

Kav predicts fun at the seaside

JASON Kavanagh is tipping the Blues to repeat last season's win at Blackpool tomorrow – and he should know.

Kav has taken on the role of chief scout since suffering a freak training ground injury to his ankle ligaments and he has seen the Seasiders twice in recent weeks.

He said: "Wycombe will beat Blackpool. Both times I have seen them play they have been poor. It makes it difficult for me to understand how they are above us in the league."

Special agent Kavanagh has been happy to take on the role of undercover spy in the two months he has been out with two successive ankle ligament injuries.

He said: "It saves the club money in not having to employ scouts to do it and it helps me to make some contribution while I'm injured. I've enjoyed it and at least I'm doing something to earn my money while I'm not playing."

Turning injured players into scouts was John Gregory's idea and one that Neil Smillie has been happy to retain.

He said: "The lads make good scouts. The boys we get doing it do a good job."

Blues go into the match tomorrow with no fresh injury or suspension worries from the side which won at Shrewsbury in mid-week, although striker Andy Baird was due to see a specialist yesterday.

But the side which heads north today will feature a new face if Smillie gets his way.

At the time of going to press Smillie was hoping to complete the signing of a loan player to

Boss hopes to include a loan signing

bolster his squad.

Wanderers look to be running into Blackpool at the right time.

The Seasiders are in disarray and last week's league draw at home to Chesterfield was disrupted by 150 angry fans who staged a pitch invasion in protest at the way the club is run by the Oyston family.

Owen Oyston is serving a prison sentence and his wife is holding the reins until he comes out. Tomorrow fans will wear black ribbons and hold a minute's silence at half time.

Last week the club put two of their most saleable assets up for sale as goalkeeper Ian Banks and skipper Tony Butler were placed on the transfer list. There is also discontent at the collapse of plans for a new stadium.

Worthington's problems are compounded by the loss of leading scorer Martin Aldridge with a hernia operation and the return of loan signing Ian Lawson to Huddersfield Town.

Blackpool are on the slide having won just one of their last six.

But Smillie is not being fooled by their woes.

He said: "I don't know whether this is a particularly good time to face them. Sometimes it can work against you as Plymouth showed last week. They had a lot of players out but their youngsters came in and rose to the challenge."



Smillie: Hoping to bring in a loan player