

How's that for Hatters

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STEVE HOWARD hit a double to lift the Hatters into third spot in a thriller at Kenilworth Road.

He took his tally to four for the season but the Owls will be happy with the point that lifted them off the foot of the Championship table.

They hit back from a goal down to take a shock lead with strikes from Graeme Lee and a 63rd-minute effort from David Graham.

But Howard got his second immediately as the sides put on a show for the Sky cameras with nearly 30 efforts at goal and more than 20 corners between them.

Hatters went ahead after just two minutes when a quick Kevin Nicholls free-kick allowed Howard to power home with a diving header from 12 yards.

Fierce

Steve Robinson and Sol Davis both tested visiting keeper David Lucas with fierce 30-yard efforts in the space of five minutes.

But Wednesday threatened when Lee Peacock's well-struck effort went straight at Marlon Beresford from the edge of the area in the 13th minute.

A minute later the Owls were level when another raid down the left led to a corner. Chris Brunt swung the ball in and Lee headed home.

Luton rallied and Warren Feeney twice forced Lucas into superb

saves. Graham missed a fine chance after Beresford was twice called into action.

The relentless action continued as Lucas clawed Robinson's glancing header past the post before the break.

The impressive Brunt then tested Beresford again with a curling 20-yard free-kick that the keeper did well to tip over.

Wednesday should have taken the lead in the 61st minute when Peacock blasted wide with just Beresford to beat.

But just three minutes later strike partner Graham showed him how it should be done when he drilled home his second of the season.

Luton hit back strongly and Howard nodded home his second of the evening from six yards on 66 minutes.

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