

➡ **NORTHWICH** Victoria winger Neil Morton leads the pack of strikers competing for the Mail on Sunday Goalscorer of the month.

Morton, 21, who came on a free transfer from Crewe, has knocked in five goals during January, including two against Bishop Auckland in their FA Trophy victory last week.

Three players have scored four goals, including Runcorn midfielder Ian Woan, who continues to attract interest from League clubs. Also in the chasing group are last week's leader Chris Camden of Stafford Rangers and Darlington's David Cork who has now scored four times in as many days.

➡ **CONFERENCE** front-runners Runcorn have been offered a £28,219 grant from The Football Trust to carry out essential safety work at their Canal Street stadium.

Fire protection, emergency lighting, a barrier rail to the perimeter fence and structural work to the stands are included in the measures.

The trust, which is funded by the football pools, has now given Vauxhall Conference clubs a total of nearly £500,000 to improve safety at grounds.

➡ **A TOTAL** of 13 Vauxhall Conference clubs have made it to the second round of the FA Trophy competition after last week's replays.

Macclesfield Town, who defeated Conference colleagues Boston United 3-0, were joined in the next round by Darlington, Northwich Victoria and Runcorn, who each dismissed Pyramid opposition to progress in the competition.

The Vauxhall Conference provides almost half the competitors in the second round, including three all-Conference ties. Holders Telford are at home to Welling United, Cheltenham Town play Enfield and high-flying Macclesfield travel to Darlington.

➡ **BARNET** manager Barry Fry has given an extended trial to Brazilian centre-forward Luciano Faraco. Faraco, who joins fellow South American, Columbian-born Rosenberg Bernell, at the club played in Barnet reserves 5-4 win against Gillingham last week.

➡ **RECORD** breaking keeper Dave Ryan's unmatched run of 183 consecutive Conference appearances ended on Saturday. Dave, 33, hadn't missed a match for Northwich Victoria since November 4, 1986, before a shoulder injury put him out of Saturday's defeat at the hands of Welling United.

Ryan, who used to play for Manchester United, has made more than 700 appearances for the Vics in his 12 years with the club. He has played more games for the club than any other player in its history except one.