

● Leaders Kettering Town equalled the Vauxhall Conference record for an unbeaten start to a season on Saturday extending their run to 13 matches with a 2-0 win over Merthyr Tydfil. The series equals the best ever opening sequence set by Darlington last year.

○ Barnet have been offered a grant of £9,000 from The Football Trust for essential safety work recently undertaken at their Underhill Stadium. Barnet, who installed a PA system and a defined emergency access route, are the latest Conference club to benefit from the Trust's £1.4 million budget set aside for Pyramid clubs.

● Newcomers Bath City ended their disastrous opening sequence without a win on Saturday when they defeated Fisher 3-0, bringing to an end the barren 10 match run. This is also a Conference record for a start to a season.

○ The Changez Khan throw-in continues to capture the imagination. Stafford Rangers last week received a request to purchase the filming rights of the 19-year-old winger's speciality throw-in. FIFA have been asked to supply a ruling on the 60-yard hoist of which Khan is capable.

Manager Chris Wright said: "It's an extremely unorthodox technique which seems to work. One thing's for certain, it's been a long time since fans got excited when the ball goes out for a throw."

● Striker Gary Bull celebrated his return to Barnet's first team with a hat-trick in the 4-1 midweek victory over Cheltenham. Bull, cousin of England's current number nine Steve, missed eight Conference games through injury before returning to take his goals tally to eight from four matches.