

Amateur Football Combination Report – 6th December 2008

The only AFC Premier game saw Old Hamptonians and Parkfield face each other in a highly open game, with both sides spurning early chances before Matt Harrison set up Matt Sims to open the scoring just before half-time. Hamps started the second half quickly, Harrison's shot being deflected in by Chris Mowle for an own goal, and Paul Gower setting up Ian Yates to make it three. Mowle pulled a goal back from a corner, but the final twenty minutes saw the floodgates open, Richard Blakey blasting home, Harrison finishing coolly and in the final minute Richard Sexton's penalty made it 6-1 to Hamptonians.

In the AFA Senior Cup UCL Academicals travelled to Old Salesians, hoping for some respite from their league woes. Accies opened brightly, but Salesians took the lead after quarter of an hour as Adwale Oshilaja through ball was half cleared only to fall to Michael Ayres who finished clinically from the edge of the area. Accies hit back quickly, Rick Hirst's corner to the far post saw Simon Carrasco leap above the defence to bury his header. Within ten minutes Accies had taken the lead, a cross from Hirst on the right powered home by Carrasco despite Russell Hodges efforts at the near post.

Half-time seemed to take the wind out of the Accies, and Salesians early pressure led to Bernardo DaSilva breaking in from the right and shooting across the goal, where Mark Dawson's point-blank parry fell to Nathan Parkinson react quickest to tuck home. With five minutes to go Kieron Jennings flicked on Mark Dawson's punt and Carrasco controlled and laid the ball off to Dave Jenkin who broke beyond the defence and finished coolly to give Accies a deserved 3-2 win.

Albanian surprisingly lost 5-1 to Salvatorians, falling behind early to a breakaway by Alex McGillycuddy. Albanian hit back as Chris Glynn cut back for Daniel Clancy to equalise. The second half saw Salvos dominate, an own goal and goals from Eamonn Hannigan, Graeme Chick and McGillycuddy adding his second sealing the shock win.

Old Meadonians beat Old Belgravians 3-0 comfortably, Ed Glover notching with a tap in after twenty minutes, and Peter Eguae doubled the lead with a mazy run shortly after. Belgravians rarely threatened and Alex Jones added a third midway through the second half beating Matt Ramsden at the near post.

Bealonians faced Old Aloysians in a tight game dominated by defences. The only first half chance saw John Reid save well from Dave Laird's header, and with little action in the second half the game went to extra time. Mark Churchill came on as sub for Beals and immediately made an impact, crossing from the left for Chris Brown to bring the ball down and finish neatly. Ian Sawyer had a golden chance to finish it, but Jason Suban saved well to keep Aloysians in it but with Chris Thomas hitting the post with their best chance to equalise, the single goal was enough as Beals hung on for the 1-0 win to progress to the last sixteen.