

Angry Blackpool manager accuses the Wanderers players of gamesmanship

BLACKPOOL boss Steve McMahon accused Wanderers of trying to get his players sent off as Wycombe's first away trip of the season erupted in fury.

Former Liverpool star McMahon couldn't contain his rage after on-loan Blackburn midfielder Neil Danns was sent off in injury-time at the end of Saturday's clash at Bloomfield Road.

Danns walked after picking up his second yellow of the afternoon for failing to get out of the way of a quickly-taken Wycombe free-kick.

Twice earlier in the match, Blues' Darren Currie had hit similar free-kicks straight into 'Pool players and McMahon was convinced it was a deliberate tactic designed to get his players booked.

He says it should be Currie who is now contemplating a ban.

He fumed: "That's gamesmanship and if the referee knows his onions he books the lad for trying to get him booked and he did it twice that Darren Currie."

McMahon now plans to appeal over Danns' dismissal, insisting his player is innocent.

He said: "He couldn't do anything about it. He kicked

the ball against him to try and get him sent off deliberately.

"The ball was still rolling when their guy kicked the ball at Danns so in the first instance the ref was wrong."

"It was an embarrassing decision and I will appeal. Whether it gets me anywhere I don't know but I'm not going to just take that. I hope the referee goes home, watches it on the video and is embarrassed about it and apologies and rescinds it."

He was also furious that referee Eddie Evans failed to send off or even book Blues defender Chris Vinnicombe when he used his hand to keep Danns' second half shot out of the net.

McMahon said: "I've never seen such a nailed on penalty in all my days in football. It is only the referee who has missed it."

But the Blackpool boss had the last laugh as his team came back from two goals down to win 3-2.

Simon Patterson opened the scoring with a header and it was soon 2-0 thanks to Currie's shot.

But Scott Taylor scored two goals in a minute at the end of the first half and the comeback was complete when Kirk Hilton fired in a 61st minute winner.



Heading for defeat: Dannie Bulman climbs the highest. But Blackpool boss Steve McMahon later accused the Blues of gamesmanship to get his players sent off