

AFC Report – 21st March 2009

At the top of the AFC Premier, Bealonians maintained their lead with a 1-0 win over Old Salvatorians in a nondescript game. The first half was featureless, and whilst Chris Brown and Alex Salmon had chances for Beals, and Alex McGillicuddy for Salvos, the only goal came with quarter of an hour to go as John Butler broke the offside trap and pounced on a loose ball to fire home the only goal of the game.

Second met third and Old Aloysians were fortunate to come away with the points away to HAC. The home team took the lead midway through the first half, Mark Jobling skipping past keeper JP Green to tuck home, and almost doubled their score immediately, Oli Whyman skipping through but as Green closed him down, his shot squeezed just past the far post. However, HAC weren't denied for long, a corner from Steve Watson on the left wasn't cleared by either Nick Jones or Dave Norman, and Brendan Threlfall headed home to make it 2-0. Just before half-time Aloysians pulled one back, Nick Jones long throw, causing confusion, and Jobling sliced an attempted clearance straight into his own net to make it 2-1 at half-time. The second half saw HAC dominate, but they couldn't capitalise despite having numerous chances, Dave Harding, Simon Ball and Watson all going close, and with fifteen left, Aloysians made them pay as they grabbed an equaliser - Daniel O'Donoghue released Chris Thomas who crossed for Ricky Waller to side foot home. As heads went down, Aloysians scented three points, and with five minutes left, Waller crossed for David Laird to flick home at the front post to seal a 3-2 win leaving both sides four points behind Aloysians.

UCL Academicals faced a must-win game against Parkfield, but fell behind as Scott Little crossed for Ben Hodson to head home giving Parkfield a half-time lead. After the break Parkfield made it two through Simon Richardson, but Accies pulled a goal back as Innis Pirrie's long ball was flicked on by Neil Gillard into the path of Adam Stainsby who finished clinically. Parkfield quickly made it 3-1, Owen Jones capitalising on poor defending, but once again Accies hit back, a scramble in the six yard box falling to Dave Jenkin who fired home. However, with ten minutes to go Richardson grabbed his second, to give Parkfield a 4-2 win and the points, and all but condemn Accies to relegation.