

Amateur Football Combination Report – 28th March 2009

In the AFC Premier Division UCL Academicals travelled to Old Meadonians needing a win to preserve any hope of avoiding relegation. Meads started quickly and opened the scoring after quarter of an hour Leon Smith breaking through and rounding Rupert Neal to finish clinically. Accies continued to struggle, and Meads soon added a second, Ged Lloyd finishing neatly and before halftime they made it three, Richard Pilcher crossing for Michael Richards to head home. The second half saw little change, and with ten minutes to go Alex Jones added Meads fourth, before Neil Gillard set up Dave Jenkin for a small consolation as Meads finished comfortable 4-1 winners.

Albanian dominated the early stages against Parkfield, Darren Katz going close early before Chris Glynn delivered a superb cross for Eamonn Keane to finish on the half volley to open the scoring after quarter of an hour. Five minutes later they made it two, Mark O'Donohue feeding Keane who beat two men before finishing neatly. Into the second, Parkfield began to get into the game, bombarding the Albanian defence with Ben Hodson winning every header, and quickly pulled a goal back as Jonjo Basani pulled him down in the area, Paul Ripley converting the penalty. With quarter of an hour left, Parkfield drew level, Hodson heading home at the far post. Albanian threw themselves forward again, and with five minutes left Keane and Glynn combined to feed Tony Daniels who fired home to give Albanian a 3-2 win.

In Senior One, Old Suttonians were held to a 1-1 draw by Old Belgravians, Phil Colmer opened the scoring for the home side, but Tom Greenwood drew Belgravians level with a neat finish. Glyn Old Boys overcame Hale End 2-1, Pete Williams and John Kaye giving them a two goal lead before Darren Couch pulled one back from the visitors, who seem likely to suffer a second consecutive relegation.

In Senior Two, Shene Old Grammarians and UCL Academicals Reserves battled out a 1-1 draw in awful conditions. A bobbly pitch, and driving wind and rain meant little football was played, and Shene took the lead early in the second half, William Jeffries corner being powered home by Russell Kennedy, only for Accies to draw level as Shaun Jensen couldn't gather Gareth Jenkins free kick, and Andy Crotty poked home for a share of the points.