

Lambert: 'We had too much of the ball'

WANDERERS lost to bottom-placed Mansfield because they had the ball too much.

Boss Paul Lambert said: "We had too much of the ball, far too much of it. It was like Dagenham all over again. You can have too much of it.

"When you have too much of the ball it can be detrimental to you because teams sit and sit and sit and to be fair to Mansfield they did that and then hit us with a sucker punch.

"We dominated the game but the game is all about winning and you've got to score goals to win it.

"When you have a lot of the ball you need a break and for the ball to bounce your way."

Wanderers have won just once at Adams Park in 2008 scoring only twice in five homes games and it is this home form which is cancelling out the club's brilliant away form and threatening to derail Blues' promotion hopes.

Mansfield joined Dagenham & Redbridge and Rochdale in emerging victorious from their league trips to Adams Park since the turn of the year while Barnet have also gone away from Wanderers with a point.

Only Chesterfield have been beaten at home this year, compared to Blues' away from of four wins and draw in their last five games on the road.

They go to Bury tonight hoping they can continue picking up results on the road.

Lambert said: "Our away form is going to have to be good again on Tuesday. We have got to go to Bury and win."

And the former Celtic hero will



Fighting for the ball: Neil Lennon scraps for possession on Saturday but boss Paul Lambert says his team had too much of the ball

be looking for his team to start better than they did on Saturday when they gave away an eighth-minute penalty.

Lambert said: "As soon as we gave Mansfield the first goal it

gave them the impetus, something to hang onto and they started to throw bodies in like they wouldn't do if it was 1-0 to us.

"We have got to start games the right way and when we got the

equalising goal I thought we would have kicked on but we never did.

"If you're not going to win you make sure you don't lose the damn thing and we did neither."



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