



Sufc v Swfc



Saturday 7th February 2009

Kick off 12.00pm

It was a very cold but sunny day at downtown Bramall Lane as the Blades took on their rivals Sheffield Wednesday.

United had one big change to make. Lupoli who had signed earlier in the week, made his debut instead of Henderson who was suspended.

Danny Webber partnered him up front in a new look attack.

The pitch looked to be still suffering from the week's cold weather when Kyle Naughton slipped and gave away a free kick to the owls after 50 seconds. From the free kick, Gray set up Spurr who scored from the edge of the box. United were quickly back in the game after 5 minutes when new signing Lupoli headed in Greg Halford's long throw. Another Halford throw caused more problems, but Lupoli's overhead kick was blocked. Ex-Wednesday defender Leigh Bromby, who finished with a right-foot shot which took a deflection and flew inches wide of the target. The Hillsborough side

regained the lead on 29 minutes with Matt Kilgallon clearing straight to Tudgay, who raced through unchallenged to lash in an unstoppable shot from 25 yards in the top left hand corner. Wednesday stepped up the pressure with Tudgay heading on a long throw to Leon Clarke whose right-foot volley from 10 yards cannoned off the post with Kenny stranded.

Neither side made any changes at half time. In the second half, Jamie Ward, who came on for Lupoli, was inches away from grabbing an equaliser in the 68th minute as the little striker connected with Halford's cross, but his close range heading went the wrong side of the post. Gray then stopped Ward with a last-ditch tackle six yards out as the former Chesterfield striker was about to shoot. Substitute Billy Sharpe, on for Webber, had a low cross well defended by Buxton. Sharpe then had a shot on the turn which was tipped over late on by Lee Grant, as Wednesday held on for their first Double in 95 years.

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