

Old Meadonians moved top in the AFC Premier League this weekend, but they needed a last gasp winner in a close game away to bottom of the table Old Belgravians.

The visitors started the brighter, veteran midfielder Andrew Thomas hitting the bar from 25 yards in the opening exchanges, and they had several chances to take the lead in an opening which suggested that Belgravians would struggle.

Mid way through the first half Colin Hawkins was put through, with the hosts defence static, and he slotted home from inside the box to put Meadonians 1-0 up. Belgravians offered little going forward and went into the break looking out of it, despite only being one down.

But the home side came out much stronger in the second half, and began to dominate. Alex Morgan drew them level, turning in James Thomas' pin-point cross from the right-wing, and it looked like Belgravians were the more likely to steal a winner.

However, with both sides pressing for a win it was Meadonians who got it, Thompson volleying in from just outside the box to secure a fourth win in five, and a return to the summit of the table, for the away side. Belgravians, still yet to record their first win of the season, left to wonder what might have been.

The only other winless side in the top flight, Old Minchendenians, also went down 2-1, away to Old Suttonians. In a game lacking quality, but not chances, Suttonians started well, creating, and spurning, two good chances in the first five minutes. Mincendenians also had some good spells, but a good save from Parlett kept the hosts level.

The deadlock was broken when Nick Woodward headed in Dan Smith's free kick, and as Suttonians grew in confidence more chances came. Rich Grover headed onto the post from close range, and despite the visitors looking dangerous on the break, when half time came the home side looked to be in control.

But Minchendenians made a contest out of it in the second half, and when the equaliser came from a set piece it was no more than they deserved. As tiredness crept in however, the visitors defence got a bit ragged, and when Dan Smith's cross wasn't dealt with, Grover was able to stab home and push Old Suttonians into the top half of the league.

In the Premier League's only other game, Old Parmitterians eased passed old Old Hamptonians, a 4-1 away win lifting the visitors away from the danger end of the league, at the expense of a Hamptonians side who have now lost consecutive league matches to sides in the bottom half.