

Amateur Football Combination Report – 25th April 2009

Following their midweek London Old Boys Senior Cup win, UCL Academicals hosted Bealonians, Accies needing a win to keep their survival hopes alive, Beals needing a win to clinch the title. Beals opened the scoring on the half hour mark, Innis Pirrie handling the ball following Chris Brown's cross, and Simon Poole stepped up to convert coolly. Midway through the second half, James Blackburn crossed for John Butler to head home. Beals were rarely threatened, and comfortably saw out time to win 2-0 and clinch their first league title.

Old Meadonians lost a 3-2 thriller against Old Salvatorians. The game started slowly, Leon Smith twice hitting the post for Meads the only action of note in the first half. The second half saw goals aplenty, Salvos opening the scoring against the run of play as Graham Chick crossed and amidst a melee of bodies, Alex McGillycuddy flicked home. Meads equalised almost immediately as Ed Glover played in Andy Thompson whose mishit shot flew in, only to see Salvos take the lead again as Chick latched onto a long ball to volley home. Back came Meads, Michael Richards breaking through and shooting, Will Gerrish tucking home the rebound. With ten minutes to go, Dwayne Rhone was penalised for hand-ball, and Ben Dyett stepped up to convert the penalty and give Salvos the three points which ensured UCL Academicals relegation.

Albanian and Old Parmiterians faced off in a dour contest with few chances, Eamonn Keane going close for Albanian, and Jay Jacques almost scoring for Parmis only to see keeper Stuart Henry tip the ball away superbly. The second half saw few other chances, with Henry snuffing out a couple of half-chances, and the game petered out into a 0-0 draw.

In Senior One, Clapham Old Xaverians faced Old Minchendenians in a battle of the top two sides, with confirmed promotion the prize for the winner. Clapham fell behind on the quarter hour as a long throw-in from Alex Heady was back-flicked on by Tim Chinnery just inside the far post. On the hour mark, Clapham won a penalty, but Felix Asante spurned the chance, and Minch held on to win 1-0, clinching a promotion spot and leaving themselves in pole position for the title. Clapham need a point against Challoners next Saturday