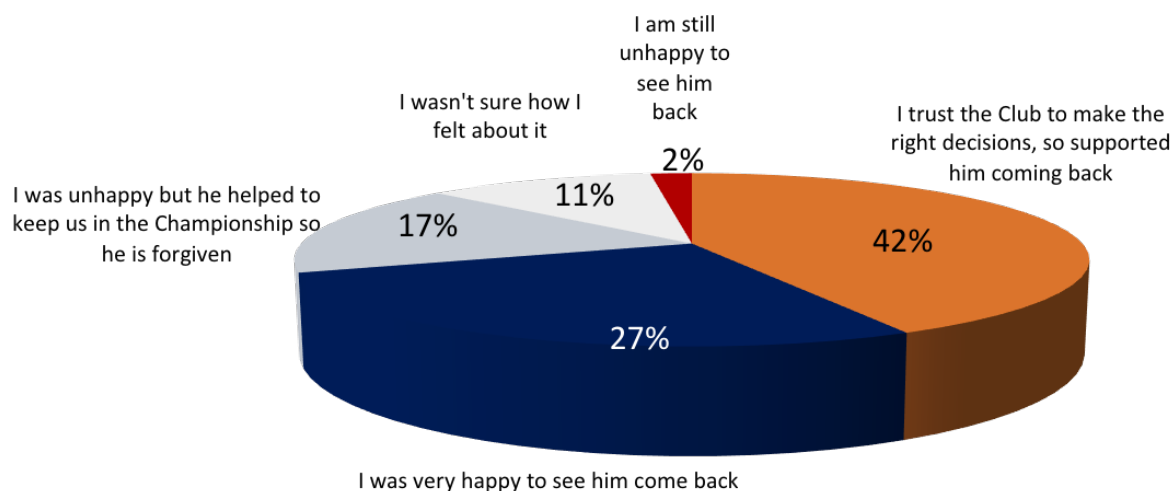


A view on Nathan Jones' return from Luton Town Supporters' Trust Members

Q Which of the following statements would you say is closest to your view of Nathan Jones coming back as manager?



Q 'Tell us your thoughts about Nathan Jones coming back to Luton'

Response: "I am still unhappy to see him back" (2%)

I didn't like the manner of his departure to Stoke. Everyone has the right to move jobs, but it was handled poorly. However it appears he has learned from his failure at Stoke, so that can only help us. But personally wouldn't trust him as far as I can throw him, as a good a manager as he is.

I do not like the man, but he did help keep us in the Championship. The previous manager did not have a clue. Essentially, he is an employee of the club and we should keep him for this season coming. He will leave again at some point if he is successful.

Turned his back on the club once, so who's to say he won't do it again. Hope he never re-introduces it's all about me and the chest beating. We don't need that. The club have chosen to have Jones back and I will always support the club but Nathan Jones will never be forgiven.

It's because of the board taking him back, I did not renew my season ticket

The manner in which he left is still inexcusable to me; happy to see less chest-thumping thus far, but I'm not convinced he wouldn't jump ship again if the opportunity presented itself.

Response: "I trust the Club to make the right decisions so supported him coming back" (42%)

ALTHOUGH HE LEFT US IN THE LURCH HE WAS THE ONLY CHOICE FOR US TO MAINTAIN OUR CHAMPIONSHIP STATUS BUT ASSISTED BY MICK

Can the manager, any manager, do the job? With the current manager the answer is yes.

Can understand perhaps why he left due to bigger club and status but he seems to be passionate about Luton - says he made a mistake but nothing's perfect

Done well and said the right things

Was open minded.

An inspired choice

I hated him for the way he left. I think we felt duped as we all bought into his passion and 'love' for the club. But I recognised that his return was the right move for the club and a chance for his redemption. I believe the fans will remain cautious and I think the badge kissing days are over. But I respect him as a manager and am hugely optimistic for the coming season. It was a brave move for him and though what happened won't easily be forgotten, as far as I'm concerned, he is forgiven. I'm glad to have him here because I think he is the best man for the job.

Initially surprised but glad he is back with us.

He has galvanized the team and been more realistic in his team formations and tactics

I always had a strange feeling he would .

Was nervous, but it's a good fit

A surprise but with hindsight an excellent decision

Not a Messiah just yet. Still a bit of a naughty boy

I was surprised but supported the decision of the board. And events since he's been back have confirmed that one of the reasons we were so upset about him leaving is the fact that he is actually such a good fit for our club.

Like him as a manager, was upset that he left but understood the reasons why. Looking forward to him being our manager for the new season

When Nathan Jones went to Stoke, I attempted to place a bet on him returning one day. No bookies would take it. Not because of the probability, more because they were unable to compute the bet.

