

## **Amateur Football Combination Report – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2009**

Newly crowned champions Bealonians opened quickly against HAC, scoring within five minutes as a superb one touch passing move between John Reid, Carl Taylor and Simon Paul opened up the HAC defence, setting up Mark Churchill to cross for Ian Sawyer to head home. Within ten minutes they'd made it two, John Butler crossing for Sawyer to score his second. HAC didn't give up, and hit back five minutes before the break, Mark Jobling firing against the bar and Dave Harding pouncing to head home. Early in the second half they pulled level, Harding lashing home from the edge of the box, and five minutes later Tim Kaiser smashed the ball into the top corner from 25 yards to make it 3-2. Beals fought back, Chris Brown, Alex Salmon and Sawyer all going close, but HAC held out for the 3-2 win and the points.

Old Salvatorians and UCL Academicals shared the points in a 3-3 thriller. Accies started quickly, taking a 2-0 first half lead through Innis Pirrie and Kieron Jennings. The second half saw Salvos hit back, pulling a goal back on ten minutes through Brian Fitzgerald, and drawing level through Graham Chick. With fifteen minutes to go Cal Murphy's shot was spilled by Rupert Neal, and Fitzgerald pounced to make it 3-2. With time running out, Innis Pirrie smashed home from 35 yards to grab a share of the points and leave Salvos in relegation trouble.

In Senior One, Clapham Old Xaverians clinched promotion with a hard won draw against Old Challoners at Norbury. Challoners opened the scoring from the penalty spot through Rob Weisz, but just before half-time, Rio Bogel, cut in from the right and fired home off the post. The second half saw few chances, but with ten minutes to go, Challoners almost broke Clapham's hearts. The ball fell to Matt Allen whose 30 yarder was heading for the top corner, only for keeper-captain Matthew Arnold to tip it superbly over, preserving the 1-1 scoreline and sending Clapham into the Premier, along with Old Minchendenians, whose midweek win over Challoners had clinched the title.

Centymca clinched the Senior Two title with a tight 1-0 win over HAC reserves. The goal came midway through the second half, Chris Attwood skipping past his man and squaring for Dave Chapman to fire home, and though HAC continued to press, nervous Centymca held on for the points to take the title.