

Amateur Football Combination Report – 5th May 2007

In the Premier Division UCL Academicals travelled to Old Parmiterians, and fell 1-0 behind after 15 minutes as Scott Moore pounced on a defensive mistake to fire home. Into the second half and Accies fought back, but once again a defensive mixup allowed Parmiterians to capitalise again through Scott Lewis, and run out comfortable 2-0 winners.

Also in Premier action, Old Hamptonians halted their recent poor run against Honorable Artillery Company – Steve Rishworth opened the scoring only to be pegged back by Steve Onyans, but in the second half Hamptonians again took the lead through Stuart Brownlie. Ed Holdsworth soon extended it, but although Onyans reduced the deficit to 3-2 with his second, Rishworth added a second and Matt Bronwyn completed the scoring to leave Hamptonians comfortable 5-2 winners.

With the Premier title decided last week, and Parkfield and Southgate County confirmed for relegation, attention focused on whether Hale End Athletic or Old Ignatians would join Enfield Old Grammarians in promotion. Hale End held a one point advantage, and superior goal difference, so Ignatians began their game at home to Sinjuns Grammarians game knowing that only a win would give them a chance of claiming the final promotion place. The first half hour saw the Ignatian front pair of Tom Cahill and John O'Sullivan making the most of the space they were given to open up a three goal lead, Cahill scoring twice and O'Sullivan adding the third, and this was quickly extended to four when a run by Paul Coyle finished with a cross that was deflected into his own net by a Sinjuns defender. Just before half-time Sinjuns got back into the game when Andy Williams dribbled into the area and was brought down, referee Nigel Kyte immediately pointed to the spot and the penalty was expertly dispatched and Sinjuns were back in the game.

In the second half Sinjuns took the game to Ignatians, creating a number of chances before getting their second with about twenty minutes to go. The closing stages saw chances at both ends and Ignatians's keeper, Duncan Hunt, saved well from Williams to keep Sinjuns out and ensure a 4-2 win for Ignatians.

Ignatians win meant that Hale End Athletic, away to Old Danes, had to win to pip them for promotion, and Athletic produced the goods with a hard fought 3-1 win. The visitors started quickly out of the blocks, Mike Nesbin winning a penalty within ten minutes, converted by John Benstead, and soon after they extended their lead as Barry Foster set up Andy Edmonds to cross for Martin Treadway to slot home. Halfway through the second half Danes pulled a goal back through Dave Nicholls, but shortly afterwards Edmonds added his second to put daylight between the two teams and leave Hale End comfortable winners, and break Ignatians' hearts.

In Senior Two, Old Suttonians hosted Old Vaughanians needing a win to clinch promotion. What could've been a nervous afternoon was swiftly dispelled as John Nock scored four first half goals to give the home team a 4-0 half time lead. Nock's golden day continued as he scored two more in the second half, and a late consolation from Vaughanians couldn't dampen the promotion party at Sutts ran out 6-1 winners.

Mill Hill Village faced Old Meadonians 3rds in a shootout to determine promotion from Senior 3 North championship, and ran out 1-0 winners with the lone goal of the game from Joe Sheridan after 70 minutes. The victory gives Village the title, and their loss means Meadonians miss out on promotion, with Old Minchendenians being the runners up despite not playing their final game until next weekend.