



SENT OFF: Steve Howard

Newell rage after spat with D'Urso

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ANGRY Luton manager Mike Newell claimed the first-half dismissal of Steve Howard cost his side the game at the Britannia Stadium.

Luton began the day as as Championship leaders but ended it feeling down in the dumps, despite going a goal up through Dean Morgan's low shot after nine minutes.

Referee Andy D'Urso then sent visiting striker Howard off for allegedly spitting at Stoke's Belgian defender Carl Hoefkens after 25 minutes.

Marlon Broomes equalised after the hour mark and Dave Brammer produced a spectacular winner from 35 yards in injury-time.

Newell was incensed by D'Urso and said: 'He's wrong and it's not the first time he's been wrong. It has cost us the game.'

'Howard has been sent off for spitting at their No 2 but their player doesn't know anything about it. I have looked Steve in the eyes and he said he didn't spit.'