

Amateur Football Combination Report – 3rd February 2007

In the AFC Premier Division Old Hamptonians faced Albanian, with both sides needing the points for different reasons. The game was scoreless at half time with neither side creating any clear cut opportunities. Into the second half and the game began to open up, and after 70 minutes Hamptonians finally broke the deadlock as Paul Lemon headed home from a corner. Albanian fought back, creating a number of good chances, and with five minutes to go finally equalised through Steve Leneghan. Sensing a shock three points, they threw everything at the hosts and in the final minute Sav Cinotti nodded home a cross from Leneghan's free kick to give them a 2-1 victory that puts distance between them and the relegation spots.

Southgate County and Old Aloysians shared the points in another game that went right down to the wire. Southgate dominated the first twenty minutes and missed early chances through Dave Sergeant and Steve Fahey. Aloysians finally created their first chance after 20 minutes when Tony Smith hit the post, and took the lead before half time as Chris Thomas latched onto a long ball and lobbed Stef Shamilan to open the scoring.

At the start of the second half Southgate once again pressed and a ball pulled back from John Hall fell to both John Rylatt and then to Dave Sergeant, both of whom miskicked, and despite pressure it seemed like Southgate would get no reward. However, in the final minute a half cleared corner fell to Fahey who buried the ball on the volley from 35 yards out to clinch a 1-1 draw with the final kick of the game.

Bealonians hosted Old Meadonians in the London Old Boys Senior Cup. In the first minute the visitors broke through and opened the scoring when a ricochete fell to Will Gerrish who finished with a scuffed shot. Bealonians immediately fought back and rained shots down on the Meadonians goal, yet Travis Glenn made a series of superb saves to hold out the home team. Into the second half and the play was more even, but Bealonians continued to create chances, spurned by both Darren Gallery and John Butler. After 70 minutes broke through, but once again Glenn made a superb save, and with five minutes to go Bealonians were denied a hotly contested penalty shout to preserve the 1-0 victory for the holders, and with Hamptonians losing in the league, a good day all round despite the poor performance.

Also in the LOB Cup, Old Parmiterians booked their place in the semi-finals with a well deserved victory away to UCL Academicals. After ninety minutes the game was scoreless, but Parmiterians had most of the play, and into extra time they made their dominance count. Within five minutes Scott Lewis had opened the scoring with a close range poke, and Jay Jacques quickly added two more to give them a 3-0 lead. Parmiterians then relaxed as Accies went for broke and with three minutes to go Donal McElwee won a penalty, coolly converted by Lloyd Vanson and a minute later Ned Carabine stabbed home a second to make the final minute a nail-biter, and in the final minute Jamie Topping couldn't quite even the score, as Parmiterians held on for a 3-2 victory which should've been more comfortable.