He gets the best out of the players

I was disappointed when he left because I bought into him, so I was concerned when he came back because it seems like some of his effectiveness is predicated on his ability to make the players believe in him. I worried that he might not be able to rekindle that second-time around. However, we weren't going to find a better option for the last 9 games, and he wasn't going to get a better offer either, so it made good sense -- and it seems his narrative is no less compelling for the excursion. For better or for worse, he **is** more entertaining than GJ...

I believe he has realised what a big mistake he made leaving and is making every move to atone - he'll do a great job!

Delighted

He has kept us in the championship. All is forgiven

I was dubious but trusted Mick Harford and the Board had made the right decision. The players were obviously pleased to see him return so that was another positive. And then the icing on the cake was he kept us up. Couldn't really have asked for more could we? I trust him now to do the best for Luton Town.

I was sceptical at first because of the nature of his departure but have been full of admiration for what he has achieved since his return

Obviously had reservations, after the way he left the club. However, I am an adult and I agree that his appointment was probably the only realistic way of getting out of the relegation places in the Championship. It worked out well in the end, but I believe the bizarre, unique circumstances of last season facilitated this appointment, as I don't think it would have happened without COVID-19 happening. The fans not being in attendance must have had a huge bearing on the Board's decision to reappoint Nathan. Glad it all worked out, I look forward to progress...

Not keen initially because of the manner in which he left but have accepted him as the right choice

I was ambivalent. Football is a fickle business and I would never begrudge a player or manager seeking to further their career. He was clearly well liked by the players. There was a marked improvement in performance levels following his return and he has proved himself.

I felt it was the right decision because we needed someone who knew the players and because of the time left we needed to be up and running quickly after the lockdown.

He is clearly a good manager. His reputation was tarnished given the manner in which he left for Stoke, but given the post-lockdown performance all is forgiven!

I thought Nathan could take us to the Championship from early on - he bought well immediately and improved the players we had too. He kept doing that. Strong character - and I loved his passion from early on - that I felt fitted us perfectly. I was gutted when he left, understood why career wise. Having watched for 45 years, I know he had a special bond here. I think Nathan values it too, now realises what he had is rare perhaps - & I trust the board, they act for us. His bond is still there with the players too, they were superb in the great escape

We must be the only club to get a big fee for their manager so he could gain experience as a championship manager and then get him back for free. I said we had a terrific board and that was an amazing piece of business.

A little surprise by his return but once the club's thinking was made clear, it made sense. Most importantly, the players seemed to be very happy with his return. In the grand scheme of things that's what matters as was proven by team performances after his return.

With the benefit of hindsight, the whole episode - from him going to Stoke to our Great Escape - has worked out very well for all concerned with LTFC. If there was ever any doubt (which there most certainly should not have been) of the status of Mick Harford at LTFC there is none now. Absolute legend of our club and second to none in the football world.

Would not have been first choice but trusted board to make decisions based on full information. Once appointed had my full support.

It was a masterstroke bringing Nathan back. Nathan is brilliant for Luton Town FC and Luton Town FC is brilliant for Nathan Jones.

Very sad to see Graeme Jones leave though

It was definitely a surprise, and after seeing how he had fared in the Championship with Stoke, I was a little hesitant at first. That said, I knew that his move to Stoke was a bad one, as it was a club in total disarray, and wasn't a good fit for him. As long as the players and the staff were on board with him returning, that was all that mattered in that moment, as survival was the priority. It also made sense, as he knew the club and most of the players, so it was a logical fit.

Thought it was a gamble but hey it worked!

The man has absolutely redeemed himself with what he achieved at the end of last season. I for one would like to shake his hand. Time to move on.

Surprised when I heard he was. But with us having no manager at the time it makes sense to bring someone in who knows the players and staff

It is very hard to forgive Nathan for walking away from us the first time. Graham Jones wasn't bad, he had a few games that went against him. The players all had a rest from their ridiculous schedule before Jones come back. So the run in at the end of the season was with rested players. I am not sure about Jones selections some times. I would like to see more of Moncur and don't understand his general desire to sign midfielders all of the time. I can't forgive Luton for selling Stacey and James.

Very brave decision by the board, and one can only trust and back what they do is in the best interests of the club going forward. As I am not privy to private meeting I can only make judgments on what I'm being informed by the club

Was very hard to swallow as his departure really hurt, think we all felt very betrayed, but he has apologised so happy to rust him and the club and hopefully we can move on together.

Right choice made at the right time - all is forgiven
in hindsight, obviously, a masterstroke

Nobody can question what a great job he has done for the club and everybody is entitled to make the wrong choices it's how we learn

I was pleased. He was good for us (and we were good for him) first time round. Yes, her made a stupid decision to leave but Mick Harford more than covered for NJ's absence and I believe in giving people second chances so onwards and upwards.

