

Amateur Football Combination Report – 20th December 2008

In the AFC Premier Division Bealonians faced Old Aloysians in tricky conditions and were lucky to reach half-time with the scores level, John Reid pulling off a couple of decent saves. Beals turned around with the elements, and opened the scoring as Gary Bryson's free kick was headed home firmly by Peter Walsh. With quarter of an hour to go, Beals made it 2-0, Chris Brown cutting inside and crossing for Simon Paul to steer it home. Whilst play continued from end to end, Walsh twice going close, Beals hung on for a crucial 2-0 win which could be vital in determining the course of the title.

Old Hamptonians started quickly against Old Salvatorians, opening the scoring on the quarter hour as Matt Sims corner fell to Matt Harrison to tuck home. They quickly extended their lead, Adam Calvert powering home another Sims corner. Early in the second half Salvos pulled one back, Joe Bloggs tucking home past James Holdsworth, only to see Hamps quickly restore their lead as Harrison grabbed his second. With quarter of an hour to go Salvos narrowed the deficit again, but Hamps held out in a frantic final period for the points and a 3-2 win which takes them to the top of the table.

In a battle of the bottom two, Old Parmiterians looked for revenge after last week's loss against UCL Academicals, and dominated the game, opening the scoring as Gary Stevens picked up the ball forty yards out and lashed home into the top corner. Just before halftime they made it two, Lewis Jones seeing his shot saved by Rupert Neal, but reacting quickest to convert. Early in the second half, Jones made it two, heading home Mark O'Donohue's cross at the back post, and as time ran out he completed his hat-trick to give Parmas a deserved 4-0 win and leave Accies in desperate relegation trouble.

Albanian faced Crouch End Vampires in AFA Cup action, and opened brightly as Mark Adonie's cross-shot was parried and finished by Sean Flaherty. Early in the second half Vamps hit back as Ed Crosby turned neatly in the area to fire home. Extra time was tight, Kieran Prendergast and Flaherty going close for Albanian before Mark O'Donohue and Dan Clancy combined for Prendergast to head home and clinch a tight 2-1 win.

With twenty minutes left, Old Meadonians found themselves 2-0 down against Old Parkonians through Rob Tromans and Michael Rigby either side of half-time, only to come storming back as Ed Glover's corner was flicked on by Richard Coetzer for Luke Graham to score, and in the final minute of normal time Pete Lovell fed Ged Lloyd to convert via a deflection and take the game into extra time. Meads now dominated, Peter Eguae finishing a neat one on one, Graham adding curling in his second off the far post, and made it five as Dan Cowan crossed for Leon Smith to seal the tie with an unlikely 5-2 Meads victory.