

Amateur Football Combination Report – 2nd February 2008

In the AFC Premier Division five times champions Old Meadonians travelled to cellar dwellers Enfield Old Grammarians in full expectation of an easy three points. Meads opened brightly, and opened the scoring after half an hour as a long ball from keeper Shannon Toyne fell to Leon Smith whose backheel opened up the defence beautifully for Owen Wolfe to finish coolly. Despite further pressure, Enfield defended stoutly and at halftime were happy to be 1-0 down. Into the second half and Enfield stepped up a couple of gears, equalising after quarter of an hour, Lee Daley broke down the left wing, and crossed for Dennis Wilson for volley home from the penalty spot. Enfield now had the bit between their teeth, and with quarter of an hour left took the lead as Daley broke again, this time down the left, and shot across the goal, only to see his goalbound shot touched in Adam Herron. With five minutes to go, a missed clearance by Toyne was mishit, and fell straight to Herron who volleyed home cleanly from 30 yards to give Enfield a magnificent 3-1 win, their first of the season.

With Meadonians stumbling, Bealonians faced Albanian with both sides hoping to take advantage. Albanian struck first, Salvatore Ciniotti opening the scoring after ten minutes as he broke free and lobbed John Butler. Just before halftime Bealonians equalised, Ian Sawyer cutting inside and rifling home a shot. The second half was a scrappy affair, with both sides having chances, but James Concannon and Ciniotti both drew good saves from Butler, and Bealonians took the points as Sawyer broke through and fired across goal, Stuart Henry made a good save, but the ball spilled loose and Anthony Yamson pounced to tuck home and seal a 2-1 win and the points for Bealonians.

Leaders UCL Academicals snatched a fortunate 3-3 draw away to Hale End Athletic. After ten minutes Kevin McDelling burst clear from midfield and lashed home an unstoppable shot from twenty yards to open the scoring for Hale End. Accies quickly equalised, winning a fortuitous penalty, calmly converted by Rick Hirst. Before half time Hale End deservedly restored their advantage, Calum Clements heading home a cross from Luke Hemmings. Into the second half and Hale End extended their lead as Olly Monksfield crossed from the left for McDelling to tuck home his second. Accies fought back, pulling a goal back as Hirst's corner was powered home by Adam Stainsby. In the final minute, Accies won another corner, and as Jason Agar failed to gather cleanly, Dave Coates stabbed home an undeserved equaliser.

In AFA Cup action, Old Aloysians comfortably ousted Old Actonians 4-1, opening brightly and scoring after quarter of an hour through Dave Laird, who ran onto a long ball and rounded the keeper to slot home. Ten minutes later they extended their lead, Daniel O'Donohue breaking free and firing home from twenty yards. After weathering early pressure, the pattern continued in the second half, O'Donohue again breaking free and finishing calmly. With quarter of an hour left, Aloysians made it four as O'Donohue shot goalwards, only to see his shot saved, but reacted quickest, Lewis Laws tucking home the rebound. With the game done and dusted, Aloysians defence went to sleep, and with five minutes to go Uko Obot cut in from the left wing to curl home a consolation for Actonians.