

## **Amateur Football Combination Report – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

Once again the weather ruined the Premier Division programme, so attention was focussed on the cups.

In the AFA Senior Cup quarter finals, visiting UCL Academicals started strongly against Winchmore Hill, and almost opened the scoring after twenty minutes as Kieron Jennings fed Dave Jenkin whose shot was too close to keeper, Andy Carter, who saved comfortably. Hill slowly got into the game, and on the half hour Stuart Broad broke down the right and was brought down by Dave Coates in the area for a penalty, coolly converted by Rod Beya. Accies fought back though, and just before half-time won a free kick, which Russ Kirby swung in for Neil Gillard to connect at the back post, only to see Carter claw the ball off the line to keep Hill a goal up at the break.

The second half started evenly, but on the hour mark the game was effectively sealed as Matthew Knights broke down the left, and pulled the ball back from the bye-line where amongst a scramble of players, Andy Barrell forced the ball over the line. If that didn't finish the game, two minutes later Hill made it three as Accies failed to clear their lines, and Knights broke to feed Barrell who fired home from the edge of the area to seal the result and send Hill deservedly through to a semi-final tie against Polytechnic on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

In the London Old Boys Cup, Old Aloysians found themselves 1-0 down after ten minutes to Old Tiffinians, Billy Chincharo latching onto a long ball to finish neatly. Aloysians quickly equalised, Chris Thomas crossing from the right for Dave Laird to score at the third attempt, and quickly made it two as Thomas was brought down from behind on the edge of the area, Nick Jones stepping up to scuff a penalty off the post. Aloysians were now rampant, Daniel O'Donohue adding a third with a clinical finish from a through ball, and just before half-time making it four as Laird added his second.

The second half saw Aloysians step off the pedal, Dave Norman coming back from injury getting some game time under his belt, and with quarter of an hour left Chincharo scored his second for Tiffs with a neat chip, but Aloysians held out comfortably for a 4-2 win to send them through to the semi finals.