

FEAR FACTOR IS TAKING OVER

WANDERERS boss Lawrie Sanchez says the fear factor has taken over at Adams Park.

He felt his side were scared to try and win Saturday's game against Colchester as both sides settled for a 0-0 draw.

Blues have lost five home games since Christmas and the confidence and swagger has disappeared as they have gone from play-off candidates to also-rans.

Sanchez said: "It was as if both teams were scared of getting

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beaten, rather than they both wanted to go and win the game. Why that is I don't know. You'll have to ask the players.

"At the beginning of the season, I don't think we played an awful lot better but we were winning games and scoring fives and threes without doing much different."

He was disappointed Blues failed to see off visitors who lost two key men injured in the first half.

He said: "We did not put Colchester away despite the fact that they've had two of their players taken off. We didn't test their keeper and at the end of the day we're a little bit fortunate that their goal was adjudged offside.

"I'm not happy with the performance. If you're a team that wants to be at the top, you can't afford home performances like that. You need to win those type of games."

Wanderers have now failed to score in six of their last eight

matches – a statistic that has left Sanchez mystified.

He said: "We're not hitting the target enough. We spend loads of time on finishing and shooting. In training they look like world-beaters, but come Saturday we can go 90 minutes without testing the keeper."

Sean Devine and Andy Rammell filled the striking roles but it was only the second time they have played together in two years and they still need to find each other's wavelength.

Sanchez said: "They need time and people must be patient. We've got to carry on working. A lot of things have got to be better."

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