

Amateur Football Combination Report – 8th November 2008

The only Premier Division game saw a shock win for Parkfield over title contenders Albanian, with Albanian quickly opening the scoring as John-Joe Besagni capitalised on a defensive error. Parkfield quickly hit back, Chris Mowle crossing from the right for Ben Hodson to equalise, only to see Albanian retake the lead as Sean Flaherty converted Christian Glynn's cross. Parkfield pressed hard throughout the second half, and midway drew level again through Paul Ripley. With five minutes to go Parkfield took the lead, substitute Simon MacFarlane heading home at the far post, and although Albanian threw everything in search of the equaliser, Eamon Keane and Flaherty both hitting the woodwork, Parkfield held on for a shock 3-2 win.

In the AFA Senior Cup, Bealonians hosted Old Salopians and ran out comfortable 4-0 winners. Beals opened the scoring as Carl Taylor nicked the ball in midfield and fed Ian Sawyer to slot home, and Beals quickly extended their lead as Simon Pool was brought down, and a quick free kick from Gary Bryson set up Taylor to score. Into the second half, and Paul won a free kick on the edge of the area which Sawyer slammed home. Beals completed the scoring as Chris Brown put through Paul to fire home with a deserved goal.

Away to Old Owens, Old Aloysians opened the scoring as Dave Laird won a penalty converted by Nick Jones. Just before halftime Owens equalised through Steve Forwell's neat finish. Into the second half and Brian James set up John Wyatt to fire home, but Owens took the game into extra time as Charlie Hodge put them level with a superb twenty yard free kick. In the first extra period arrived, and Aloysians took the lead again, Laird turning on the edge of the area and finishing coolly, and they quickly added a fourth as Laird set up John Palmer. Owens weren't finished, Forwell adding his second with five minutes left, but Aloysians held out for a thrilling 4-3 win.

Following their surprise first round win against Lloyds TSB, Old Bromleians faced runners up Nottsborough with some optimism, only to be brought earth with a bump. Although Nottsborough took time to settle, two goals from Nick Green in quick succession midway through the first half gave them the edge, and in the final fifty minutes Nottsborough ran wild, Nick Stavri and Matt Kerr scoring twice each, along with Nathan Violet and Ben Hughes to complete an emphatic 8-0 win.