

## Amateur Football Combination Round up – 23<sup>rd</sup> January

In the AFA Senior Cup Round 4 Old Ignatians of Senior One made the long trip to Walthamstow to take on Senior One rivals Hale End Athletic and came back from a goal down to win 4-1. Both teams started well but it was Hale End who took the lead when a quick break saw Steve Newland pop up with a good header at the far post. Within ten minutes, Ignatians had restored parity, when Reinaldo was put through and lobbed Simon Gallagher to equalise. Just five minutes later Rory Brien gave Ignatians the lead with a crisp shot from the edge of the box, and in the first half there was still time for Reinaldo to score his second from a rebound off Hale End keeper Simon Gallagher. In the second half, Ignatians continued to maintain a possession and territorial advantage, and they made this pay when Connor O'Grady drilled the ball into the corner of the net from the edge of the box after being put through by Brendan Brien to conclude a good game, well managed by the referee

In the same round of the same competition, Old Parmiterians lost 1-0 to holders Nottsborough. An even first half saw Parm's with the better chances to score, but the sides went into the break level. In the second period, Scott Lewis and Scott Moore both hit the post when they should have scored. After seventy minutes Nottsborough's Matt Lewis scored from a corner to win the tie. Parm's had several further chances to equalise but to no avail and though they went out, Parm's will be proud of their display against the current cup holders.

In a clash in the premier division that saw last season's champions and league leaders defeat bottom club Old Aloysians 3-1. A scrappy game ensued but despite Aloysians picking up no points so far this season, it took Beals forty minutes to take the lead when a Bryson pass found Sawyer who supplied an excellent finish. Four minutes into the second half Beals were awarded a fortunate penalty and Bryson extended their lead. Soon after this, a good move involving Butler, Bryson and Sawyer saw Sawyer put the game safe. Aloysians consolation came after an hours play from a superbly taken Kevin Smith free-kick.

In the same division, Clapham Old Xavarians earned themselves a surprise point in a 2-2 draw away at Parkfield.