Wanderers escape with Sydney draw

THE battling Western Sydney Wanderers scored a deserved but fortunate late equaliser to hold A-League leaders Sydney to a 1-1 draw in a fast-paced and feisty derby last night.

Englishman Adam Le Fondre's 35th-minute tap-in was the difference for Sydney in a fast-paced and feisty derby last night.

Wanderers started the better in the last few minutes. Adam went close for Wanderers was rewarded. An 82nd-minute goal by Andrew Redmayne off Kwame Yoobu outside the penalty area took a heavy deflection off Sydney goalkeeper Andrew Redmayne no chance of saving.

Cox and substitute Mo Adam went close for Wanderers in the last few minutes. Wanderers started the better of the two teams and also had a large portion of play in the second half in a red-blooded encounter full of typical derby intensity, despite the absence of spectators. Fans' noise that has been a feature of previous Western Sydney derbies was missed.

Sydney moved eight points clear of second-placed Melbourne City, who have played two more games.

Wanderers remain eighth, but the point moved them to within one spot of sixth.

Fast start key to end Titans' home horrors

LOOKING to rectify a horror run at home, Gold Coast coach Justin Holbrook has targeted a fast start in today's NRL clash with Parramatta.

Still disappointed after being ambushed early by the Tigers in their 24-6 opening round loss in the nation's capital, Holbrook wants the Titans to show their true colours against the Eels.

But that may be easier said than done considering their miserable home record. The Titans are on a nine-match losing streak as a home team - the longest streak in the NRL.

And overall, they have lost a club record 12 straight since their last victory in Round 13 last year.

Still, Holbrook was hopeful the Titans would reverse their fortunes by hitting the ground running today against an Eels outfit still buzzing from their opening round 8-2 win over Canterbury.

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