

SAM CASHES IN AS BLUES LOSE

WANDERERS' run of three straight home wins was brought to a shuddering halt by a Swindon team who haven't been paid for several weeks.

Former Wanderers star Sam Parkin scored twice in the last 11 minutes to put his money worries to one side and give the struggling Robins a 3-2 win at a rain-lashed Adams Park.

Parkin, who was a hero of Wanderers' FA Cup run 18 months ago, said: "The cash crisis is out of our hands so we've just got to keep going."

His late double left Blues boss Lawrie Sanchez lost for words.

The dejected Wanderers boss sidestepped the aftermath press conference and left assistant Terry Gibson to field the questions.

He said: "Lawrie was fuming. Swindon showed a bit more enthusiasm and commitment. They showed all the stuff that we have shown in abundance in recent weeks."

And he wasn't surprised to see Parkin come back to haunt him.

He said: "If you give Sam chances he'll score. He did well for us when he was here. We knew he was a quality player and if circumstances had been different he would probably have had a future here."

"He did a good job for us and other than today it's nice to see him doing well."

Wanderers battled back from falling behind to a 12th minute Jimmy Davis goal, and goals against the run of play from Craig Faulconbridge and Andy Rammell put them in the driving seat before they blew it late on.

And Gibson had no arguments.

He said: "We got what we deserved and that was nothing. If we'd have got away with the three points you would have seen me driving away with a stocking over my head because we wouldn't have deserved it."

"Swindon were the better team. I thought we had got away with it when we went 2-1 up and it's disappointing that with 18 minutes left we didn't get something out of the game."

"All through the game they were

the better team. They outfought us in midfield and we didn't play well."

"It's disappointing because we've been on a good run but we shot ourselves in the foot. If we'd played well we would have got something from this game."

"We've now got to start again and try and get another run going."

"We've got to get back to square

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one. We've worked hard to get ourselves up the table but it looked as if Swindon were working harder than us. We let our standards drop."

Swindon boss Andy King said: "We got what we deserved. It was a

fantastic performance from a fantastic set of lads. We battered them for 45 minutes and we were the better team by a mile.

"If you hadn't been paid you might not want to turn up for work but these boys have shown extreme endeavour under extreme circumstances."

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