

Hatton hits back

DAVID HUNT and Paul Hooks kept Notts in the promotion hunt with two goals just before the end.

They had gone into the lead only minutes after half-time through Arthur Mann, but were pegged back by a Bob Hatton goal—his first for 3½ months.

Then Hunt volleyed a powerful shot into the roof of the net after Luton had failed to clear a Don Masson free-kick.

And Masson also set up the third for young Hooks, who knocked home his well-placed cross in the 86th minute.

Notts had looked slightly sharper up front early on, building promising, constructive moves from the left.

At any sign of danger Luton were prepared to pull everyone back behind the ball, and despite their heavy pressure

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Notts were unable to find a way through.

Indeed, Luton should have taken the lead against the run of play just before half time when Alan West missed a golden opportunity from only three yards out.

Notts finally broke the deadlock in the 52nd minute when Ian McCulloch burst down the left and Mick Vinter touched his neat cross into Mann's path.

Mann had time and space to spare as he hit the ball past Jake Findlay.

Luton's goal came with 15 minutes to go. Pedro Richards knocked a David Carr header off the line, Jeff Blockley whacked it away only as far as David Price, and Price's cross was headed home by Hatton.