



We check on some of the storylines you might've missed from Saturday's success...

Lowe's magic moment

Where else to start but the debut of Nathan Lowe, who came off the bench for his long-awaited first appearance for the quarters and ended the game with a match-winning goal and assist.

He may have had only 13 touches of the ball during his 26 minutes on the pitch, but impact can often be measured in quality not quantity; just take a look at Luke Leahy, who only had six touches but three of those were heroic blocks in quick succession to keep Stevenage at bay with the score tightly poised at 2-1.

Lowe's goal will go down as one of the quickest debut goals scored by a Wycombe player, though it's unlikely anyone will beat Dannie Bulman's impact in 1998, coming off the bench for his professional debut in the 92nd minute of a game against Bristol Rovers and scoring an equaliser off his backside within a minute.

Debut delight

Lowe followed in the footsteps of Sam Bell and Cauley Woodrow, who also scored on their first appearances for the club against Mansfield in September, while Jamie Mullins netted on his home debut against Stockport, Donnell McNeilly scored on his first start at Wigan, Jack Matton also scored a debut goal in the Trophy win at Gillingham, and Aaron Morley found the net on his second home debut for the club against Doncaster.

Goals from two substitutes was also a pleasing sign of the side's game management, swinging momentum back in their favour. Sub Jamie Mullins scored in the last home game against Doncaster, Cauley Woodrow did the same before that against Wigan, and Niall Huggins before that against AFC Wimbledon.

Cauley's home comforts

Cauley Woodrow now has five goal contributions in his last six games, and curiously all eight goals have come at Adams Park, including three in the last three.

His last away goal came in the Premier League at Crystal Palace in March 2024, rescuing a point for Luton in the last minute, and his next away game takes him back to Oakwell, where he scored 27 on home turf across four seasons for Barnsley. A perfect place for him to score on the road for the Chairboys, after meeting another former club in Burton Albion this Saturday.

Familiar faces

Academy graduate Matt Phillips made his senior debut for Wycombe in 2008 at Notts County, but in the 18 years that'd followed – playing at every level in the EFL – he'd never played against the Chairboys, despite facing 104 different opponents for Blackpool, QPR, West Brom, Sheffield United and Oxford.

He was finally reunited with the Blues this weekend, alongside Jasper Pattenden and one-time loanee Saxon Earley, while Beryly Lubala and Chem Campbell were unused subs.

Lunchtime remedy

The 12.30pm kick-offs hadn't necessarily been too fortuitous for Michael Duff, succumbing to defeat to AFC Wimbledon and Reading, and before the victory over Stevenage, Duff had averaged 1.93 points per game when kicking off at 3pm on a Saturday, but 1.18 from any other kick-off time and day of the week.

A positive omen then for Saturday, when Burton visit for a 3pm kick-off at Adams Park.