

AFC Report – 27th March 2010

Premier League side Old Parmiterians won the Old Boys Senior Cup beating Old Salesians 2-1. Salesians had won the Surrey Senior Cup the week before, so Parms were grateful for a strong start when Robbie Carroll's legs taken away in the box and Michael O'Donague converted from the spot. Sean Dardis wasted a good chance to extend the lead when put through as Salesian keeper Mark Lovell made a good save. Ten minutes later though Lewis Jones spared Dardis' blushes when put through from a long ball he finished with a coolly from 8 yards. Parms looked very comfortable at 2 up but Salesians got back into the game when Martin Fuke gave away a penalty and it was converted by Steve Howard to set up a grandstand finish, but despite Salesians pressure, Parms held on to lift the trophy.

In the Premier Division bottom club Old Aloysians did Parms a favour beating title chasers Old Minchendenians courtesy of a solitary Ryan Busby strike. Top club Old Bealonians hammered Honorable Artillery Company 5-1 away from home, and second placed Old Meadonians scored two early goals to keep Clapham Old Xavarians winless in the league this season.

In Senior One, the weather over the season has conspired to mean that clubs are beginning to play double headers, and Old Suttonians and Old Ignatians fought out two close draws, 2-2 followed by 1-1.

In the first game, Ignatians keeper Martin Steele made two early point blank saves, and this was followed by Steve Gallagher converting a free kick over the wall into the near post to put Ignatians one up. Brendan Brien then hit the back of the net after beating two defenders to double the lead. Sutts; Rob Seale ran onto a flick on from Rich Grover to finish through Steele's legs. Nicky Woodward crossed for his centre-half counterpart Paul Williams to equalise with the last kick of the game.

In the second game a Woodward free kick floated over everyone including Steele, who misjudged the flight and it nestled in the top corner while Steve Gallagher converted a penalty to equalise with two minutes remaining.

There were also draws at Hale End, who shared four goals with Old Belgravians, Centymca, who match that scoreline with Glyn Old Boys, and Old Challoners, who drew 3-3 with Wood Green Old Boys. Second placed Old Salvatorians were defeated at home by Sinjuns Grammarians 3-2.