

AFC Round up 30/10/2010

There was drama at both ends of the table in this weekend's AFC Premier League fixtures, with goals, red cards and missed penalties scattered throughout the matches.

A humdinger of a relegation battle saw Old Belgravians snatch a late point away to 10 man Old Minchendenians, in a match full of controversy, and one which leaves both sides still yet to record a win.

The home side went ahead towards the end of the first half with a looping header, and looked good value for their lead at half time. However, early in the second half Minchendenians were reduced to 10 men after Tim Hall was brought down when through on goal.

Belgravians were unable to convert the first of three penalties in the game, but the visitors however were given another chance shortly after, James Thomas scoring from the spot to equalise.

Minchendenians retook the lead when they were awarded a penalty of their own following a handball in the Belgravians box, and it looked like they would steal a valuable win despite the numerical disadvantage.

Bottom of the table Belgravians refused to give up though, and in the dying seconds the Premier League new boys drew level for a second time when Andrew Hankin converted Tom Greenwood's cross. The point is not enough to lift either side out of the bottom two places, but the late goal will strengthen the visitors belief that they can stay in the top flight.

Elsewhere Bealonians picked up a win at Old Suttonians, thanks to a couple of defensive lapses from the hosts.

Old Suttonians started the better, creating a number of early chances, the best of which was spurned by Mike Dankis. However, the hosts fell behind against the run of play when a miss-placed back-pass allowed Bealonians to take the lead.

The visitors took that lead to the interval but Suttonians came out of the blocks quickly in the second half and were level within 5 minutes of the restart. Rich Grover fed the ball through to Rob Seale, who finished under the keeper to make it 1-1.

The relief for Suttonians lasted just seconds though, as they found themselves behind again almost immediately. A hopeful long ball wasn't cleared and the Bealonians striker was left to walk the ball into the empty net.

Bealonians sat back and attempted to protect their lead, and despite the play being camped in their territory for the last 20 minutes, held on for an important 3 points, which see them climb to 4th in the table.

Old Meadonians failed to go top at Albanian's expense, with the league leaders out of action today Meadonians were unable to beat Old Parmiterians, who earned a point in a 1-1 draw. HAC meanwhile stay third after a 2-0 home win at home to Old Hamptonians.