

## **Amateur Football Combination Report – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2007**

In the Premier Division Old Meadonians faced Old Hamptonians with a much changed side due to injuries, and Hamptonians looking for revenge following last week's defeat. Nevertheless, Meadonians ran out 3-2 winners in a closely fought game. After half an hour a mixup between Lawrie Painter and Chris Sayers allowed Matt Harrison to sneak in and give the visitors the lead. Ten minutes later Hamptonians returned the compliment, James Holdsworth and Will Spencer gifting a chance which Leon Smith snapped up to equalise. Into the second half and Meadonians were caught at a near post corner, Chris Sayers missed his punch and Spencer rammed the ball home to regain the lead. Meadonians now threw three up front, and David Jerome crossed for Kevin Quinn to head home at the near post. In the final minute Dwayne Smith broke into the box and was upended, Colin Hawkins stepping up to convert the penalty to all but end Hamptonians fading title chances.

Old Parmiterians lost 2-0 at home to Old Aloysians, who played comfortably their best football of the season. Aloysians dominated the first half, with Paul Holland making a number of saves for Parmiterians, but on the half hour Jay Jacques challenged for the ball in the area and beat the keeper, only to see his goal disallowed for a shoulder charge. Into the second half and Aloysians continued to press, but Parmiterians created another good chance on the break, Scott Lewis setting up Martin Fook, who lofted the ball over the advancing keeper but saw the ball just sail over the crossbar. Finally, with twenty minutes left, Aloysians pressure told, as David Laird opened the scoring, and in the final minute Damien Swann added a second to seal the points.

UCL Academicals hosted Albanian, and playing with the wind there were few chances created in the first half hour. The first chance came as Tim Cordell spun wide, and crossed the ball which Greg Blake slipped on for Andy Crotty whose shot slid wide from twelve yards out. Albanian fought back and just before half time Salvatore Cinotti had a snap shot but hit it too close to Mark Dawson who saved easily. Into the second half and Accies took the lead as Rick Hirst crossed the ball for Innis Pirrie to power home and continue his hot scoring streak. Accies now looked to kill off the game and soon extended the lead. Cordell was once again the creator as he crossed for Greg Blake to head home and seal a 2-0 win for the home team.

In the Old Boys Cup Final Bealonians lost 1-0 to Old Esthameians in difficult windy conditions. The first half saw few chances, with Bealonians missing the best as John Butler and John Brown created a chance for Ian Sawyer, which went begging. In the second half Bealonians started to press and looked the likelier to score although Esthameians continued to look dangerous on the break. After an hour John Bryson set up Brown whose shot rebounded off the crossbar. With extra time looming David Gouldson slipped Dave Wilson ran on for Esthameians to slip the ball past John Butler for the winner, leaving Bealonians with no time to come back.

In the AFA Surrey Kent Senior Cup Final West Wickham ran out comfortable winners over HAC, through John Waite, Chris Rose and Marcus Elliot, and whilst Rob Imlah pulled back a consolation the result was never in doubt.