

## **Amateur Football Combination Report – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2007**

In the Premier Division, Bealonians travelled to Parkfield and ran out comfortable 4-1 winners to confirm their status as Championship dark horses. Parkfield had the first chance as Ricky Hollingsworth misjudged a shot from Chris Mowle, missing it completely but fortunately watched as it rolled wide. Bealonians opened the scoring as Gary Bryson hit a rocket from the outside the area, which was well saved, but Ian Sawyer latched onto the rebound to open the scoring. Bealonians now controlled play, and Darren Gallery added a second on a quick break. Parkfield now fought back, and David Ripley delivered a free kick which fell to Mowle to fire home an unstoppable shot. Bealonians struggled to regain dominance in the second half until midway through Bryson was fouled in the penalty area, and converted his own penalty to give them breathing space. Bealonians completed the scoring as Bryson crossed for Sawyer to notch his second.

In AFA Cup action HAC faced Old Salesians in the Kent/Surrey semi final, and ran out 2-1 winners. HAC started the game on top and took the lead after 25 minutes as Ollie Whyman lashed home from the edge of the box. Salesians pressed for the equaliser and looked certain to score until Mark Jobling made a fantastic goalline clearance. However, from the resultant corner Mark Lews-Sydney powered home a header to equalise. Into the second half, both sides struggled to create any clear cut chances until Rob Imlah missed a golden opportunity for HAC, but fifteen minutes later Imlah made amends, setting up Carl Chapple from 25 yards out to hit the winner into the top corner and send HAC into the final to face West Wickham.

In the Middlesex/Essex Senior Cup Old Meadonians faced Polytechnic, and after a hard fought match succumbed on penalties. Meadonians dominated the early exchanges and deservedly opened the scoring after 20 minutes as Henrik Jakobsen volleyed home from outside the box. Meadonians soon had a chance to extend their lead as Leon Smith went on a mazy run, and cut the ball back for Kevin Smith who fired over. Fifteen minutes James Black made them pay as he equalised for Polytechnic. Into the second half, and Meadonians again had the best of the early play, but Polytechnic fought their way back into the game, and both sides had good chances as full time approached. Extra time saw chances fall to both sides, Mark Foster missing twice for Polytechnic and Smith for Meadonians clipping the crossbar, and with the scoreline at 1-1 the game went to penalties. Luke Webster stepped up for Polytechnic, saving all three of Meadonians penalties, and with Jeremy Seales, Black and Foster all converting theirs Poly reached the final sending the holders crashing out.

In Senior Two Wood Green Old Boys faced Old Danes on a sticky pitch at Tottenhall Lane. Despite the conditions, both sides played decent football, and with fifteen minutes to go the deadlock was finally broken as Wood Green started to tire. Gary Hawkins long throw in fell to Lee Harper who slotted home to give the visitors the lead. Soon after John Faulker fired home with his right foot to extend the lead but Wood Green fought back and David Adams' left foot volley narrowed the scoreline to 2-1 to give Danes an uncomfortable last few minutes to hold on for all three points.