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Borough let their chances slip

Bromley 2 Harrow Borough 1 BOROUGH seemed to have their minds on the next round of the FA Cup, rather than Tuesday night's Icis League Premier Division match at Hayes Lane, writes Tony Booth.

Jason Court returned to the Borough defence, which performed adequately, though keeper Quy was not at his confidence boosting best.

Bromley were clearly a side there for the taking, but only if the opposition were capable of taking advantage of their weaknesses.

But Boro failed to take the initia-

tive - though it wasn't for a lack of opportunity.

Webster's cross was volleyed just wide by Gavin, then Rutherford had a shot deflected wide from a Hurlock pass.

After 15 minutes, Xavier rounded his marker and fired in a 30-yard shot which rebounded out of play off the crossbar.

Then, Gavin laid the ball back for Paris, who drove a 30-yard shot just over.

It was completely against the flow of play when Francis crossed from

the halfway line and Sharman rose unchallenged to head accurately into the Borough net after 24 minutes.

Chances continued to fall Harrow's way, with Gavin forcing a diving save with his shot from Clarke's cross, Xavier seeing his shot saved and Rutherford's backheader being cleared.

However, a challenge in midfield was sadly lacking when Sharman took the ball over the halfway line in the 37th minute. Seeing little else on offer, the former Leyton Orient player unleashed a shot from only 10 yards inside the Borough half and the

ball flew past Quy to double Bromley's lead.

Things could only improve for Boro and five minutes into the second half, they did. Xavier skipped over a lunging challenge and crossed for Hurlock, whose far post header was pushed wide. From Clarke's corner, Gavin bravely dived in to head the ball home.

If Borough had been able to keep up the pressure, it looked likely that Bromley would crumble. But that second goal wouldn't come. Gavin's header was deflected over and goal-

keeper Wietecha twice had to head clear when all else had failed while sub Ekoku had his cross shot saved in a late attack.

Committed to the attack, Borough were fortunate when a Tomkins header rebounded clear off their crossbar, but should still have done better than concede the points to a side that will surely struggle all season.

HARROW BOROUGH: Quy, Clarke, James (Ekoku), Court, Coleman, Paris, Hurlock (Butcher), Rutherford, Gavin, Xavier, Webster. Sub (not used): Alexander.

Stones will press MP for action over new stadium

WEALDSTONE are stepping up their campaign to find a new home, after learning that they are still no nearer to a move to the Prince Edward playing fields.

An extra-ordinary general meeting of the club was told last Thursday that Camden Council, owners of the playing fields which now lay derelict had still not made any decision on their future.

With the club's future still so uncertain, pressure will be brought to bear on Harrow East MP Tony McNulty. A 10,000 strong petition calling for action from the Government will be handed to him at Saturday's home match against Cheshunt at the White Lion ground, which Wealdstone currently share with Edgware. Wealdstone general manager Kip Hewitt, the man charged with

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the task of finding the club a new ground, said: "It's vital that something is done soon. We were promised a decision by the end of July, now it looks as if nothing will happen until at least the end of this year. Then it could take another couple of years before things are sorted out."

"Meanwhile our funds are being eaten into all the time and it is essential that to secure our long-term future, we must have our own ground. Only that way can we attract the fans and the players who can help us perform at the highest level to achieve our goal of promotion back to the top flight."

The meeting agreed unanimously to keep

pressing for a deal at the 40-acre Prince Edward site. But it is a complicated issue. Camden would like to dispose of the ground but cannot by law sell the site without splitting the proceeds with all the other London boroughs who were a part of the old ILEA - something they would be loathe to do.

The Sports Council, who want the ground to continue to be used for sporting activity by the community have tried to persuade Camden to reach a decision on its future and have consulted Harrow Council about the possibility of them buying it.

A spokesman said: "We have a strategic planning interest in getting the land back to use as a sports facility and Camden Council are aware of its importance. We have tried to encourage the London Playing Fields Society to buy it, perhaps through a lottery



Goal! Tommy Williams scores Wembley's third in their 3-1 FA Cup win over Whitehawk on Saturday. Match report and the rest of the Cup action on Page 127. Picture: EDMOND TERAKOPIAN

Depleted Lions are shot down

MISSING three key defenders, a depleted Wembley suffered their first Icis League defeat of the season when they were beaten by Aldershot Town on Tuesday night, writes **Richard Markiewicz**.

With both Wayne Walters and Dean Ross suspended, Wembley's makeshift defence was exposed as early as the second minute by a harmless-looking high through pass, which was nodded over keeper Joe Miller by an on-rushing Darren Keown, giving the home side the lead.

Five minutes later, however, it was 1-1. Manager John Walsh flicked on a long Eddy Mee throw to Tommy Williams, who levelled the scores with a close-range header. Shortly afterwards, Bradley

Aldershot 3 Wembley 1 Anderson sent an angled strike barely inches past the far post.

However, the home side gradually controlled proceedings from then on and regained the lead in the 19th minute. The Wembley defence was stretched by a couple of long crossfield passes which culminated in Mark Butler heading home at the far post.

The workover and a couple of excellent full length saves prevented Aldershot

from increasing their lead. Anderson then missed another good chance for Wembley.

The home side took their third goal in the 59th minute when Paul Wooller nodded in a free kick.

Wembley did not have the necessary firepower to reduce the deficit and Aldershot came close to extending their lead.

WEMBLEY: Miller, Cumberbatch, Walsh (Thompson 85), Elliott, Dockwray, Smith, Mee, Bates, Williams, Anderson, Sardi (Toussaint 77). Sub: Fleming.

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Division Two: Northwood v Edgware, Wealdstone v Cheshunt.

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