

## **Amateur Football Combination Report – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

As the Amateur Football Combination restarted for the new season, defending Premier Division champions Old Aloysians took the lead after twenty minutes as Dave Palmer crossed for Daniel O'Donohue to finish. Into the second half and Aloysians added a second, Andrew Steed hitting an unstoppable volley from twenty yards, only to see Parmiterians step up a gear and reduce the deficit as Lewis Jones fired home off Adrian Headley's deflection. Aloysians responded as Steed crossed for Dave Laird to head home, and as time ran out Nick Jones set up Laird for his second and a 4-1 victory.

Last year's runners-up Bealonians hosted HAC and the first half saw few incidents of note, the two sides turning around scoreless. However, Bealonians started the second half more brightly, and within ten minutes debutant Chris Brown came on as substitute and slide the ball through for Gary Bryson to cross for Simon Paul to tuck home from close range. Beals pressed for the second, Paul was brought down by keeper Steve Adcock only to see Bryson blast the resulting penalty against the bar. The reprieve was short-lived, as Brown put Bryson through to lob home. With ten minutes to go, Beals completed the scoring as John Brown fed Paul who broke down the wing and pulled the ball back for Carl Taylor to tap home and round off a comfortable 3-0 victory.

Travelling to newly promoted Old Salvatorians, Hamptonians opened the scoring after ten minutes as Graham Taylor slotted the ball through the channel for Matt Harrison to beat his man and side foot home. Harrison quickly added his second, Richard Blakey flicking on a looping ball and Harrison finishing coolly. Before halftime Hamps made it three, Phil Caldicott's corner powered home by Paul Gower. Hamps didn't let up at the start of the second period, Chris Heritage being brought down and Ian Yates converting the subsequent penalty. With ten minutes to go, Salvos grabbed a small consolation, as Blakey brought down Eamonn Haneghan, and though Liam Fitzgerald tucked home the penalty, Hamptonians were deserved 4-1 winners.

Parkfield and Old Meadonians fought out a tightly contested 2-2 draw. Meads jumped out to a 2-0 lead through Andy Thompson and Michael Richards, and looked to be cruising, only for Thompson to handle on the line, Parkfield converting through Ben Hodgson, and with ten minutes left Parkfield equalised against the run of play as Paul Ripley's cross was bundled in at the far post. In the final minute Meads could've grabbed the points, but Matt Hodson saved well from Leon Smith to ensure the points were shared.

In Senior Two Wood Green old Boys travelled to new promoted UCL Academicals Reserves and opened brightly, taking a 3-0 lead at half time through Patrick Sisupalan and a brace from Lawrence Fernee. Although Accies had their share of possession, they rarely threatened and in the second half Wood Green continued to dominate the scoring, Fernee completing his hat-trick, with further goals from Mark Taylor and Dave Adams completing the half dozen. On his debut Dave Barnsby kept a tidy clean sheet with little needed thanks to the superb marshalling of Tom Stanford.