

Amateur Football Combination Report – 20th January 2007

In the Premier Division Old Aloysians faced Old Meadonians, and quickly found the defending champions and leaders putting them under pressure. Colin Hawkins had two one-on-one chances superbly saved in the first fifteen minutes by Neil Atherton, but having weathered the early storm, Aloysians took control. With half an hour gone, Aloysians broke from defence and Chris Thomas opened the scoring. Five minutes later Aloysians extended their lead, capitalising on a defensive mixup for Damien Swann to score. In the second half Meadonians regrouped and camped in Aloysians half, reducing the advantage with twenty minutes to go as Leon Smith tucked a ball in from the corner of the box, and with three minutes to go Ally McCombe won the ball in defence for Meadonians, carried it into the Aloysians half and unleashed an unstoppable shot. Meads continued to press for the winner, but Aloysians held firm for a deserved share of the points and two key dropped points for Meadonians.

Nearest pursuers Old Hamptonians faced Parkfield, and jumped out to a 2-0 lead at half time. After twenty minutes Olly Freeman put Matt Harrison through to open the scoring, and the second was added ten minutes later as Freeman crossed for to score. Early in the second half Alan Barton of Parkfield capitalised on a defensive mistake by James Holdsworth to pull the score back to 2-1, but Hamptonians quickly hit back, Stuart Brownlie cutting inside and firing home from 25 yards. Matt Bronwyn quickly extended the lead by setting up Harrison for his second and soon after Ally Thornley notched the fifth from a Brownlie cross to put the result beyond doubt. As time ran out, Brownlie set up Harrison to complete his hat-trick but Parkfield had the last word as Edward Johnson grabbed a consolation, though Parkfield remain rooted to the bottom of the table.

Old Parmiterians travelled to Albanian and for a long time the game was scrappy with both sides struggling to cope with the conditions, Parmiterians creating the best chances. After 80 minutes the deadlock was finally broken against the run of play as Salvatore Cinotti of Albanian opened the scoring, only for their advantage to be thrown away shortly after via a Richard Cussell own goal. In the final minute, Jay Jacques broke through to win the game for Parmiterians and consolidate their top half position.

In Senior Two, Clapham Old Xaverians took the points at Shene Old Grammarians. Scoreless at the half in tough windy conditions, Shene struck first blood, but Clapham fought back and won the points through goals by Lee Roskovsky, Matt Vogel and Ben Sofia.

Old Suttonians travelled to Old Minchendenians and fell behind after 25 minutes to a free kick on the edge of the area by Mark Plumb. Adam Ray extended the lead before half time, and soon after the break Lee Husson added a third. Suttonians managed an equaliser when Ray Legg was fouled for a penalty, and Jamie McNuff followed up Matt Garrad's poor penalty to add a consolation, but it was too little, too late and Minchendenians had the final say as Plumb added a fourth.

In Senior 3 South Old Guildfordians faced Hamptonians Reserves at Stoke Park and had the best of the chances, Harry Bridges, Neil Bailey, Tim Souster and Phil Smalley all squandering opportunities. Finally with five minutes to go Bridges set up Bailey who buried the chance to seal the points.