

as Hampstead add to their misery

after Pears had made a couple of smart saves and when he was beaten the defenders were on the line to volley clear.

This was the cue for Loughborough to get to grips with their opposition and they had a reasonable shout for a stroke turned down in favour of a PC - which was first well saved by George Ratcliffe, standing in for the injured Dave Kettle, and then

blazed over.

Both stand-in 'keepers were kept busy and excelled but Ratcliffe was eventually beaten by a brilliant solo effort from Ed Horler who drifted into the inside left channel and unloaded an unstoppable shot just inside the post.

Hampstead thought they had restored their two goal advantage just before the break but Chris Cargo's sleight of

hand with a spectacular shot from outside his left foot was chalked off for back sticks.

The Loughborough lads upped it in the second half and had it not been for Ratcliffe might well have got back on terms before a clumsy challenge in the circle presented Hampstead with a penalty stroke which was emphatically despatched by the industrious Kwan

Browne.

A late PC from Guise-Brown made it 4-1 - the same score as when these two met in October - but Loughborough coach Jerome Goudie was pleased with his team's attitude after a sluggish start.

Hampstead move into the top four and, with Richard Smith back

after a long lay off, Guise-Brown firing the corners and Kwan Browne motivating his side, they may take some dislodging from the play-off berths.

Smith said: "That's my first game at Loughborough since leaving five years ago. They made it hard for us today."

**KEY
PLAYER**

George
Ratcliffe
Hampstead

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