

LAMBERT BACKS BLUES AT HOME

- No wins in Wycombe since Christmas
- Nine points off automatic promotion
- 'We'll turn it round against big teams'

WANDERERS boss Paul Lambert insists his team can still win automatic promotion despite losing more ground to the leaders.

His injury and suspension hit team were held to a 0-0 draw by Notts County in Saturday's seventh versus eighth clash at Adams Park but the Scot insists there is still plenty of time for them to make up the ground on leading trio Walsall, Hartlepool and Swindon.

Saturday's stalemate was Blues' fourth successive home league draw and it has left them nine points adrift of the automatic promotion slots.

But Lambert is confident his team can bridge the gap and avoid the lottery of the play-offs for the second year running.

He said: "There's still 14 games to go. There is a billion and one things that can happen. A lot of the big teams have still got to come here."

Wanderers
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Wanderers have not won at home in the League since before Christmas but Lambert is not worried.

He said: "It's not a concern because we are still up there. I can't ask for any more."

"The lads have been excellent for me and it is not for the lack of trying. We are trying our best to get the results."

On Saturday Wanderers had to make do without suspended trio Ricardo Batista, Anthony Grant and Sam Stockley as well as the injured Sergio Torres, Will Antwi and Ian Stonebridge.

Keeper Batista and midfielder Grant are suspended again for Saturday's trip to Bury while Antwi, Torres and Stonebridge are unlikely to be fit.



Holding them off: Tommy Doherty helped Blues keep Notts County at arms length, but the 0-0 stalemate was their fourth home game without a win

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