

## **Amateur Football Combination Report – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2007**

In the AFC Premier Division UCL Academicals faced Southgate County in a match crucial for the survival hopes of both clubs. Accies played against the wind in the first half, and after an even opening, scored after half an hour as Lloyd Vanson crossed for Innis Pirrie to convert. Early in the second half Southgate equalised as Declan O'Leary capitalised on a mistake to slot home. Both teams pressed for a winner but it came for the home side as Vanson broke free, and crossed for Ned Carabine to hit home a deserved winner as Accies ran out 2-1 winners.

With Academicals winning, the pressure fell on Albanian to steer clear of Southgate and fellow strugglers Parkfield, their opponents. Albanian ran out 3-1 winners with goals from Andy Ramroop, Sav Cinotti and Richard Cussell, and Paul Ripley's consolation goal won't be of much comfort to Parkfield who look odds on for relegation.

In the AFA Senior Cup semi finals, HAC lost to Old Hamptonians. HAC had the best of the play, but fell behind 2-0 to two sucker punches. Hamptonians opened the scoring after quarter of an hour, Matt Harrison squared a ball which Ollie Freeman stepped over, freeing up Matt Brunwin to slot home from twelve yards. Soon after HAC lost the ball in midfield, leaving Greg Smith stranded off his line, who watched helplessly as Harrison lobbed him from 30 yards. Before half time HAC pulled a goal back, winning three corners in succession and finally seeing Carl Chappell hit the ball against the bar, Mark Jobling crashing home the loose ball. Into the second half and there were few chances, Brunwin having a chance to extend the lead but failing to convert. HAC pressed, and James Holdsworth made a good save as Hamptonians held out for the win. In the final Ollie Whyman broke through, crossed for Steve Onyems but faced with an open goal from two yards his shot slid wide to leave Hamptonians 2-1 winners.

In the other semi final a pretty even game saw West Wickham have the best of the first half and Nottsborough the second half with few chances. Adam Freeman and James Williams missed chances for Wickham, and in the final minute of normal time Ashley Edwards hit the post, so with the game scoreless the game went to extra time. Into extra time and West Wickham looked the fitter side, and had the bulk of the chances. Matt Waite went close with a header, but the game looked to be heading for penalties when Ashley Everett broke down the left wing, and with the outside of his right foot curled the ball into the top corner. A minute later Marcus Elliott broke into the area, and was fouled for a penalty converted by Waite.

In the London Old Boys Cup Old Meadonians ran out 3-2 winners over Old Parmiterians. Meadonians opened the scoring through Colin Hawkins, and this was soon extended by Ed Glover. Parmiterians rallied, and levelled the score through Mark Jones and Martin Fook. In the second half Meadonians regrouped and throwing caution to the wind piled on the pressure, and finally Ally McCombe broke the deadlock to see Meadonians run out 3-2 winners.

Also in semi final action Bealonians beat Old Lyonians 2-0 to reach the final of the Old Boys Cup, missing a number of chances but two goals from Darren Gallery after half an hour and on the hour saw the home side through.