

LUTON TOWN3

Howard (54, 90), O'Leary (78)

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY2

Shaw (23), Cooke (33)

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ANGRY manager Chris Turner kept his Wednesday players locked in the dressing room for an hour for an inquest on a game they lost after being two goals to the good at the beginning of the interval.

Luton staged a battling comeback in the second half, completed by a stoppage-time winner from battling centre forward Steve Howard.

Luton had been more than a match for the visitors in the first 45 minutes but were out of luck when Howard shot against the post and schoolboy Howlers in defence presented goals to Jon Shaw in the 23rd minute and Terry Cooke ten minutes later.

But although they had nothing to play for except pride, Luton found an extra yard after the break and, despite being vulnerable to the occasional counter attack, had Wednesday on the rack.

Howard began the revival, shooting his 15th goal of the season after Wednesday's

Howard nets last-gasp goal

rear guard failed to deal with a free kick by Steve Robinson. The goal put a new spring into Luton's step and put a dent in Wednesday's confidence. The equaliser came 11 minutes from time, again courtesy of awful defending, with Dean

Smith presenting an easy chance for Stephen O'Leary to help himself to the first League goal of his career.

In the last minute Howard saw a header brilliantly saved by Kevin Pressman but in the first minute of stoppage time the striker had the last word with the late winner.

Luton manager Mike Newell said: "Even at half time when we were two down I felt we had played some decent stuff and we told the players that if they continued to play like that

we would get our chances and we did."

Turner said: "We lost that game because we are not strong enough. We can't handle a battle in the second division."

LUTON	SHEFF WED
49	Possession % 51
7	Corners 5
3	Offsides 3
12	Fouls 10
1	Yellows 1
0	Reds 0
12	Shots On 4
9	Shots Off 2
0	Hit Woodwork 0

LUTON: Brill 7, Foley 8, Coyne 7, Boyce 7, Davis 7, Neilson 7, Nicholls 7, Robinson 7, O'Leary 7, Forbes 6 (Showunmi 59), Howard 9.

SHEFF WED: Pressman 6, Geary 6 (Carr 90), Barry-Murphy 6, D Smith 5, Wood 6, McLaren 6, Cooke 6 (Chambers 82), McMahon 6, Brunt 5, Shaw 7, Robins 6 (Olson 83).