

Amateur Football Combination Report – 31st January 2009

Bealonians and Hamptonians fought out a 3-3 thriller at Rectory Farm, Hamps opening the scoring against the run of play as they broke the length of the pitch, Richard Sexton squaring for Chris Heritage to poke home. Beals hit back, John Butler lobbing James Holdsworth with a quickly taken free kick, but just before the break Hamps restored their lead, Phil Quarter crossing for Matt Harrison to convert. After the resumption, Beals equalised again, Holdsworth saving superbly from Gary Bryson's 30 yarder, only for Simon Paul to poach the rebound, and quickly took the lead as Ian Sawyer lashed a free kick past Holdsworth. Hamps hit back, substitute David Gould conceding an un-necessary penalty, upending Nicky Sexton, converted by brother Richard. As time ran out, Chris Brown twice saw goals disallowed as the teams had to settle for a share of the points.

Needing a win to keep up their title ambitions, HAC started slowly against UCL Academicals, and needed two brave saves by Steve Adcock from Simon Carrasco and Kieron Jennings to keep the game scoreless, though just before halftime Jan Balon saw his shot from twenty yards pushed wide by Accies' Rupert Neal. HAC started the second half strongly, and scored twice, first Eric Hardy-King's cross falling to the mercurial Mark Jobling, then Steve Watson's corner finding the untracked Simon Ball who headed powerfully home. Two minutes later Ball could've made it two, only to see his flick cleared off the line by Mike Foster. The last twenty minutes saw Accies pressing hard to get back into the game, but couldn't convert until with ten minutes to go Dave Jenkin's snap shot from the edge of the area took a wicked deflection off Colin Gardner to leave Adcock wrong-footed, but it was too little too late as HAC held on for the 2-1 win.

Parkfield and Old Salvatorians fought out a 1-1 draw that did neither side any favours in their relegation battle, and Salvos looked strong early on, Alex McGillicuddy going close and Matt Hodson keeping Parkfield in it, and they took advantage soon after half-time as Simon Shaw lashed home a 20 yard half-volley. Salvos pressed for the equaliser and with twenty minutes left Jimmy O'Sullivan curled home from 25 yards into the top corner to level the scores.

In London Old Boys Cup action, Old Meadonians and Old Wilsonians reached normal time scoreless, but the extra period saw Leon Smith open the scoring for Meads, only to see Michael Donovan latch onto a loose ball to level. The game went to penalties, all eight converted until Jack Costello saw his penalty saved by Andy Parkinson and Oz Akkaya stepped up to hit the winner and send Wilsonians through.