

TYSON KEEPS FOREST IN THE FIGHT



Nottingham Forest players celebrate Nathan Tyson's winning goal

Nottingham Forest 1 Luton 0 09/09

NATHAN Tyson's 12th goal of the season kept Nottingham Forest's lingering hopes of automatic promotion alive as they beat Luton 1-0.

He struck in the 67th minute to deny the relegated Hatters a point from a spirited display.

Forest laboured for the most part but Tyson punished Luton for failing to clear a Chris Cohen cross, with both Tyson and Garath McCleary having attempts blocked, before the Forest man forced the ball home from close range.

Until then it looked as though Colin

Calderwood's side would be faced with a frustrating afternoon with Luton keeper Dean Brill dealing with all that Forest had to offer.

He saved early on from Kris Commons and then saw defender Sol Davis clear off the line from skipper Ian Breckin from the corner that followed.

And after Tyson had given Forest the breakthrough, Brill saved spectacularly from a Wes Morgan header following a corner by substitute Lewis McGugan and Brill also produced a late stop to deny Tyson a second.

Luton were not without chances themselves and Lewis Emanuel forced Forest keeper Paul Smith into a full-length save to prevent an equaliser.

Calderwood believes his side can still

make it to the Championship without having to go through the end of season pressures of the play-offs.

He said: "There are going to be nervous times for a lot of teams up and down the country in the next few weeks and we have to do our job and be ready if there are any more opportunities.

"We've got to go out and try and take maximum points from the last two games and see where it gets us."

Hatters manager Mick Harford said: "That's the way I want Luton to play and we had a lot of players out there who didn't deserve to be on the losing side.

"We conceded a poor goal but overall our commitment and workrate was superb. I cannot fault the players for what they put into their performance."