

Amateur Football Combination Report – 13th January 2007

In a scrappy affair, Old Meadonians fell behind to Parkfield early on, as Adam Blades crossed the ball which Andreas Papadopolous flicked on as it evaded everyone else and sneaked in at the far post, and soon equalised as Colin Hawkins curled a free kick from the edge of the box into the corner. Once again Parkfield took the lead, again from a free kick from Papadopolous which caused mayhem and was turned home by Meadonians' Ali McCombe under pressure from Jim Speed. Leon Smith equalised again before half-time, breaking free, running through the Parkfield defence and slotting home.

In the second half, against the elements, Parkfield battled the defending champions all of the way, and with fifteen minutes to go Meadonians finally managed to take the lead for the first time, Leon Smith poking the ball home from a Hawkins corner, and finally Meadonians sealed the points as Alex Hughes-Jones buried a header from a corner to give them a commanding lead at the top of the Premier Division table and some consolation for their early departure from the AFA Senior Cup.

Southgate County started the brighter against Old Parmiterians and quickly opened the scoring in the first minute as John Rylett turned on the edge of the box and passed the ball in the far corner. Steve Faye quickly added a second off the post, set up by Rylett, and soon Rylett added his second turning and firing home from near the penalty spot. Before halftime Southgate added two further goals, Faye scoring his second by chipping and then Declan O'Leary converting having been set up by John Hall.

Into the second half and Parmiterians fought back, but Southgate held out for twenty five minutes until Mark Jones and Jay Jacques quickly scored twice. Jones soon added his second, but with the score at 5-3 Simon Hicks found Faye to complete his hat-trick, but Parmiterians once again pegged the score back through John Redding, but they'd left themselves too much to do as Southgate notched another crucial win and move them off the bottom of the table.

In the remaining Premier Division game of the day, Damien Swann of Old Aloysians netted the only goal of a tight game against visitors Albanian, to leave them in further relegation trouble.

In the AFA Senior Cup Bealonians travelled to fellow Premier Division title pretenders HAC. Playing against the wind Bealonians opened the scoring after 5 minutes as John Donahue's long throw in was nodded into the net by John Butler. The home side equalised after 25 minutes through a contested penalty won by Carl Chappell and dispatched by Mike Jolley. HAC took the lead just before half-time as a through ball from Ollie Whyman fell to Jolley to rifle home from 25 yards.

Turning round with the elements in their favour Bealonians started strongly, but HAC added a third on seventy minutes as Jolley returned the favour to Chappell to lob John Reid to give them a cushion. Bealonians threw everything they could at the Gunners, but HAC finished the scoring with five minutes to go as Rob Imlar crossed for substitute Sion Lewis to score.

In Senior Two, Clapham Old Xaverians hosted Old Suttonians, and the sides shared the points. On a bumpy pitch Clapham took the lead after twenty minutes through Spencer McGuire, but Suttonians equalised ten minutes later against the run of play from Mark Harris' free kick. The second half continued in the same scrappy fashion with neither side looking like breaking the deadlock.