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FOURTH straight loss extends bad run and sends side down table



Harrow Borough's dire run of form continued with another defeat, this time on the road at play-off chasing Gosport Borough.

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Borough's poor streak continues

A second-half Gosport Borough goal saw Harrow Borough slip to yet another defeat, this time a 1-0 reverse which saw them lose successive games on the road.

Theo Lewis scored seven minutes into the second half to consign Harrow to their fourth consecutive reverse in the Southern League Premier Division South.

Josh Andrew and Thomas Scott missed out through suspension for Harrow, so Ryan Haugh returned and a second Fulham loanee, Ben Tricker, after goalkeeper Luca Ashby-Hammond joined earlier in the season, made his debut.

Gosport were the first to threaten but after a free-kick fell down nicely for Chris Flood, he flashed a half-volley over the bar on the turn.

Harrow's response came through Marc Charles-Smith, but he couldn't direct a header on target after some good work and fine trickery by Michael Bryan down the right-hand side.

The pair combined again towards the end of the half, this time Bryan's cross

By Nat Goodlad

coming from the left, but it was the same result from Charles-Smith as he fired wide of Ben Dudzinski's goal.

Ashby-Hammond was given his first real test just before the break, getting across well to block an effort from Liam Robinson.

Harrow started the second half well as a driven free-kick from George Moore drew a good save from Dudzinski.

Shortly after though, Gosport took the lead as Ashby-Hammond spilled Flood's effort into the path of Lewis, who was left with the simple task of tapping home.

Harrow made attempts to get back into the game, but Excellence Muhemba's introduction for Kunle Otudeko failed to have the required effect, as Moore shot into the side netting and Lewis Cole poked a shot wide after a fine jinking run from Jordan Ireland.

The final chance for the visitors went

begging late on. Moore's cross after a powerful burst forward found Dylan Ive but, when he seemed certain to notch the equaliser, his shot was somehow cleared over the bar by Charlie Davis from virtually underneath it.

With that, Gosport hung on to take all three points which moves them to within four of the play-off places after their first win in three games, one spot behind fifth-placed Swindon Supermarine.

Borough now sit 16th in the league table, still just three points above the drop zone. Their task of pulling away from danger was made harder as both Beaconsfield and Walton Casuals picked up wins away from home.

Borough now face two vital games in their battle to pull away from the drop zone. First, they host mid-table side Weston-super-Mare this Saturday, before a short Boxing Day trip to Hendon, who currently occupy the last relegation spot.

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