

Gareth: Everyone put a shift in

Boss hails team effort after Rovers win.

Gareth Ainsworth says his side showed resilience from front to back to ensure they brought all three points home from the Memorial Stadium on Saturday, with Sido Jombati's header earning a 1-0 victory against Bristol Rovers.

The Chairboys have put four consecutive defeats behind them with back-to-back triumphs over Doncaster and now the Pirates, edging them closer to the survival target of 55 points.

"We're hopeful that we've had our blip now; four defeats on the spin wasn't nice, but the boys have shown good character to bounce back from it," he said.

"Everyone put a shift in and it was nice for the defenders to get the plaudits with the clean sheet and two of them being involved in the goal. It was a quality delivery from JJ and Sido – who had a tremendous game – scored a fantastic header.

"But Alex, Paris and Nick worked the frontline really well and Scotty broke from deep, so it was a good system we had, and in Dom and Curtis we've got two outstanding players in the middle that I wouldn't swap for anyone else in the league right now."

The encounter was a far cry from the end-to-end thriller that brought about five goals in the 3-2 comeback win against Doncaster seven days earlier but Ainsworth was just as pleased to come away with the right result as his players showed they could grind out a narrow 1-0.

"If I'm honest there wasn't a great deal in the game. There weren't many chances and it was very stop-start with a lot of fouls; it was heavily contested as we knew it would be.

"We played a certain way in the first half which frustrated Bristol but the second half was more open and we got the goal."

The transfer window closes in 10 days' time and after seeing former loanees Bryn Morris and Randell Williams earn permanent moves to Portsmouth and Exeter respectively, Ainsworth advised that any incoming players this month would likely be on loan deals:

"It was great to see Bryn and Randell get their moves. We've struggled to offer permanent deals at the moment but we're still looking to work the loan market and we've got a couple of irons in the fire. We'll keep those very close to our chest but we're working very hard with the chairman and the staff behind the scenes to strengthen the squad, because we've been carrying a couple of knocks, but if the boys play like they did today then we'll have a real chance of surviving in this league."