

Amateur Football Combination Report – 7th March 2009

In the Premier Division, Old Salvatorians hosted Old Aloysians, needing a result in their relegation battle, and Aloysians needing points for the title chase. In a tight first half the two sides cancelled each other out, the best chance falling to Daniel O'Donohue of Aloysians just before half-time, with a superb long run, but he couldn't finish and blasted over. The second half saw Salvos playing with the wind, and almost took the lead as Damo Darling headed against the bar from Cal Murphy's cross. With twenty minutes to go, Salvos finally broke the deadlock, Graham Chick knocking the ball into the box for Murphy to smash home on the half-volley. Though Aloysians pressed for an equaliser, Salvos held on for a 1-0 win.

Parkfield sneaked a 3-2 win away to HAC, falling behind on the quarter hour to Brendan Threlfall, latching onto Stuart Holt's through ball to finish neatly, but drawing level through Simon Shaw and taking the lead through Ben Hodson just before half-time. The second half was open, and with ten minutes left, Simon Ball crossed for Holt to lash home on the volley to equalise for HAC, but with two minutes left, Hodson stepped up to notch his second, and give Parkfield three points to take them further away from the relegation battle.

Old Meadonians and Old Hamptonians fought out a 1-1 draw, Meads taking the lead as Andy Thompson set up Alex Jones to fire past James Holdsworth. Despite numerous chances to extend their lead, Leon Smith spurning the best, Hamps drew next blood on the hour through Matt Harrison, and whilst Meads pressed, Eguae and Ed Glover both going close, the game remained deadlocked.

With Hamps faltering, Bealonians took advantage to move into pole position at the top of the table with a 2-0 win against Albanian, Alex Salmon opening the scoring and Carl Taylor making the points safe to open up a two point lead.

In Senior One, Old Challoners edged past Old Suttonians in a poor game, with few chances on either side. The decisive moment came on the hour mark, Challoners taking the lead as Darren Brown turned inside the box to fire home from a tight angle. Sutts pressed, and whilst Mark Harris hit the far post from a tight angle, they couldn't find the equaliser as Challoners held on for a 1-0 win.