There was a bit less love for him compared to when he was last here, but I thought it was the best decision for the club at that time and for the future and was happy to see him come back

It was only the way he left that disappointed me. He had shown what was possible on a tight budget and was looking forward to him taking us to middle/upper table position in the Championship last season.

Rather disappointed at first but he apologized for the way he Left .

Very unhappy with the way he left us. However, I felt that if the board could forgive him and they felt he was the right man for the job then I would support their decision. His apology was also very welcome.

Replaced a terrible manager who didn't get it with a good one who does

Was surprised when first heard Trusted the board and Mick doing the best for the club Always knew he was good for the club but extremely disappointed the way he left The players work hard for him and respect him Pleased he's back but don't trust completely

he gets average players to believe they are good players and to trust their team mates, which in turn makes a solid unit

Very pleased to see him back, anyone would have taken the chance of the job he was offered, it didn't work out for him ! But he proved himself in keeping us up !

He came back, apologised for the way he left, has recommitted himself to the club, improved performances and importantly kept us in the championship

Given where we were at the start of lockdown and the failings of the previous management team, I was very pleased to see NJ return. He has galvanised the players and got them to produce the results that saved us. He clearly has a close affinity with the squad and gets the best out of them. I love his enthusiasm. I got tired of GJ's negativity and excuses and that he never gave certain players a fair chance, like Elliot Lee and Luke Berry to a certain extent. I hated it when he left and wanted him to fail at Stoke, but time is a great healer.

the way Nathan left the club was very difficult to take, especially after how he said he was here for the foreseeable future, however I put my trust in 2020 and again their decision has been proved to be good for the club, glad to see less of the chest pumping from NJ

Had to happen.

He was contrite over the way he left and the club and players obviously wanted him back.

Hindsight helps because despite how well team did in 6 weeks prior to lockdown I wasn't confident; so knowing what happened it was exactly the right move and the players seem better organised and happier for it.

a complete surprise, but nothing surprises me with LTFC .

I am sure he thought it a good career decision at the time, hopefully his experience at Stoke will be to the benefit of LTFC. What doesn't kill you makes you stronger, (or perhaps more determined to succeed).

Shocked, initially couldn't believe it, hoped he would fail at Stoke, Judas etc . Now, totally forgiven cos of Nathan's contrition and common sense expressions from Gary Sweet etc.

I think he's the best manager for us and this squad but it was right that he held his hands up and said sorry.

He does have an affinity with the club and showed appropriate contrition when returning. The board were took a brave decision and had to swallow some pride but the outcome proved it was exactly the right thing to do. I must admit I was shocked when it happened though!

His results and the teams form since returning have proved its the right decision. He seems to be able to get the best out of our players. The players seem fitter and very sharp in matches, the pressing is and commitment is phenomenal

I am glad to see him back, I didn't like the way he picked up has manager of the month award but he has explained why and apologised, if it was good enough for 2020 to bring him back it's good enough for me.

At first I was quite annoyed and frustrated. The more I thought about it though, it seemed to make sense. Then with survival, all was certainly forgiven

Good to see him come back, He motivates the players, long my he manage Luton.

At first angry, but as he knew most of the players he was the best choice.

He is delivering the goods so he is very welcome. All in the past now re Stoke. No need to mention it again.

He apologised for how he left and I believe he is the right man for the job

On balance, very pleased. People were very upset when he went, because he is a very good manager. It takes a big man to come back and show genuine regret. The timing of his departure hurt massively, not his reasons for leaving. He has now lead the club through a highly unlikely relegation fight to eventual survival, and I would gladly shake his hand for helping to keep the club in the championship. I'd also like to say that Graeme Jones also did a good job on the whole, only the players will know the reason for the turn around towards the end of the season.

Initially mixed feeling but he seems to have the changing room and that is most important.

I was surprised but you can't argue with the results. Nathan is obviously a good fit for Luton. I didn't like how he left but he has done a magnificent job since he came back, so gets my full support.

Captured in my answer above

Mistakes made - timing and wearing Stoke shirt to receive MoM award Has apologised, so we all should move on and support him.

I didn't blame him for leaving, he's ambitious and wants to improve/evolve so when he came back I was happy. I think it took courage to come back here and that is a trait that I love. And results have been great. Onwards and upwards.

I didn't appreciate the manner in which he left but I trust the board and their decisions. They haven't got it wrong recently, so if they can forgive and move on for the better of the club I can too.

Very disappointed in the way he left. But he's shown humility so happy to move on

Glad to get rid of Graham Jones so any change was for the better

I was not surprised as with all the rumours, the club never came out and denied it. So when he did get announced I was 'meh'. Not angry, not happy but just thought, for 2020 to take him back, it would not have been done lightly and therefore once it was all explained why he is back. It made sense and I felt optimistic and I was right to be as we stayed up after the negative GJ had left.

