

Ali hails APSA boss after Enfield upset

LONDON APSA chairman Zulfi Ali heralded the efforts of manager John Higley and his players after they delivered two crucial blows in the Essex Senior League title race.

After beating Barkingside 2-1 at Oakside last Monday, APSA went on to beat Tiptree United 1-0 at the Terence McMillan Stadium, before causing a massive upset at Goffs Lane on Monday night, defeating Enfield 1893 2-0.

Nine points from three games has seen APSA climb towards mid-table respectability and act as spoilers in the championship chase.

"It's been a very busy weekend for APSA and a very fruitful one," said Ali.

"The best possible results were delivered by John and the very industrious team we have out there.

"It's a big nine points for us and the patience has been well rewarded.

"John has set about building a team this year with a view to really go and compete in 2010/11."

On Saturday, APSA secured victory against the Jam Makers with 10 men, thanks to a goal

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from Danny Callaway, after Michael Ellis was dismissed.

Two days later Higley's men travelled to Middlesex and beat fourth-placed Enfield 1893.

Mohammed Dakri and Gregory Akpele scored the vital goals, as APSA were reduced to 10 men again after John Langton was sent off for two bookable offences.

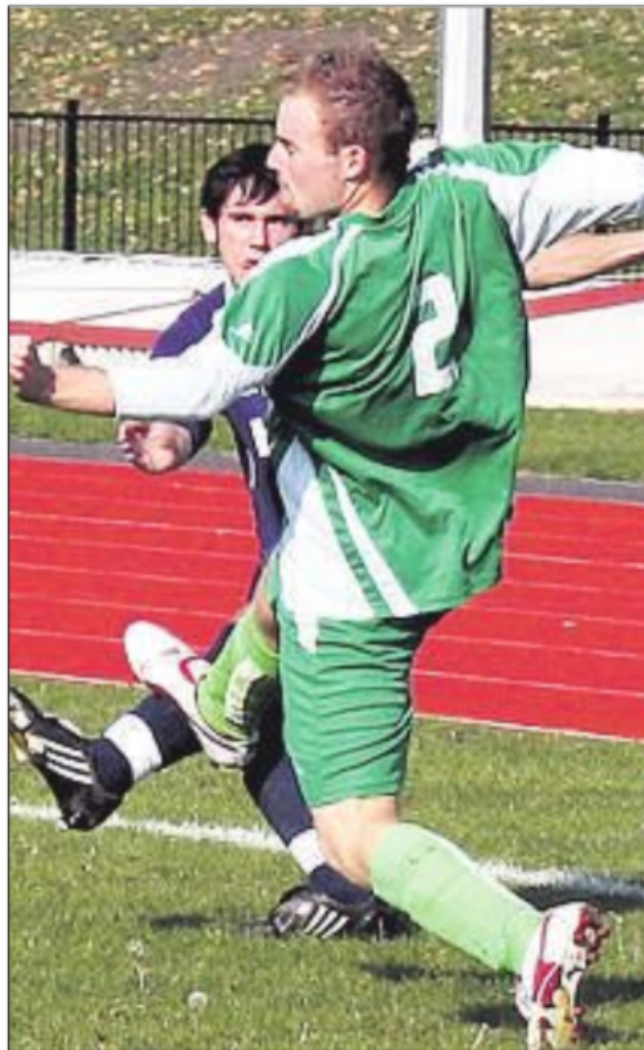
Tonight (Thursday) the east Londoners host fourth from bottom Eton Manor at the Terence McMillan Stadium.

The Braves haven't won since December 5 when they beat Barkingside 1-0.

Since then the Mayesbrook Park club have lost nine and drawn three in the Essex Senior League.

Two days later Higley's troops travel to promotion-chasing Witham Town, to whom they lost 1-0 at home back in September.

■ **BETHNAL GREEN** further emphasised their title credentials by winning 2-1 at leaders Burnham Ramblers on Saturday thanks to two goals from Anton Stephenson, while Clapton drew 2-2 with Hullbridge Sports, after Liam Broomfield and Warren Mfula netted.



DISMISSED: Jamie Langton was sent off for APSA.

Sam's the man

Junior football

Senrab A 2 Aztec 2

SENRAB A earned a deserved point in their clash with Aztec after a second-half equaliser.

The home side had taken the lead when Sam Bader headed in Philip Sesay's free kick.

Just before half time Aztec levelled and after the break they went ahead from the penalty spot.

Senrab pressed for a way back though and were rewarded 15 minutes from the end when Bader headed home his second of the game.

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A SUPERB performance from Senrab saw them dominate Barns for the entire match.

They recovered from conceding an early goal to level through Scott Harris.

In the second half, Rauf Kizza scored twice to make it 3-1, while Elliot Brown and Philip Sesay were also on target.

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