

AFC Report – Saturday 23rd February 2008

In the Premier Division Old Parmiterians started out superbly against Old Meadonians, taking the lead after just five minutes as Jamie Howells broke down the right, fed Scott Moore and from his cross Scott Lewis fired home. Parms could quickly have extended their lead, Howells seeing his shot rebound off the post. However, they continued to press and before halftime added a second as Lewis beat three men and laid the ball off for Jay Jacques to finish in a scramble. Meads threw caution to the wind in the second half, playing three up front, and Parms could've made it safe but Lewis Jones fired wide. With ten minutes to go Meads won a penalty, converted by Ed Glover, and whilst Meads threw everything forward in search of an equaliser, Parms defence led by Barry Stevens and Jerome Britten held firm, and in goal Tommy Holland had few saves to make as Parms held out for a deserved 2-1 win.

Bealonians ran out comfortable 3-1 winners over Enfield Old Grammarians to preserve their title chances. Bealonians opened strongly, Alex Salmon hitting the bar in the first minute, but ten minutes later Salmon crossed to the far post for Ian Sawyer to open the scoring. Bealonians extended their lead on the half hour, Gary Bryson's long ball putting through Salmon to make the score 2-0 at halftime. Into the second half, and Beals soon extended their lead, Bryson breaking away from an Enfield corner, and feeding Anthony Jansen to cross for John Butler to smash home. With the game safe, Enfield grabbed a consolation with ten minutes to go as Adam Herron latched onto a loose ball to tuck home.

HAC and Hale End Athletic shared the points in a 2-2 thriller. HAC opened the scoring just before half time as Steve Watson whipped in a corner for Kurt Emens to power home his header. Hale End equalised within a minute, Luke Simmons broke down the middle and smashed home a half-volley from twenty five yards. The second half saw few chances, but with twenty minutes left Rob Imlah dispossessed Lee Hemmings, rounded the keeper and tucked home from a tight angle to give HAC the lead again. Hale End continued to battle, and with five minutes left, Kevin McDelling latching onto a left wing cross to head home from ten yards out to ensure a 2-2 draw.

In Senior Two Shene Old Grammarians travelled to Old Minchendenians hoping to break the home team's 100% record. Minch had the best of the early exchanges, and opened the scoring after quarter of an hour as Lee Muldoon cut the ball back for Richard Agostini to fire home. Minch had further chances to extend their lead, but just before halftime Shene drew level as William Jeffries broke down the right wing, held off his man and squared for Toby Baughn to tuck home from five yards to equalise.

Turning round with the wind Minch dominated the second half, and took the lead on the hour mark as Daniel Spence was penalised for a handball, Craig Bowe converting the penalty. Ten minutes later Minch sealed the points, Jake Berry playing a neat one-two with Alex Headey on the edge of the box and slammed the ball home. With minutes left, Shene could've made it interesting, but Baughn missed a good chance to leave Minch with breathing room as they ran out 3-1 winners and remain in pole position for the league title.