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## Premier League - Spurs put West Brom on brink

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West Brom's hopes of Premier League survival were almost completely wiped out following a 1-0 defeat at Tottenham Hotspur courtesy of a goal from Jermaine Jenas.



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The defeat at White Hart Lane now leaves them six points from safety, with fellow strugglers [Newcastle United](#) and [Hull City](#) both yet to play this weekend.

Jenas's goal puts Spurs level on points with [Fulham](#) and [Manchester City](#), who are all now chasing seventh-placed West Ham for that final Europa League place. The Hammers are one point ahead all three clubs with 48.

After a slow start by the home side a five-minute barrage on the West Brom goal was rewarded when [Vedran Corluka](#) found Jenas in enough space to side foot a low curling shot past [Scott Carson](#) for his fourth goal of the season.

Just prior to that goal, [Luka Modric](#) and [Roman Pavlyuchenko](#) both had shots blocked by Baggies defenders and [Aaron Lennon](#) had one effort deflected behind and drew a good save from Carson with another.

West Brom played with the type of neat, expansive football that manager Tony Mowbray has insisted upon all season, but a combination of poor fortune and lack of quality was as telling in the clash in North London as it has been for most of the campaign.

Too often their excellent approach play was spoiled by a poor final ball, and their only real chance in the first-half came from a corner, when [Jonas](#) Olsson's header was palmed away by Spurs keeper [Heurelho](#)

[Gomes](#).

Tottenham's Russian striker Pavlyuchenko, starting in place of the injured [Darren Bent](#) and preferred to [Jermain Defoe](#), scooped one shot high and wide after being released by an excellent Modric through pass and then saw a low drilled shot on the turn go just wide.

Following the break Mowbray sent on Jay Simpson, Juan Carlos Menseguez and Felipe Teixeira, but it was striker Marc-Antoine Fortune who almost gave his side hope when his shot deflected off the boot of Corluka and on to the near post, only for the rebound to find none of his team-mates.

Defoe got a big ovation from the home crowd when replaced Pavlyuchenko, and his first contribution was to block Shelton Martis's header from a corner on the goal line, with Gomes scrambling the rebound clear.

Gomes pulled off another impressive save from [Robert Koren](#)'s 20-yard strike, and from that save Spurs mounted a swift break that ended with Defoe slotting past Carson into the net, but the fourth official harshly judged the striker to have been offside when Modric played the ball into his path.

West Brom could not find a way through the Spurs back line as the clock ticked down and, when Lennon's shot crashed off the near post with just moments remaining, hopes of them salvaging a potentially precious point evaporated.

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