

Amateur Football Combination Report – 11th October 2008

The key to Old Aloysians Premier Division Title run last season was a 0-0 draw against runners-up Albanian in mid April, so the two sides met with this year's title race on their minds.

The game started at a fast tempo, Albanian having the best chances of the first half, Sean Flaherty, James Concannon and Darren Couch all going close. Finally they broke the deadlock, Kieran Predergast crossing for Flaherty to open the scoring with a beautiful flick. The second half saw Aloysians step up the tempo, David Laird twice going close before they grabbed the equaliser on seventy minutes as a corner fell to Dave Palmer whose looping half volley sailed into the top corner. Both sides continued to press, but neither could find a winner and the game finished 1-1 with a deserved share of the points.

Old Hamptonians took the lead against UCL Academicals as Adam Calvert opened the scoring from a Phil Quarter corner, only for Accies to fight back as first Kieron Jennings rounded James Holdsworth and then Rick Hirst smashed home a free kick from twenty yards. The second half was tight, but Hamps took the spoils, first drawing level as Tom Jackson flicked back for Leon Cue to fire home and with quarter of an hour to go, Matt Harrison latched onto Quarter's ball over the top to fire home first time and seal a 3-2 win.

Old Meadonians travelled to Old Salvatorians and ran out 3-2 winners in a tight game, Salvos opening the scoring through Dan Chick but Meads hitting back through Kevin Quinn, Jack Costello, only to see Salvos draw level through Graham Chick, but with five minutes left Leon Smith poached the winner to grab the points.

HAC ground out a 1-1 draw with Old Parmiterians, all of the action coming in the first half, Sean Lewis and Steve Onyans combining for Karl Chappell to fire home. Just before half-time, Colin Gardner's mistake allowed Jay Jacques to pounce and slot home past Steve Adcock.

In Senior 3 South, Old Paulines dominated the first half again Fitzwilliam Old Boys, and opened the scoring as Steve Vancoeur's corner was tucked home by Alan Crooks. Ten minutes later Paulines extended their lead through Tom McGlynn's lob. Fitz fought back in the second half, Daniel Irving beating keeper Hal Stoddart's punch to claw one back, almost being knocked out in the process. Fitz looked likely to grab an equaliser, but against the run of play Paulines sealed the win as Vancoeur crossed for McGlynn to flick home his second at the near post to make it 3-1.

In the Old Boys Cup, Bealonians won a stormer against Alleyn Old Boys. Peter Walsh met Gary Bryson's free kick to open the scoring after five minutes, but Alleyn quickly hit back through Chris Jones and then took the lead through a Mark Batty penalty and extended their lead as Ben Elliott chipped John Reid. Beals then pulled goals back through Simon Poole and Carl Taylor, both created by Carl Foot, to take the game into half-time 3-3. Into the second half and Beals took command, Bryson feeding Aaron White and then Bryson hitting two superb individual goals. In the final minute Batty grabbed his second for Alleyn's, but Beals deservedly ran out 6-4 winners.