

## **Amateur Football Combination Report – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2008**

Old Aloysians and Old Meadonians fought out a 2-2 draw at Hurst Avenue, Aloysians took the lead in a quiet first half as Nick Jones lashed home a free kick from 25 yards. Into the second half and Meadonians drew level as Leon Smith set up Andy Thompson to tuck home, and then took the lead as Smith's shot was parried by Jason Suban only for Smith to react quickest and tuck home. Aloysians quickly drew level, Dave Laird rising from a Nick Jones corner to head home, and almost grabbed the lead five minutes later as Laird's header crashed against the bar. The final fifteen minutes saw Meads press for a winner, but Aloysians held out for the draw.

Albanian faced UCL Academicals at the Walker Ground, Southgate, and fell behind after twenty minutes as Rick Hirst crossed for Dave Jenkin to finish neatly. Albanian fought back, Sean Flaherty and Chris Glynn going close, before drawing level as Richie Cussell set up Flaherty to finish clinically. The second half was even, but Albanian grabbed the points with twenty minutes to go as Eamonn Keane's 20 yard shot knuckled wildly and evaded Mark Dawson in the Accies net. With five minutes to Rick Hirst almost grabbed an equaliser, only to see Stuart Henry tip the ball round the post superbly to preserve Albanian's 2-1 win.

In a dour game Old Hamptonians and HAC saw the game decided in the final minutes of each half. HAC took the lead just before half-time, Steve Watson's cross ball finding Eric Hardy-King whose shot trickled home at the far post past James Holdsworth. In the final minute of the second half, Hamps claimed a penalty for handball as Matt Harrison's header hit Steve Watson on the line, but referee Tony Anderson waved away the appeals as HAC held on for a 1-0 win.

In the Old Boys Cup Bealonians opened quickly against Old Parkonians, Carl Taylor latching onto a through ball to lob home, but Parks quickly drew level as Stuart Knapman converted a penalty conceded by Alex Grayburn. On 25 minutes Beals retook the lead, Mark Churchill crossing for Chris Brown to turn his man on the edge of the box and fire home. Beals added two more before halftime, Taylor's flick-on setting up Brown to finish neatly and Simon Paul blasting home from outside the box. The second half saw little goalmouth incident, but with time running out John Butler's free kick evaded everyone to sneak in and seal a 5-1 win for Beals.