

Amateur Football Combination Report – 13th December 2008

With most of the AFC programme wiped out by the morning's downpour, the only surviving game saw UCL Academicals face Old Parmiterians. Accies dominated the first half hour, taking the lead as Chris Akinrele beat two men down the left and crossed for Dave Coates to convert. Accies quickly doubled their lead, Simon Carrasco breaking from halfway to fire home, and just before half-time Akinrele fed Dave Jenkin to make it three. Into the second half and Parmiterians fought back into the game but couldn't create a clear chance until with ten minutes to go Leon Jones fired home from twenty yards, but it was too little too late as Accies ran out 3-1 winners.

In Senior Two, Wood Green Old Boys opened up quickly against Old Edmontonians, Dave Adams scoring twice from Lawrence Fernee through balls. Eds hit back, Renford Stiles breaking the offside trap and finishing coolly, but just before halftime Green restored the two goal margin, Fernee's firing home a free kick from twenty yards. In the second half Wood Green took over, Adams completing his hat-trick and Fernee nailing a second free kick, before Fernee added two more. In the final minute Tom Coughlan latched onto a loose ball to tuck home to give Wood Green a deserved 8-1 win.

Accies 2nds hosted Southgate County, and opened the scoring after ten minutes as Matt Field's superb through ball was slotted home by Kieron Jennings. Midway through the half they extended their lead, Andy Crotty's free-kick being deflected in off John Hoare past Andy Grayson. Southgate quickly hit back, John Rylatt brought down in the area by Gareth Jenkins and Steve Fahey converted the penalty. Shortly after they almost pulled level, only for Mark Dawson to push Rylatt's header around the post. Into the second half, Accies gave themselves breathing room as Gareth Jones notched his hundredth goal for the club blasting home from 30 yards, and though Southgate continue to press, both Fahey and Mike Bannerman going close, but Accies held on to their lead for a 3-1 victory.

University of Hertfordshire ran out narrow winners over Egbertians in 2 North, and fell behind as Anthony Stevens suicidal run out of goal only succeeding in taking out team-mate Mike Perry, allowing Vincent Cruickshank to tuck home. Herts hit back, quickly scoring twice. First Geoff Marshall broke down the left and clipped in a harmless shot until it was deflected in by Ramon Navarro past the helpless Matthew Paxton, then Ben Gainsley beat two men to lash into the roof of the net from twenty yards. Egbertians continued to press, and equalised just before half-time as a slick move in midfield by Pete Shawyer and Ryan Wood set up Daniel Rhone to fire home. The second half was quieter, Egbertians looking the most likely to win it, Anthony Storey and Navarro going close from corners and Rob Lough's shot crashing against the bar, only to see Gainsley steal it for Herts as his bullet header from Ross Murphy's corner clinched a 3-2 win for Herts with ten minutes left.