Apprehensive to start with but the right choice

I never thought it would happen but a very shrewd move by the board. I liked Nathan before he left and him coming back meant we could hit the floor running. Love his motivational skills and selling LTFC to people.

I'm sure he'll move on again when the time is right but trust him to leave the club in a good shape and trust the board and CEO to take good decisions for the future. He did very well indeed at the end of last season, and the players responded well.

Some managers have a special bond with one club. Eddie Howe had it at Bournemouth, Martin O'Neill had it at Leicester and Nathan Jones has it at Luton. None of those managers have managed to reach the same heights elsewhere.

Took a lot of guts to admit an error - No sure why Graeme was sacked as we were moving in the right direction before lockdown!

I was surprised but understood why he was asked back and certainly proved himself. He apologised. Realised his errors. It's done now so all good!

Was surprised to see him back. But when thought about it, it seemed the best decision for us and him. Delighted with the performance at the end of last season. I believe he is committed to the club for at least next 3-5 years. I understand why he left, but didn't like how and when he left.

When he left in the manner he did, I stated I would never have him back as manager. However, 2020 have proven time and again that they make great decisions for our club, so when he was reappointed I supported the decision. He showed great character to come back and apologise. I felt excited as I thought we had a chance of survival with him at the helm and it proved to be a masterstroke. I'm excited for what we can achieve now he's back as he is clearly a great fit for our club.

I was shocked & very surprised. I think the interview that Gary Sweet did helped me see it from a "Bigger Picture" standpoint. Keeping us up obviously helped heal the wound. Mick Harford being involved in bringing him back made me feel better about it as he is a proper Luton Legend to me. Player interviews made me feel better about it as they clearly trust & enjoy working for him. NJ apologising helped I like what we represent under NJ, Young, Hungry, Honest, Hard Working, Aggressive players, NO I IN TEAM attitude. Playing in a For me NJ is forgiven, Thought the familiarity with the players (hit the ground sprinting) would be very important. Believe he has shown genuine contrition. However, hope he doesn't do the chest beating anytime soon, as it will ring hollow.

Although unhappy with the circumstances relating to his departure, his return quickly resulted in the team playing better football and being motivated.

Obviously a good decision

His motivations for leaving were understandable. It was the manner of his leaving after the support he had been given by the Board that caused the bad blood. He is a good fit for LTFC and, before he is lured away by the next irresistible offer, we will benefit from his abilities. I'm sure he'll handle his next exit more gracefully. No more badge-kissing and chest-thumping please. Some of us saw right through that from the start but many of the younger fans were taken-in. He'll have to generate that feel-good factor without the gimmicks this time..

Like most supporters I was unhappy how he left. When he came back he was humble and even contrite. This made me feel better about his return. I thought it was the best chance for us to stay up with only 9 games remaining considering our position at lockdown. He knew the squad and has the ability to motivate them and get the best out of them. It was a master stroke by the Board and shows that egos have to be put aside to get the best outcome

NATHAN WAS A GOOD MANAGER FOR US AND WE COULDN'T STOP HIS AMBITION AS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN UNFAIR. HE FOLLOWED A DREAM WHICH DIDN'T WORK OUT. HE HAS SHOWN A GOOD DEAL OF HUMILITY IN RETURNING AND SO FAR IT HAS WORKED WELL FOR HIM. I WISH HIM WELL AND HOPE HE KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Wasn't sure until I heard Mick Harford's input.

If he has learnt his lesson from all this, then I would be prepared to forgive and forget.

Like most supporters I was upset at Nathan's decision to leave, particularly in the transfer window, and I felt he betrayed us. However we all make mistakes and he has admitted his and has apologised. If the board are happy to have him back I fully support the decision. Didn't our greatest manager, David Pleat, leave us not once but twice in midseason?

Hope he stays loyal this time as I would not give him another chance

Initially unsure but now convinced he is the best fit

I wasn't too upset about him leaving as on paper the Stoke job was a great opportunity, it just didn't work out. Maybe the manner wasn't the best, but people leave jobs all the time and there's usually some degree of deceit involved. Happy to let bygones be bygones.

I consider him to be a good manager who knows how to get the most out of the players and build their confidence, I think it is good for the club to have happy players who will give 100%. What has happened in the past is gone, closed, forget about it and enjoy the rejuvenated team.

I'm a great believer of a manager being the right man, at the right club at the right time. Nathan Jones currently fits Luton like a glove.

Response: "I was very happy to see him come back" (27%)

I was really upset the way he left the club, but always said I would have him back because as a football manager he led a culture change at the club which was so embedded that others carried it on in order to win Div. 1. Confident we would stay up once he was appointed.

