spot. Katie Riddington stepped up and calmly slotted it into the right corner to give her side the lead.

The opener seemed to give Carl Simon's side a boost as they began to control the game, Harris in particular, whose pressing made it very difficult for the visitors to keep possession. The pressure eventually paid off as Wycombe won their second penalty of the game giving the hosts a chance to double their lead. Katie Riddington again stepped up but was this time denied by the visitors' shot stopper.

Wycombe managed to navigate their way to the final whistle without any real issues ensuring they were the ones who lifted the Sponsors Cup: the first of what is set to become an annual match between the two sides.

Manager Carl Simon said: 'It was great to welcome our many sponsors and on a personal note to finally meet Karen Adams who has sponsored the first team coaches this season.

"It feels like we have come full circle and the progress we have made was clear for all to see in today's game.

"At the very beginning of that circle Bobby Lynch was having ACL surgery and It was pleasing to see her earn the Player of the Match today having spent this past year watching her work so hard to make a full recovery to playing.

"We now look forward to a short break, but even more so myself, coaches, players and support staff are looking forward to the upcoming pre-season for the next stage on our journey.'