

☛ **DARLINGTON** moved to within two points of the Vauxhall Conference title on Saturday following their 5-1 win over Cheltenham Town. The club now travel to Kidderminster Harriers on Monday needing a victory to secure the Conference championship and an immediate return to the Fourth Division.

Darlington's highest Conference crowd of the season, 5,525, visited Feethams for the weekend win. The gate raised their average attendance to 3,588 - a 55% increase on the 1988-89 campaign.

The North East side visit Kidderminster searching for their fifth consecutive away win. Their hosts will be looking to record only their second home victory in 13 Conference matches.

☛ **Vauxhall Conference side Kettering Town** have announced a profit of £34,000 for the year ending June 30 1989. The favourable balance is their second in three years.

The annual accounts include receipts from Kettering's successful FA Cup run in which the Poppies reached the Fourth Round of the competition and revenue from increased Vauxhall Conference gates which rose by 81% during the 1988-89 campaign.

☛ **Vauxhall Conference leaders Darlington** have offered manager Brian Little a new three-year contract.

The former England international, who took charge at Feethams toward the end of last season, has steered his side to the brink of the Vauxhall Conference championship losing only six games and conceding just 22 goals during his first full term at the club.

☛ **Vauxhall Conference club Welling United** have agreed an extension to their ground-sharing scheme with Charlton Athletic. The Second Division club's reserve side will continue to play at Welling's Park View Road ground for season 1990-91.

Charlton's second string moved to the Vauxhall Conference stadium two seasons ago. During their tenure attendances for Football Combination fixtures have averaged 500.

☛ **Vauxhall Conference club Yeovil Town** have announced details of a Huish auction to commemorate their departure from the famous sloping ground. Scheduled for the end of May, fixtures and fittings from the stadium will be placed on offer to the supporters of the club.

Included amongst The Huish memorabilia are Yeovil Town's limited edition of philatelic commemorative covers which will arrive at the ground by helicopter shortly before Monday's Vauxhall Conference match against Enfield. RNAS Yeovilton will deliver the 3,500 collectors' items which celebrate the Conference club's 70-years at The Huish.

☛ **Vauxhall Conference club Telford United** are to make their first full-time playing appointment with 18-year old forward Andy Oakley accepting a contract at the Bucks Head Ground. Oakley, who completes his YTS programme next month, will become United's first ever professional footballer.

Andy Oakley was promoted to Telford's senior squad a fortnight ago and has featured in the first team party for the last four matches. Scoring on only his second appearance for United, Oakley will be the first of a number of players expected to assume full-time status at the Vauxhall Conference club.

☛ **Yeovil Town** defend a 3-0 lead when they travel to Kidderminster Harriers on Wednesday for the second leg of the Bob Lord Challenge Trophy Final. A crowd of 1,609 watched Andy Wallace, Mickey Spencer and Paul Wilson secure Yeovil's advantage at The Huish last week. The Somerset club will be looking to win their first senior honours since gaining promotion to the Vauxhall Conference in 1988.

☛ **Kidderminster Harriers** enter Wednesday's second leg as the competition's leading scorers having struck 16 goals in six ties. Should Harriers succeed in levelling the aggregate score, extra-time will be played. A penalty shoot will only be enforced if the Final remains unresolved and the away goals rule is unable to determine the winners of the 1990 Bob Lord Trophy.

☛ **Vauxhall Conference club Kettering Town** are to launch an organ donor campaign this week. Transplant cards will be distributed at each Rockingham Road turnstile and inserted into every Poppies matchday programme. The scheme will be launched by a number of players who are expected to register their organs shortly before Saturday's visit of Sutton United.

The initiative follows the death of a 42-year-old Poppies fan who collapsed shortly after last month's Vauxhall Conference match against Barrow. The supporter, who was carrying an organ donor card, secured the lives of three people with his kidneys and heart used for immediate surgery.