

(4-4-1-1): Shearer 8, Hunt 6, Tafazolli 6, Pearce 6, Kavanagh 5, Rose 5 (Blair 56 6), Chapman 5 (Thomas 83 5), Clements 6, Lambe 5 (Yussuf 58 6), Boxendale 7, Green 7 Subs not used: Jensen, Westcarr, Collins, Beardsley

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McCourt 6, Ruddock 54

(4-2-3-1): Justham 6, O'Donnell 6, Sheehan 7, Cuthbert 7, Howells 6, Smith 6, Lawless 6, McGeehan 8, McCourt 7 (Lee 74 5), Ruddock 7 (Musonda N/A), Mackail-Smith 6 (Marriott 84 5) Subs not used: King, Potts, Benson, O'Brien

Att: 4,245 Rating: ★★

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Jones off the mark to tame the Stags

ROOKIE boss Nathan Jones celebrated his first win in his second match in charge of Luton – the Hatters' first ever in the league at the Stags – and promised there was more to come.

Jones, who made six changes, saw the visitors control the match after scoring goals at the start of both halves through Paddy McCourt – his first for four matches – and Pelly Ruddock, despite Mansfield dominating possession.

"I am a very proud manager," he said. "It's two games, four points and two solid performances.

"But I think we can get better than that and this is only a start. So let's not get carried away.

"I've got a group here who want to work. Their application has been terrific since I came in and I think we saw little bits of that.

"Our endeavour and everything we did was top notch. We could have passed it better and could have been slightly more fluent in some of our play. But it was a fantastic away performance.

"The changes were pretty much enforced, the injury list has been unbelievable. Fortunately the two tactical changes we made came to fruition."

Goals at the start of both halves put Luton on course for their second win in ten league games as Mansfield's home hoodoo struck again.

The Stags, with just four wins at the One Call Stadium all season, conceded

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in the first 15 minutes for the fifth time in their last six home matches when McCourt side-footed in Cameron McGeehan's sixth-minute cross from the by-line – Luton's first goal for 366 minutes.

They rarely threatened an equaliser and nine minutes into the second half Ruddock cleverly turned debutant full-back Sean Kavanagh to fire Luton's second into the roof of the net.

Two fine saves by home keeper Scott Shearer twice denied Cameron McGeehan further Luton goals.

Mansfield struggled to create chances. Substitute Adi Yussuf headed their best opportunity over from close range.

Disappointed Stags manager Adam Murray, whose side

have just one win from seven matches, said:

"It's becoming a farce now the times we concede goals and the type of goal we're conceding. It's just a regular occurrence – same mistakes, same errors.

"At times we looked like a team that doesn't know what to do with possession and that's where you look to your X-Factor players, your spark players, to do something.

"We are lacking a bit of fire in there at the minute. Things are not going our way. But we have to keep grafting.

"The bottom line is they were better than us in vital areas."

