

Amateur Football Combination Report – 28th February 2009

In the AFC Premier, Bealonians inched a thriller away to Parkfield. Beals opened quickly, Simon Paul crossing for Alex Salmon to tuck home after ten minutes, and on the half hour they made it two as John Brown intercepted a pass on halfway and released Chris Brown who crossed for Paul finish neatly. They made it three by half-time, John Butler feeding Chris Brown who beat three men and finished in-off the far post.

At half time, Parkfield changed their shape and made a couple of changes, and within five minutes had pulled one back as Simon McFarlane fired home from the edge of the box. With twenty minutes to go, John Prince corner was powered home by Mike Davidson. Despite an edgy last fifteen minutes, Parkfield couldn't create any clear chances, and Beals held on for the 3-2 win and the points.

Albanian travelled to Old Meadonians, and spurned early chances through Eamonn Keane and Sean Flaherty, but couldn't capitalise as a scrappy game reached half time scoreless. Meads restarted the brighter of the two sides, Leon Smith looking dangerous and Ged Lloyd heading against the bar, but after 70 minutes Albanian grabbed the only goal as Richie Cussell skipped past two men to feed Darren Couch, who flicked on to Flaherty who lobbed home. Meads threw everything in search of the equaliser, but Albanian held firm for a tight 1-0 win.

HAC took the points away to Old Salvatorians, opening the scoring from a Stuart Hull penalty as Brendan Threllfall was pulled down. Hull quickly made it two, heading home Tm Kaiser's cross, and just after half time made it safe as Dave Harding fed Carl Chapple to lob over the onrushing keeper. Salvos grabbed a late consolation, Ben Foley breaking free and finishing neatly, but HAC were never threatened as they ran out 3-1 winners.

Old Aloysians maintained their title challenge with a fortunate win over UCL Academicals, Accies taking the lead as Simon Carrasco latched onto a long ball from Rick Hirst to tuck home, but Aloysians quickly equalised as Kevin Smith scuffed home Damien Swann's corner. Accies retook the lead, Hirst's free kick falling to Gareth Jones who side-footed home, but Aloysians drew level again as Daniel O'Donohue headed home Mick Jones corner, and with five minutes to go, O'Donohue fell under Mike Foster's challenge in the area, Mick Jones tucking home the penalty to give Aloysians a lucky 3-2 win.