

## **Amateur Football Combination Report – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

In the AFC Premier Division, Albanian sprung a surprise against Bealonians. They opened quickly, scoring in the second minute through Salvatore Ciniotti's breakaway, and just before half-time made it two in similar fashion, James Concannon finishing neatly. A change of shape saw Beals get back into the game, Paul Walsh turning in the area and being fouled Simon Paul converted. Albanian quickly restored their lead, an own goal from Pete Walsh as he flicked over his own keeper Neil Clarkson. Although Beals pulled a goal back through John Brown, it was too late as Albanian hung on for the points and the 3-2 win.

Parkfield opened the scoring against Old Meadonians, Paul Ripley heading home Lee Brocket's cross, and extended their lead as Ben Hodson poked home amidst a goalmouth scramble. Into the second half, and Hodson flicked on for Ripley to lob home, and though Meads grabbed a late consolation, Will Gerrish setting free Ed Glover to finish coolly, Parkfield were deserved 3-1 winners.

Old Salvatorians almost opened the scoring against Old Parmiterians after five minutes, Graham Chick setting free Adrian Dowling, who was scythed down but Liam Fitzgerald missed the penalty. They soon made amends, Trevor McCarthy pouncing on a loose ball to poke home, and quickly made it two as McCarthy and Graham Chick set up David Owens to finish. On the half-hour, Parms pulled one back through Jay Jacques to give them home. Salvos soon found a third, Cal Murphy and Chick setting up Owens for his second. Parms again pulled a goal back through Warren Coborne's looping header, but with fifteen left Salvos finally sealed it, McCarthy breaking down the left and crossing for Murphy to head home and give them a 4-2 win.

Old Wilsonians hosted last year's winners UCL Academicals in the semi-final of the London Old Boys Cup, and in a poor game on a bobbly pitch, Accies scored the only goal on the half hour as Dave Coates free kick was flicked on by Neil Gillard, for Dan Chantler to finish clinically at the far post to the astonishment of all involved. Wilsonians rarely threatened until the last minute, when Andy Parkinson's corner was flicked on at the near post by Doug Smart, and the ball fell to Jamie Parkinson who turned and shot goalwards, only to see Rupert Neal make a superb reaction save to push the ball wide and preserve the 1-0 win.