

Amateur Football Combination Report – 15th December 2007

In the last set of games before the New Year, HAC hosted Old Aloysians and the visitors started the strongest, Dave Laird and Terry O'Neill both having superb chances in the early exchanges only to be foiled by Aaron Baker in the HAC goal in superb form. HAC fought back into the game and after quarter of an hour took the lead as Steve Watson beat his man down the left, and fed the ball inside to Jan Blaon who from twenty yards fired home just inside the post. Shortly after they extended their lead with another long range screamer, Watson cutting inside and laying the ball off to Mark Jobling who lashed it into the top left corner from thirty yards. Aloysians continued to press and had the bulk of the play, Charlie Taylor and Daniel O'Donovan going close and making more saves. Finally, just before half time Aloysians finally got on the scoresheet as Chris Jones fed Terry O'Neil, who beat his man on the right wing and cut inside to blast home at the near post. The second half saw Aloysians failing to convert further chances, Laird hitting the post when it was harder to miss, but HAC had chances of their own through Steve Kaiser and Watson. Finally with twenty minutes to go, Watson set up HAC's third goal of the game, feeding substitute Stewart Holt who from the edge of the area tucked home his shot to HAC 3-1 winners.

Albanian ran out comfortable winners against leaders UCL Academicals, completing the season double against them. Despite falling behind early, as Rick Hirst's corner to the back post was buried by Ian Roberts, Albanian fought back into the game could've equalised almost immediately only to see Salvatore Ciniotti thwarted by Mark Dawson in the Accies goal. However, they weren't held for long, James Concannon latching onto Dave McShea's corner to tuck home the equaliser. Accies now had their best spell of the game, but Gareth Jones spurned a number of good chances and just before half time Albanian took the lead as Concannon notched his second, breaking free down the left and cutting inside to finish in the far corner.

The second half saw Accies press for an equaliser, but Albanian looked the likelier to score, and with twenty minutes to go they scored a third as Concannon and Ciniotti combined for Concannon to complete his hat-trick. With ten minutes left Albanian added their fourth Dave Murphy backheeling to set up Danny Clancy who fired home from twenty five yards. Though Accies had further late pressure, Dave Jenkin hitting the post from distance, Albanian ran out comfortable 4-1 winners.

Bealonians and Enfield Old Grammarians shared the points as Bealonians opened the scoring after ten minutes. John Brown was shoved in the back for a penalty, and Gary Bryson converted. Bealonians pressed for a second, John Jansen, Brown and Gary Elliott all going close, and before half time gifted Enfield an equaliser as Elliott failed to clear, and Jason Draper pounced to beat John Reid at his near post. The second half saw both sides press for a winner, Billy Edwards spurning a chance for Bealonians, and Enfield having a number of half chances, and at the death John Ellis Brown had a golden chance to clinch the points, only to see a superb save from Reid preserve a 1-1 draw and a point for Bealonians.

Old Meadonians edged a hotly contested game against Old Hamptonians 2-1. In the first half Peter Eguae opened the scoring for Meadonians, only to see Matt Harrison peg them back. The second half saw chances at both ends, but with ten minutes to go Meadonians took the points as Dwayne Rhone's cross was spilled by James Holdsworth, and Ed Glover pounced to fire home and take the points.