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Ace Steve keeps up Town bid



LUTON TOWN1

Howard (47)

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY ..1

Jones (45)

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HATTERS boss Mike Newell insisted his players would not be throwing away their title challenge after being held at home for the second time in five days.

Steve Howard's 16th goal of the season gave Luton a point in a thrilling clash against Sheffield Wednesday after the Owls had gone ahead through Southampton loan man Kenwyne Jones.

The result left Luton top on goal difference only from high-flying Hull, but Newell said: "I could have taken that if you'd



Opener: Sheffield's Kenwyne Jones, left, heads to score

asked me at the start of the season.

"There will be a lot of twists and turns to come before then, but our lads have got a sniff of what they can achieve."

Owls boss Paul Sturrock was also satisfied with the outcome. He said: "It's a difficult place to come to because Luton have made Kenilworth Road a fortress with the style of play they've built up.

"We had a poor first-half and I told the lads that, but we were much better in the second-half. We had chances to win it, but so did Luton and I think that was probably a fair result."

Both sides started the game at a frenetic pace and Kevin

Nicholls tested David Lucas before Paul Heckingbottom forced a save from Marlon Beresford.

Chris Coyne saw a powerful header tipped over by Lucas after 26 minutes and the end-to-end nature continued as Lee Bullen fired just wide.

Wednesday went ahead after a calamitous mix-up between Beresford and Curtis Davies allowed Jones to prod home into an empty net from 10 yards.

Luton levelled straight after the interval when Steve Robinson's shot hit the stanchion and Ahmet Brkovic nodded across goal for Howard to head home.