

Amateur Football Combination Report – 21st February 2009

Bealonians maintained their title charge with a comfortable 5-0 win at Old Parmiterians. They started quickly, Alex Salmon opening up the defence for James Blackwell to square for Simon Paul to tap home. The second saw Chris Brown neatly convert Salmon's cross and before the break, Brown set up Paul who was pulled down, and he stepped up to convert the penalty. The second half saw no let-up, Brown setting up Paul to cross from the bye-line for Salmon to score, and Salmon completed his tour de force breaking down the left and squaring for Mark Churchill to make it five.

In a tight AFA Cup game, Albanian opened the scoring against Old Meadonians after five minutes, Richard Clough feeding Christian Glynn who cut inside and mis-hit his shot which looped in at the back post. Meads stepped up the pressure, but couldn't create a clear chance and went in at the break one down. The second half saw early chances for Albanian, Sean Flaherty and Christian Glynn going close, but Meads then took over, dominating the final twenty minutes, but couldn't break through. Rory Prendergast and Mark Flannery defended heroically, and Stuart Henry made three superb saves, twice from Leon Smith and also from Will Gerrish, as Albanian held out for a narrow 1-0 win.

UCL Academicals and Old Minchendenians fought out a thriller in the quarters of the London Old Boys Cup. Accies took a quick lead as Innis Pirrie fired home from twenty yards, only for Alex Heady to equalise for Minch with a shot from the centre of the area. Minch's tails were up, and they continued to press, and took the lead as Tim Chinnery turned in the area to tuck the ball home, giving them a 2-1 halftime lead. Early in the second half, Accies equalised as Simon Carrasco's shot was blocked, Dave Jenkin pouncing to tuck home, and took the lead as Carrasco was brought down in the area, Rick Hirst converting a retaken penalty. Just as Accies thought they'd won it, with the last kick of normal time, Tom Uysall made it 3-3 to take it to extra time. Within five minutes Minch had made it four, Chinnery hitting an unstoppable 30 yard screamer, but before the break Accies drew level, Hirst converting his second penalty as Carrasco was again fouled. With time running out, Carrasco set free Lloyd Vanson broke through and calmly slotted home the winner as Accies squeaked through 5-4.