

Joseph the jewel for hot County

LUTON TOWN 0
NOTTS COUNTY 1

Scorers: County: Stallard 24
CROWD: 7,059

IT WAS billed as party day at Luton as the Hatters gathered to welcome a new era. 00/01

The club put on a carnival entertainment before kick-off and there was an ovation for new manager Ricky Hill.

But then it all went wrong in the sunshine with Notts County showing that hard work and application brings more reward than a lot of huffing and puffing. That was all Luton could produce.

Mark Stallard headed the goal on 23 minutes from a free-kick by Craig Ramage.

Luton had plenty of possession but seemed unsure what to do with it.

In David Joseph County had the cleverest player on view. His pace and trickery left Luton's defenders in ribbons.

Hill said: "I think a few of our players had stage fright and I know we didn't play to our potential. Notts County defended well but there was not enough quality about our attacking."