

AFC Report – 15th January 2011

HAC missed out on the chance to go second in the AFC Premier League this weekend, as they were beaten 2-0 by Old Parmiterians.

The home side started the brighter and took the lead after just 8 minutes. A flowing team move, involving almost every player in the Parmiterians side, culminated with Matt Pinner sliding home to make it 1-0.

But HAC weren't going to take it lying down and it was only the heroics of Old Parmiterians' Austrian 'keeper Roman Pechacker which stopped them drawing level. Pechacker produced a string of saves, the highlight of which was a double save reminiscent of a world class goalkeeper.

After the break the visitors continued to push for an equaliser, and it took some top defending and more good play in goal from Pechacker to keep them at bay.

And with 10 minutes remaining HAC were dealt a cruel blow when Sam Bird scored to wrap up the points for Old Parmiterians. The visitors cannot complain about a lack of chances, but in the end it was Parmiterians who, thanks in large part to their goalkeeper, took all three points.

The win moves the hosts up to fourth in the table, level with their opponents, and meant that champions Albanian, who were in cup action, remain two points clear with a game in hand.

The champions however, did not have everything their way against lower league opposition, as they hosted Old Ignations, of Senior Division One, in the London Old Boys Senior Cup.

The Premier League table toppers were pushed all the way but did eventually run out 2-1 winners, securing their place in round three.

The only other game for the AFC Premier League this weekend saw Parkfield win 2-0 away to Bealonians which lifts them away from the foot of the table and extends their unbeaten run to three games in all competitions.

Away from the top flight, Senior One side Hale End Athletic edged a close game against Winchmore Hill of the Southern Amateur League in a hard fought cup tie.

Danny Andrews scored the only goal of the game which boasted few chances, and the home side hung on to reach the fourth round of the Middlesex and Essex Senior Cup.