



We assess some of the facts and figures from Saturday's showdown with the Royals.

Duff's half season

Saturday's game was Michael Duff's 23rd as head coach of Wycombe Wanderers, equivalent to half a full season, and his 38 points from 23 games equates to 76 over the course of a full season.

That would've been enough to clinch a play-off place in three of the past five full League One campaigns, while last year's sixth place achieved 78, and in 2022 it was Wycombe who clinched the final play-off place with 83.

Reading are one of only six teams with more points than the Chairboys during Duff's tenure.

Sharing it around

While the Royals' outstanding goalscorer Jack Marriott rightly took the plaudits for his exquisite hat-trick from just three shots and three touches in the Wycombe box, taking him joint top of the scorers' charts in League One with 15, Blues have had to rely on goals from all over the park this season, with Dan Casey and Anders Hagelskjaer becoming the eighth and ninth different scorers in the eight games in 2026 already.

Cauley Woodrow was wrongly denied an assist for the first goal by the statisticians, but his two assists take him to five goal contributions in four games, while Hagelskjaer's first Wycombe goal makes him the 21st different scorer this season.

And Wycombe's 24 shots surpassed the total they amassed in the 4-0 drubbing over Doncaster seven days earlier, making it 63 shots in the past three games, with six goals to show for it, while Reading's two centre halves were pressed into making 35 defensive contributions between

them, and Fred Onyedinma and Junior Quitirna each had four touches in the opposition area – more than any other players on the pitch.

Royals earn the spoils

Wycombe haven't had a great time of it at the Select Car Leasing Stadium since it opened, with their one solitary win coming in March 2024. The Berkshire club have now won three of the six League One meetings in recent times, drawing two.

The five-goal thriller was the highest-scoring encounter between the two sides in the past 14 meetings; you have to go back to 1999 for Wycombe's 5-3 victory for a meeting with more goals.

On the ball

Wycombe completed 368 passes – an 80% success rate – which was a higher total than their 4-0 win, and made 209 accurate passes in the opposition half.

Blues found a team-mate with nine crosses into the box, and had 44 touches in the Reading area (compared to 10 in the opposite box).

These are staggering numbers for an away side, particularly one which loses the game, but credit to the Royals for their huge 54 clearances, 10 blocks and 14 interceptions, plus Joel Pereira's seven saves.

Superb support

Wanderers' away crowd of 1,672 was the highest in almost a year, stretching back to the trip to Birmingham, and their noise and energy was felt and appreciated by everyone associated with the Blues.

A midweek trip to Exeter on Tuesday may not be quite as accessible to the same numbers, but those heading to the south-west will be hoping for the same level of performance and an improved result as Blues bid to make it third time lucky against the Grecians this season.