

YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG

Carroll blasts the bookies

WANDERERS star David Carroll has bashed the bookies who have made the Blues rank outsiders to win the Second Division Title at 66-1 this season.

He says they have got it badly wrong and believes Wanderers could leave them with egg on their faces next May.

Tote Bookmakers have written off Wanderers and their bitter rivals Colchester United as 66-1 no-hopers for the second division title – even though Lawrie Sanchez's men showed championship form at the end of the season.

And amazingly Midweek can reveal that Tote were originally considering putting the Blues out at a massive 80-1 – until someone pointed out their end of season results to them.

Carroll said: "I'm very surprised at those odds. Whoever did those odds doesn't seem to have taken into account what we did at the end of last season.

"It's a big price and, if we can carry on where we left off last

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season, it is a very good bet for our fans. I'm really surprised that they fancy the promoted teams like Scunthorpe (33-1) more than us."

Carroll believes the Blues can do a Walsall. Last season the Saddlers were among the bookies favourites to be relegated but they surprised everyone by winning promotion.

Carroll said: "Since Lawrie Sanchez has come in our results have been excellent and if we get off to a good start I can't see any reason why we can't do a Walsall."

Wanderers start pre-season training on Thursday with two weeks at an RAF camp. Carroll said: "We'll be a lot fitter this year and I think we could surprise a few people and the bookies."

List of prices to win the Second Division as published by Tote Bookmakers: Wigan 4/1, Bristol City 7/1, Bournemouth 10/1, Brentford 10/1, Preston 10/1, Cardiff 12/1, Gillingham 12/1, Burnley 14/1, Stoke 14/1, Blackpool 16/1, Notts Co 16/1, Reading 16/1, Millwall 20/1, Bristol Rovers 25/1, Cambridge 25/1, Oxford 25/1, Wrexham 25/1, Chesterfield 28/1, Bury 33/1, Scunthorpe 33/1, Luton 50/1, Oldham 50/1, Colchester 66/1, Wycombe 66/1.