Nathan is a real motivator and tactician.

Pleased

He brought most the players to the club with MH, he knows the club. It was the right decision.

He was probably the only manager who could have kept us in the Championship. It's a pity his head was turned by Stoke City but we have to put that behind us and move forward. He is passionate and a great motivator. Only time will tell but he has got over the first hurdle by keeping us up.

I was not happy about the way he left but don't blame him for taking that opportunity. I am delighted to have him back because he believes that he can make all our players better and has proved it so far

family always come home

I was very happy with the outcome- Graham Jones did nothing to try and get fans on side - no meet the manager event either. Nathan will happily talk to fans. I love his passion and I know he works hard, more importantly the players respond well to him he gets the best out of them. He held his hands up and admitted he had made a mistake- who hasn't?

Very happy. Players fight for him. Great team spirit. Good man management skills. Has improved his match day craft since he first joined.

Whilst unhappy about how he left the Club not at all happy with Grahame Jones. Inconsistent team selection and constant changes of formation . Team didn't appear to play for him Huge improvement under Nathan Jones Liked him before and he has to be forgiven for being tempted by a better offer . The most important thing is his return kept us in The championship and improves our chances of staying there

Great Manager shame he left when he did

Nathan made a mistake moving to Stoke and admitted it and managed to keep us in the championship

An obviously talented manager, with the right backing and finances Luton can be a force to be reckoned with

I loved him before and I love him now. He's the best man for the club and the players.

I said this and wanted this last Christmas.. The manager we had was inept and I knew Nathan Jones was the only man who could possibly get us out of the situation we were in.. He's the only man for the job it's a no brainer.. He is Luton Town..

I think it changed the season. Players seem happier under Nathan Jones

He is a star and the right man for Luton Town FC. He rang me in Lockdown as he heard I have cancer. The last Manager would not have done that. Love Nathan

He made a mistake in leaving - not the first to do that - and he has done his utmost to repair the damage. He is the best man for the job because, unlike his predecessor and despite the Stoke nonsense, he loves and values the club.

Energy and passion. Stimulates team spirit.

Great motivator and this is instilled into the players who will all improve which will help the club have a far better season

We all try to do the best for ourselves and family. He obviously was made a very attractive offer . Too good to turn down. It didn't work out and now he has the opportunity to make Luton one of the best "small clubs " in the land .

NATHAN IS THE ONLY MANAGER WHO CAN WORK WITH THE PLAYERS

Very disappointed to see him go in the first place, lads played well for him, very glad to see him return.

Excellent news

Whilst like all fans, I had my doubts/concerns about him coming back, I was happy on the basis that he was a 100% improvement on Graeme Jones who had lost the fans and looked like he had lost the players and was just not a good fit to the Luton way. On the basis that Nathan knew the players and knew the Luton way, if anyone was going to keep us up then it would be Nathan. In view of what he achieved last season, he has redeemed himself and I have full faith in him.

He has apologised for his mistake and that is the end of it.

I'm very happy for his comeback, he's a great manager and at the end of the last season was spectacular.

I was unsure until I watched the first zoom press conference and saw his humility. I knew he had signed most of the players who had struggled under the previous manager and therefore would be able to understand his coaching methods. The games during lockdown were played in the style of the previous promotion winning seasons

Was hurt by NJ departure so I forgive him but I can't forget what he did.

Having been at Hillsborough for the FA cup match, I was very disappointed by Nathan's rapid decision to leave, which seemed like a betrayal. His return seemed right at the time, although I feel he will leave again at a future date (unless he fails at Luton, which I don't believe). If we can get 2 more seasons and he leaves without dumping the club in trouble that will be acceptable to me.

He should never have left, Stoke is in turmoil

I think it understandable that he would want to manage a bigger club and he has been contrite on his return.

I'm glad he came back he started this journey

The right man for the right club, very disappointed he left but getting him back was inspirational. The current management team are just right for the club long may it continue

The right decision by the board. In Nathan we trust.

We both need each other

I was deeply unhappy with the way he left. However I don't blame him for going and I deeply respect him. His enthusiasm is infectious and he is committed to Luton's success. He is a winner for Luton

The way he left was terrible but he now knows that. He's the perfect fit for the club and vice versa. We had a championship winning side and GJ said he needed players from day one and that's all he ever talked about, had no faith and the football they played in the previous year vanished. It was hard to stomach watching a great TEAM play in such a way. NJ believes in this team and you can see the difference, are the players good enough...not really but they are a great team not great individuals something GJ never understood. He maximizes what we have

Gutted when he left. Felt betrayed, but was glad to see him back as I like his style and the belief he instilled in the team and supporters.

