

BOSS CALLS FOR ACTION REPLAY

FOOTBALL

LAWRIE Sanchez saw Wanderers begin their climb away from the Division Two danger zone with a point at league leaders Port Vale on Saturday and then called for a repeat performance at Tranmere tonight.

Wycombe travel to the Merseysiders with renewed confidence after becoming the first team to smuggle a point away from Vale Park this season.

They frustrated the league leaders with a committed performance to earn a 1-1 draw – which was just what the doctor ordered after they had conceded ten goals in their two home matches.

Relieved Sanchez said: "Saturday's draw was one small, step in the right direction.

"It's a long journey out from where we are but as Mao Tse Tung said we start with one small step. That was one small step and we now go to Tranmere and we've got to build on it.

"We've shown what we're capable of, now we've got to do it consistently."

The draw lifted Wanderers up to third from bottom in Division Two and they will haul themselves clear of the relegation places if they can pull off their first away win of the campaign

at crisis-torn Tranmere tonight.

Rovers dropped into the bottom five after losing 2-1 at home to Wrexham on Saturday and the Birkenhead club's chairman Lorraine Rogers reacted by sacking manager Ray Matthias.

Caretaker John McMahon will take charge of the team tonight as Rovers bid to improve on a record of just one win in ten league games so far.

Wanderers – who dropped

both their regular centre halves on Saturday – are forced into making changes as they look to pile on the misery for the Merseysiders because winger Stuart Roberts starts a three-match ban.

His absence, coupled with fitness doubts over Jermaine McSparran, means the Blues may have to abandon their five-man midfield which worked so well in the Potteries and revert to a more traditional 4-4-2 shape.

And Roberts is distraught at missing out.

He said: "I was delighted to be back in the team on Saturday but now I'm out straight away for three matches.

"I'm gutted. It has taken me a long time to get back into the team but now I've got to miss out again.

"It's typical of my career since I've been at Wycombe. It's one step forwards and two steps backwards.

"I just hope the boys can pick up some points while I'm away."

Roberts' housemate Roger Johnson, who was dropped on Saturday, is also suspended for tonight's clash. He starts a one-match ban.

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DIVISION TWO

Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Port Vale	10	4	1	0	11	6	2	1	2	5	7	20
Swindon	10	3	1	1	11	5	2	3	0	8	6	19
Brighton	10	4	1	0	9	3	1	2	2	6	6	18
QPR	10	3	2	0	10	1	1	3	1	9	8	17
Plymouth	10	3	2	0	12	7	1	3	1	9	8	17
Colchester	10	3	1	1	6	4	2	1	2	8	7	17
Hartlepool	10	2	3	0	10	1	2	1	2	10	10	16
Barnsley	10	2	3	0	5	3	2	1	2	7	7	16
Sheff Wed	10	1	3	1	8	7	3	0	2	6	6	15
B'mouth	10	2	3	0	7	5	2	0	3	4	5	15
Bristol C	9	3	1	1	9	2	0	4	1	4	5	14
Flushten & D	10	2	2	2	9	7	2	0	3	9	10	14
Wrexham	9	1	2	2	3	5	3	0	1	6	4	14
Luton	10	3	1	1	10	6	1	1	3	4	9	14
Blackpool	9	2	0	2	6	7	2	2	1	8	10	14
Oldham	10	2	1	2	10	9	1	3	1	9	7	13
Brentford	10	2	1	2	5	8	2	0	3	4	7	13
Grimby	10	2	1	2	10	6	1	2	5	12	12	12
Peterboro	10	0	1	4	7	11	2	2	1	5	3	9
Tranmere	10	1	2	2	7	6	0	3	2	3	7	9
Stockport	10	0	2	3	6	10	1	2	2	7	9	7
Wycombe	10	1	1	3	8	12	0	2	3	3	8	6
Notts County	10	0	2	3	4	8	1	1	3	3	11	6
Chesterfield	10	0	2	3	3	7	0	2	3	3	11	4



Looking up: Charlie Mapes takes the applause after scoring Wanderers' equaliser at Port Vale