

## **Amateur Football Combination Report – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

Old Aloysians' unbeaten run in the AFC Premier Division since mid-December 2007 crashed and burned at Riverside Lands as they faced Old Meadonians. Within ten minutes Meads were three goals up, first Luke Graham crossing for Peter Eguae to power home a header, then Will Gerrish unleashing an unstoppable 35 yarder which flew into the top corner. With Aloysians reeling, Leon Smith picked the ball up on halfway and ran through the defence to finish clinically and make it three. The game then settled down, but Aloysians rarely threatened, and on the hour mark Eguae added his second, a mazy run from halfway and ten minutes later Meads sealed the deal as Ed Glover crossed for Smith to hit the ball first time on the volley to give Meads an amazing 5-0 win.

In the only other Premier game, a dour first half saw neither UCL Academicals nor visiting Old Salvatorians create any clear chances, but in the first minute of the second half Accies' skipper Dave Jenkin broke through only to see his shot saved superbly by John Gallagher. Salvos quickly capitalised, Graham Chick whipping a ball across the area and the unsighted Dave Coates inadvertently flicking the ball into his own net. Within five minutes Chick had doubled the lead, latching onto an errant backpass to round Mark Dawson and tuck home. Fifteen minutes later Salvos killed the game, Adrian Dowling breaking down the left and crossing for Chick to head home from the spot. Accies grabbed a late consolation through Jenkin but Salvos were comfy winners.

In the AFA Senior Cup, last season's Premier Division runners-up Albanian travelled to Old Actonians of the Southern Amateur League, and found themselves dominated in the early exchanges, finally falling behind to Mike Lewis' clinical run and finish after half an hour. Albanian hit back immediately, Eamonn Keane swinging in a free kick for Sean Flaherty to equalise with a beautiful flick, but just before half time Andy Yiannouzis pounced on a cutback to restore Actonians lead. Ten minutes before full time, James Concannon setting free Darren Couch who pulled the ball back for Gary Redmond to equalise again for Albanian. Into extra time, and Actonians took their third lead of the game, Uko Obot tucking home. Albanian finally wilted, and with ten minutes left Jordan Head broke free and rounded the keeper to seal the 4-2 victory for Actonians.