

## **Amateur Football Combination Report – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2007**

In the AFC Premier Old Hamptonians faced Old Parmiterians. The first half was an evenly matched affair, Hamptonians starting strongly but Parmiterians having the balance by the end of the half, and both sides squandered good chances so the game was scoreless at the break.

Ten minutes into the second half, Hamptonians opened the scoring as Paul Lemon hit an incisive pass through to Stuart Brownlie who cut inside his man and powered an unstoppable shot into the far corner. Parmiterians fought back, and James Holdsworth saved well to his left hand side from Jay Jacques to preserve the lead. Finally, with two minutes to go and the visitors pressing, Hamptonians sealed the points as Graeme Taylor's long ball down the line was chased down by Matt Harrison who squared for Ally Thornley to knock it home from ten yards to maintain their title challenge, cutting Meadonians lead at the top to a single goal.

Bealonians faced Old Aloysians. After five minutes Adam Gray and David Gould exchanged passes before threading the ball through to John Butler who spread the ball to Ian who crossed for Darren Gallery to fire home. Old Aloysians quickly fought back, as a defensive mistake allowed to Damian Swann sneak through and set up Chris Thomas to score from two yards. After 35 minutes Bealonians extended the lead as Sawyer's first time pass to Gary Bryson opened up the Aloysians defence and allowed him to square for Mark Churchill to restore the lead.

In the second half Aloysians came out firing, and Bealonians faced a long period of sustained pressure, but the breakthrough never came and Bealonians held out for the three points.

Albanian's recent good run of form continued away to Parkfield in a battle of sides struggling to avoid relegation. In a very even game the home side struggled with an irregular goalkeeper, and Steve Leneghan opened the scoring with a free kick which sneaked in at the near post. Eamon Keane extended the lead before half-time.

In the second half, Parkfield fought back, and pulled the score back to 2-1 through Robert Ward and in the final ten minutes squandered chances to grab a deserved equaliser.

In AFA Cup action Old Meadonians hosted Winchmore Hill in a battle of two of the AFA's top sides. Hill opened the scoring after 15 minutes as Rod Bayer fired home from midfield. Meadonians fought back and following a period of sustained pressure Alex Hughes-Jones crashed home a header to equalise ten minutes later from a corner. Meadonians continued to press, and five minutes later Pete Lovell hit a through ball to Leon Smith who rolled his marker to fire home. Shortly after Meadonians thought they'd extended the lead, but the referee couldn't see the ball had crossed the line and Smith was denied his second.

In the second half Winchmore Hill threw everything at the hosts, but Travis Glenn, called up to the first team, made a couple of crucial saves to preserve the win.

Sinjuns Grammarians faced West Wickham at home in AFA Cup action, the visitors taking a first half lead through Marcus Elliot. In the second Steve Embolten hit back to take the game into extra time, but Wickham dominated the extra half an hour and goals from Adam Wadey and Ollie Waite eventually giving them a well deserved victory.