

Amateur Football Combination Report – 25th October 2008

After a good start to the season HAC faced a stern examination travelling to Albanian, and quickly opened the scoring after five minutes as Stuart Holt crossed for Kirk Eamons to convert. HAC extended their lead fifteen minutes later, Holt's free kick being flicked in by Steve Onyans. Just before half-time Albanian pulled one back, Christian Glynn crossing for Salvatore Ciniotti to head home. Into the second half and Albanian pulled level Sean Flaherty latching onto a through ball from Darren Couch to finish, only for HAC to immediately retake the lead, Steve Watson's cross being tapped in by Colin Gardner. With twenty minutes to go, Mark Jobling's shot was blocked, with Dave Harding reacting quickest to head home to ensure a 4-2 victory and confirm HAC as title contenders.

UCL Academicals hosted Old Meadonians desperate to break their season duck. Accies started with the wind but couldn't capitalise, Dan Chantler twice denied, first by a point blank save from Shannon Toyne, then Ed Glover clearing off the line, and Simon Sly's shot from outside the box crashing against the crossbar. Meads turned around with the wind at their backs, creating numerous chances only to be denied by keeper Mark Dawson in superb form. With ten minutes to go, and the game deadlocked, Meads snatched the only goal as Luke Graham broke down the left and crossed to the far post for Leon Smith to score. In the last minute Peter Eguae could've sealed it, but Dawson saved again, but Meads held on for the 1-0 win.

Bealonians hosted Old Aloysians and in a game of few chances, John Reid's superb double save from Charlie Taylor kept the home team in it. Into the second half, Gary Bryson missed a good opportunity for Beals, and with quarter of an hour left, Chris Thomas fed Kevin Smith who finished neatly to give Aloysians a 1-0 win, bouncing back from last week's shock trouncing.

In the London Old Boys Cup Old Hamptonians started out quickly against Old Thorntonians, Matt Harrison scoring with a flick and turn from a Carlos Mills long throw, and early in the second half extended their lead, Harrison adding a second from Richard Blakey's cross. Thorns pulled a goal back, Anthony Jeffrey intercepting a backpass to set up Tony Dolan to tuck home, but Adam Calvert restored the two goal lead with a powerful header from Alan Dunn-Baker to ensure a 3-1 win for Hamps.