Nathan has been a great manager in an otherwise list of poor recruits by 2020. We got lucky when Stoke sacked him. I believe we have room for optimism with Nathan and Mick. With support could be like Clough and Taylor. NJ motivates and recruits the right characters. He believes in fitness and coaching constantly. Good system (Diamond) and tactical awareness. Deserves our support.

It was the only thing the club could do and I always wanted him to come back someday as he belongs here.

You can't really blame him too much for the way he left us for Stoke - we've all got to take opportunities when they present themselves! It made sense to bring on someone who knew the players for the delayed end of the season, and it did the trick.....

It has clearly been the right decision for the club

Right decision he shouldn't have gone in the first place he had a job to do and left halfway through the journey at the wrong time but that's now been sorted !!

He kept us up. He has my vote. GJ didn't have the stamina/knowledge of our club to keep us in this league.

Who would refuse a job paying 10 x as much. He has apologised and expect he is made for life and he can concentrate on improving the team.

Can't think of anybody ever who didn't make a mistake they regretted

At first I wasn't sure and didn't think it would be possible but really happy to see him Back and you can tell the players are happy as well - the passion from The manager sets a good feeling within the club

Fantastic...just what we needed! I don't think we would be in the Championship now without him. Well done the Board in patching things up so that he could come back

Right Choice appointment as the current players have know well Nathan Jones as they made right choice to hire Nathan Jones to employ Luton Town First Team manager.

V pleased, especially as you could immediately see what it did for the players. As has been said many times, the way he left was very poor and not what I would have expected from someone who professed high standards, morals etc plus his love for LTFC so openly. I understood his desire to achieve potential greater personal success, albeit questioned the club choice at the time, it was just the way he left. But that is behind us now, no issues for me and I'm delighted he's back. Plus it enabled the legend that is MH to win promotion, so all good!

Did what he thought was right at the time and left to manage a bigger club Whether people liked it or not he returned and we immediately improved. So I'm all for it. 👍

He's a perfect fit for us. Don't hold any grudges whatsoever and he's very much endeared himself to me since his return

He was/is a good manager for us. He's more than apologised for leaving and he will more than benefit the club in the long run

Kinda always felt he would . Have no problem with him being back

best manager for the job and he did what he said he would
was happy to see him return

A really good move - he clearly inspires the players and gets them to believe in themselves. The difference in the squad on his return and with Graham Jones departing has been visually measurable. You wouldn't think its the same group of players!

I wanted him back as soon as he left Stoke in December. Nathan Jones is Luton Town, he knows that now

To go back is often a daft thing to do but not in this case. It was a brave decision by 2020 to invite him back but the right one. It was also brave of Nathan as he had made mistakes in the way he left the club (especially the MOM shirt!!) but his apology was honest and our forgiveness should be admired too.

Great MANAGER

I'm not exaggerating he is Luton Town. He was the only manager capable of keeping us up, and he did. The man made a mistake, which we all have in our lives. Forgive and forget. He's motivational and passionate. The players love him, so should the supporters.

needed his know how of LTFC players and their abilities

He knows the players and how to get them motivated.

Obviously disappointed about the way he left. Happy when he returned and current form shows his influence.

I was disappointed with way he left (chest thumping at Hillsborough and gone a few days later). BUT, he understands the club and is clearly a very good coach who not only improves players but I sense that team spirit is improved as well ie the players really want to play for him (I did not get that sense with Graeme Jones and could almost feel that team bond falling away).

Handled by Nathan and the club very well. He apologised, to the board and the fans, for the way in which he left the club. GS and the board acted very professionally by realising that he was the best man for the job. Brilliant result.

A master stroke by the club. And Nathan Jones showed character and balls to come back. He made his mistakes and apologised, don't we all make mistakes! Delighted he is back. He has a clearly strategy of how he wants to play I just hope 2020 back him in the transfer market with quality.

I like many others were very upset at the way and manner he left, mainly because he made us believe that he really loved OUR club. I was really pleased when he came back because you can see that his enthusiasm and commitment is real. I think his and our experience of what happened whilst he was at Stoke have made it a bigger bond.

He knows the players and the style of play we expect.

Nathan did what any normal person would do in circumstances when a potential better business offer is made. Sometimes that change does not work out for us all. The fact that Nathan is back is the best news for the progress of this club. Well done to the club for thinking long term and moving on. A professional attitude that will serve us well

Response:

"I was unhappy but he helped to keep us in the Championship so he is forgiven" (17%)

I was very angry with Nathan - not for leaving but for the way in which he left. It was disrespectful to the club and to the fans - and how he could have thought it was acceptable to appear in a Stoke shirt for the Manager of the month that he won at Luton I do not know. I know the management at the club were also furious with him. And if they believe it was the right thing to do for our club I was prepared to give him a chance. He has kept us up. I'm not sure he is entirely forgiven but I'll give him the benefits of the doubt for now.

