

RICHARD Money has warned Luton will be dangerous opposition for Cambridge United tomorrow despite under-achieving this season.

The Hatters look likely to miss out on the Blue Square Bet Premier play-offs and new boss John Still has already named some of those players he plans to release this summer.

But head coach Money knows from his experience in charge at Kenilworth Road the weight of expectation on their shoulders.

He said: "It's very difficult for me to explain to people just the intensity of every game they play in.

"I know people at Mansfield, Wrexham or whoever else may well think it's the same for them, but it isn't.

"That's the reality, however I do think at the moment they're in a situation where the manager has decided he's going to look at his squad for next season and maybe some of the pressure has gone away a little bit.

"But let's be clear about one thing – on their day, they're still the best team in this league.

"They've spent the money and you wouldn't argue they've got some of the best players in the league, so it makes them dangerous opponents for the weekend."

Money added he would take no personal satisfaction if United beat Luton.

He said: "I think people from the outside would probably think that's the case, but I really couldn't care less, it's three points, it doesn't matter any more than that to me."

Nick Pope will continue in goal after extending his loan deal from Charlton until the end of the season while Jonathan Hedge has moved to Southport on a temporary basis until the summer.

Nathan Blissett is also set to return to Kidderminster following the end of his loan spell after Easter.

Meanwhile, Money offered his backing to director of football Jez George's bid to walk the 100 miles from the R Costings Abbey to Sincil Bank, where United play Lincoln City on Monday, in

Luton must not be taken lightly by U's – Money

just 43 hours to raise funds for United. Around £17,000 has so far been made with fans, groups and businesses pledging £100 in return for a special centenary share certificate.

Money said: "People have to understand Jez is in a situation where he has to make difficult decisions and he has made a lot of sound, sensible decisions

both financially and in terms of playing staff.

"Without Jez, this club would have died and it's purely through him the youth programme is still in existence and we have people like (Rory) McAuley, (Liam) Hughes and (Luke) Berry in the team."

United (probable): Pope, Roberts, Haynes-Brown, Wassmer, McAuley, Jarvis, Shaw, Berry, Dunk, Elliott, Hughes.

Luton (probable): Tyler, Rowe-Turner, McNulty, Howells, Ainge, Goodman, Martin, Smith, Taiwo, Shaw, Wall.

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Josh Coulson

IT WAS disappointing to be left out of the side at Hyde, but the most important thing is how the team does.

To be fair, I thought the boys played well and I felt we should have got more out of the game than we did.

Much as I'd prefer to be playing, at least it was a decent game to watch with two teams both trying to play football in the right way.

It just came down to a couple of mistakes for their goals where Luke Berry has misplaced a ball for the first one and then the clearance wasn't good enough for their

We can't make errors against Luton

second. We had a lot of the ball, especially in the final third, but we just couldn't find the final ball.

We're good at retaining the ball, but sometimes maybe we need to be more direct in terms of playing the ball through the defence quicker.

It's not nice to come back from a long trip like that after a defeat and I can only feel for the fans that went up there and were lucky not to come away with frostbite.

Hopefully, we can bounce back against Luton tomorrow and it's a game that

anyone should relish playing in. It's our biggest local derby and it's always good to play Luton home or away because there's always a big crowd and they're my favourite games to play in.

Beating Luton away last season under Jez (George) was one of the best games I've been involved in.

The fans on both sides are passionate about it, but they've struggled this year and probably won't get into the play-offs.

But they've still got some very good players in their team and they'll be up for it as

well, so we know we'll be in for a hell of a tough game.

It won't get any easier away to Lincoln on Monday because they're on a good run of form and are battling to stay above the relegation zone.

I'm just glad I won't be making my way to Sincil Bank on foot unlike Jez, who is trying to walk the 100 miles there from the R Costings Abbey in 43 hours to raise money for the club.

I'd like to wish him all the best for his journey and hope everyone gets behind him.

ANY team finishing above Luton could usually be confident in thinking they had done enough to win the Blue Square Bet Premier.

Whatever any of the other former League clubs residing in the Conference would like to think, the Hatters are by far the biggest fish in the pond.

But after losing in the play-off final for the last two seasons – a feeling Cambridge United are only too aware of – Luton have underachieved massively this season and look unlikely to break into the top five.

It is not for the want of trying given the huge sums that have been thrown at the club, John Still having been recently recruited as manager after a tidy sum was paid in compensation to Dagenham & Redbridge for his services. A look at their squad should be enough to put

Hatters not so dominant now

a lump in the throat of most opponents, but Luton have lost that veneer of superiority this term, dropping points and suffering losses in games their vociferous fans would have expected them to win – and win handsomely.

Richard Money is among those who have tried and ultimately failed to deliver the success craved at Kenilworth Road since dropping out of the League.

Now, he will be hoping to add to the Hatters' woes when they visit tomorrow.