

NON-LEAGUE SOCCER

Stafford aim to match the rest

By Geoff Young

STAFFORD Rangers have got a long way to go to catch up on the rest of the GM Vauxhall Conference, not so much on points, but in games played.

Dennis Booth's side have only played 15 matches compared with the average of 20—legacy of a decent FA Cup run—and Saturday's freeze, which put paid to their derby match at Telford, did not raise the team's spirits.

Stafford are second bottom and today play the team immediately above them, Runcorn. Mr Booth said: "It seems a long time since our last win [against Bath on Sept 19] but that was only six league games ago. We are in a false position, but we've got to get on and win those games in hand."

Bottom-placed Boston won their fourth match of the season, a 2-1 victory over Welling, with David Moss and Gary Jones scoring, and they can be confident of a decent showing at Kettering today.

Wycombe Wanderers marched on, courtesy of two Steve Guppy goals and a late one from Keith Scott, to put the skids under Woking in front of 4,911, while second-placed Slough kept them in sight—12 points behind with three games in hand—with a 2-1 win over Merthyr Tydfil. Slough travel to Wycombe tomorrow night.

Northwich Victoria, away to neighbours Witton Albion today, have been threatened with a High Court writ by the Inland Revenue unless they pay two tax bills, totalling £30,000, by mid-January.

Meanwhile, a group of shareholders have forced an extraordinary general meeting on Jan 14, aimed at unseating chairman David Stone.

● Unbeaten Aldershot Town had a crowd of 2,248 for the 2-0 win over Feltham & Hounslow Borough—their best gate of the season and another Diadora League Division Three record.

Steve Stairs scored both the goals after 87 and 90 minutes to take his season's total to 26.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

Farnboro	 (0)	0	Woking	 (2)	3	
			Puckett 37 79,			
			Senior 44		2,287	
Gateshead	 (0)	0	Stalybridge	.. (0)	0	
					631	
Kettering	 (2)	3	Boston U	 (0)	3	
Brown 10 86,			Jones 57 83,			
Martin 11			Moss 90		2,592	
Kidderminster	.. (0)	1	Bromsgrove	.. (0)	0	
Deakin 82					4,324	
Macclesfield	... (-)	P	Altrincham	... (-)	P	
Merthyr	 (-)	P	Telford	 (-)	P	
Stafford	 (0)	0	Runcorn	 (1)	1	
			Shaugnessy 37		876	
Welling U	 (0)	0	Dagenham	 (2)	2	
			Cavell 13,			
			Dennis 32 (og)		1,357	
Witton	 (1)	1	Northwich	 (2)	3	
Burke 8			O'Connor 23 50,			
			Boyd 45		2,442	
Yeovil	 (1)	2	Bath	 (1)	1	
Spencer 2 89			Gill 32		6,488	

	HOME					AWAY					Pts
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	
Wycombe	22	9	1	0	32 5	7	2	3	26	10 51	
Slough	19	8	0	2	23 11	4	3	2	10	10 39	
Dagenham	21	5	3	3	25 13	5	4	1	13	6 37	
Bromsgrove	22	5	3	2	17 10	4	5	3	14	14 35	
Gateshead	20	6	3	3	14 10	4	0	4	15	17 33	
Telford	21	5	3	3	20 17	4	3	3	13	15 33	
Yeovil	21	6	2	2	20 10	3	2	6	9	17 31	
Stalybridge	23	2	6	2	12 12	5	4	4	17	16 31	
Bath	20	5	4	2	18 10	3	2	4	14	11 30	
Woking	22	3	1	6	11 17	6	2	4	23	23 30	
Kettering	23	7	2	4	24 18	1	3	6	14	22 29	
Northwich	21	2	2	7	13 18	6	2	2	18	12 28	
Farnboro	24	5	3	5	23 21	2	3	6	19	30 27	
Kidderminster	19	4	3	4	10 12	2	4	2	10	8 25	
Welling U	25	4	3	5	18 23	2	4	7	20	28 25	
Witton	20	3	4	3	17 16	2	5	3	11	12 24	
Runcorn	23	5	2	5	18 20	1	3	7	8	26 23	
Macclesfield	18	3	1	3	10 8	4	0	7	12	18 22	
Merthyr	19	0	3	5	5 18	6	1	4	16	19 22	
Altrincham	18	1	4	3	7 9	4	2	4	12	14 21	
Boston U	23	2	3	6	13 21	2	3	7	12	23 18	
Stafford	16	2	3	4	11 14	2	2	3	7	10 17	