Amazed he was let back in the building given the way he left, but did trust the judgement of the board

Wasn't happy at the time but I trust the board and they felt that it was the right move. So it was OK by me. Our survival means that what he did is forgiven if not forgotten

Didn't want him back but with subsequent events the board have been proven right.

felt Gary Sweet wasn't honest at time of GJ sacking....he'd previously said if he goes, I go. Then lo and behold he goes by consent, and NJ arrives out of the blue. Overall, NJ return turned out to be a v good appointment but I as a diamond season ticket holder feel belittled.

It was probably a good job games were played in empty grounds - he'd have got plenty of stick to start with. He did brilliantly to keep us up. I reckon he's a great manager... still love him. Don't trust him.

Mmmm. Very let down by the way in which he left but I've listened to his apology and trust the Board's decision to have him back. So, all good with me.

I was initially annoyed and wanted a grovelling apologywhich I feel we got! Once again Gary and the board were proved right.

Although my initial reaction was one of shock, there did seem to be an extra sense of excitement. I think he has learnt from the way he originally left us.

Like so many others I felt he left in a poor manner. However I have come to terms with it, he is now the manager and I will support him. I think he has given back the players their sense of self worth and self confidence it having been dulled by the previous manager. Much can be achieved by happy contented people whose strengths are highlighted rather than their weaknesses.

I think he learned from Stoke that he can't manage a team of prima donnas so he'll work to rebuild teamwork & a united dressing room - which will fit in with LTFC budgetary parameters - unlike GJ.

I was reluctant but with the Board accepting his contrition, so be it. Under his stewardship last season and the renewed vigour in the team I'm delighted!

Was not happy at all but the players like him and that's good enough for me.. He is nearly forgiven.

The manner of his departure left a lot to be desired. His return was a surprise but it worked out and he has my support

I think he probably made a mistake but overall I'm pleased he is back and he has done well. I think he will be more loyal and try harder for the experience

Now? Good move!

He should not have come back

I was unhappy in the way he left.

As we stayed up, I have to accept the decision by the Board was correct.

I do not blame anyone for wanting to further their career BUT he lost my support after collecting his manager of the month award wearing a Stoke shirt when it had been awarded for his performances at Luton. That being said everyone is allowed to make mistakes so long as they learn from them.

Initially wasn't keen on the idea but the way he motivated the players to keep us up has made me rethink my initial thoughts.

I was originally unhappy about him coming back as I couldn't believe it. However, as soon as he came back the whole team seemed different and it felt very exciting. He kept us in the championship without a doubt and so now I feel very very happy to have him back, and support him 100%. Just hope that he stays for the long term this time!

I'll start by stating that I don't believe we could get a better manager than NJ, partly because he 'gets' Luton fans - something that Graeme Jones couldn't tap into. I don't like the way NJ left, nor do I believe his explanation of the timeline of events that led up to his departure ... pure fantasy by NJ! It was clear from the time he spent accepting the fans' adulation at the end of the FA Cup game at Hillsborough that something was up! Saying he was only approached AFTER that game simply doesn't ring true.

beggars can't be choosers. I think his here for the long run now.

He knows that he did not exit the club in the excepted manner. If everything had been done above board then I think that most supporters would have excepted his decision to move on and he would have gone with their blessing.

We needed a boost just around that time. He knew the Club very well, and was available (largely through his own fault). I dislike many of his personal characteristics, but he is a capable manager who seems to have learned his lesson.

I was dubious at first, he is now forgiven but what he did will never be forgotten

Unhappy the way he left and treated the club but his apology came across as genuine and prepared to forgive for good of club, on field feels the club back to its true values we lost under Graeme jones and confident moving in right direction again

Response: "I wasn't sure how I felt about it" (11%)

This is a really tricky question. I accept that he did really well to secure a further year in the Championship, however, the way he left, and all of his subsequent actions, including collecting manager of the month in a Stoke shirt, was pretty despicable. Had he been able to secure a managerial position with another Championship club, I very much doubt he would have returned to Luton. I find him egotistical, and self appreciating. When he moves on, I won't be sorry to see him go.

Not really happy given the way he left and the timing of it

Didn't blame him for moving on but did not agree with the way it happened. Thought the board made a big mistake appt the other Jones. Pleased the board and NJ sorted out...it goes to show NJ had the players where as GJ lost them. As we say....onwards and upwards

He lost a lot of trust and respect in the way he left, and that ridiculous moment for manager of the month in the stoke training kit. However I'm glad he is back, he will definitely earn the trust back.....in time.

The players work for him so that is good. I was at County singing his name but I think I'm unlikely to do so again. Been following Luton for too long to think one man is indispensable. I enjoy my football, reemploying NJ has been a good move for the team but I like loyalty in all. He disappointed me and that may take time to get over.

Like most people I think the way he left was dreadful and was by his own admission extremely poor, I was surprised he came back, but he played a part in our great escape .he has also shown genuine regret and seems much more humble .Now he's back I think we need to back him , I am glad we have him and prefer his positivity and enthusiasm compared with his predecessor who doubtless is a decent coach but never seemed to engage with supporters .

It has proven to be the case that the players were happy about it and this was a large part of us staying up. All must assume that the players think he is a good coach and manager.

I wasn't sure when I first heard the news but quickly realised he was the best man for the job. The players obviously love him

However, when had time to think about things it was the correct decision...and I am very happy to see him back

Ambivalent but I did have a feeling that it would work out (no I'm not just saying that!).

I don't normally like seeing anyone come back in any walk of life.

Once Mick Harford said he lobbied to get NJ back, I was more convinced. I'm glad NJ came back now but I wasn't sure at first

he kept us up so all is forgiven I suppose but, how long will he stay this time is the worry

I did trust the board fully, I never hated Nathan for leaving or the way he left, if anything I was unsure why he would leave especially to Stoke... but it seemed after waiting so long for Graeme to turn things around that we finally looked to be improving and had good results so was just taking by surprise again... as I said though, 2020 make fast and hard decisions and they do wonders upon wonders... so chuffed it worked so well and glad to have Nathan steering the ship again as we do look like a team that is 1 step into the future whenever he is in charge

It has been an excellent move. I think he has improved as a manager maybe partly due to the experience at Stoke and he is getting the best out of the players and improving some eg James Bree.

I was a bit dubious, but he seems to have got the team playing together well, and has their confidence.

At first I found it baffling by him coming back after leaving how he did, but we are all human and make mistakes and he made a great difference to keep us up and judging by the first 2 games he seems to have got the players believing in themselves again.

Mixed feelings initially, largely over the manner in which he handled his departure. But I trust 2020, and if they can get past their anger and disappointment about the whole affair, then I can too. I think he made a mistake, but appears to have recognised that and learned from it. Who of us haven't made poor decisions at times. 2020 deserve credit for their controversial decision. He kept us up, the players are rejuvenated, he seems more experienced and astute in dealing with the demands of the Championship. Deserves a second chance. We'll see.

Typical Luton! You can't make it up....

I was surprised, and I was a bit surprised at Graeme Jones' departure but once he'd returned the difference in motivational style was very apparent. I thought GJ did OK, and whilst I wasn't unhappy with the way we played, he clearly didn't demonstrate how confident he was (if he was) in the players. Nathan has been a breath of fresh air and seems to be doing the right things. so I'm happy to see him back.

When he left I felt we wouldn't get promoted , but we did and as Champions. When he came back and said sorry and he changed the team , gave them belief and we stayed up. I trust what 2020 are doing. when fans are allowed back in the ground I will happily sing his name.

His performance has been a vindication but had there been a crowd for his first few games back he would have had a rough ride. Not without justification. However I was aware that the Board had strong views and thought if they had reason to change their minds I should be prepared to change mine.

Initially sceptical but can't argue with his record since coming back. I don't think I'll ever warm to him as a person but as long as he does the business for the team that's all that matters. Lingering doubt in the back of my mind about whether he will be able to resist bigger offers again should he continue to be successful so I don't think we should get carried away with the whole 'Nathan and LTFC are a great fit' narrative. Let's enjoy the success he brings while it lasts but don't be too surprised if his 'love' of LTFC doesn't stop him moving on again soon.

I felt things had been moving in the right direction before the season was stopped and our form was decent so it was a slight surprise to see Graeme Jones go. When the rumours of Nathan's return came out I was very dubious, not because of his ability but the way he handled himself. However, Gary Sweet's honest and comprehensive interview re-assured me and felt that if 2020 thought this was the right thing to do re-assured me. You could immediately see the return of team spirit and confidence come back and I look forward to seeing how this campaign works out.

I had very much mixed feelings when he was appointed, mainly due to the timing and manner of his departure. I generally trust the club but they'd made a very poor appointment in Graeme Jones. I decided to make the best of the situation, support Nathan Jones and the club wholeheartedly. His open and honest approach to the situation helped to clear the air. The improvement in results and completing "The Great Escape" has shown this was the right decision.

Fully understood why he left for financial reasons, but thought his timing was abysmal ,disloyal and could have affected club adversely, as it happened Mick stepped into the breach and the rest is history. Had my doubts about him returning, but backed the board's judgement and wow did they get it right ? Congrats all round. All is forgiven now, but just hope Nathan does not jump ship again if a pot of gold is waved in front of him.

Didn't 100% trust him to start off with, lost the rest of the trust in the manner that he jumped ship!
But I trust Gary Sweet & co