

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Don's struggle to tame Patana

Weekend Results

- Dubliner thrashed Bangkok Utd. 5-0 to maintain their lead at the top of the table.
- Les Gaulois were held 2-2 by the German AS in the surprise result of the weekend
- RC Pattaya and Seaboard FC shared a 6 goal thriller in their first ever derby clash
- Robin Hood fell to the Bullshead 1-3 in yet another clash of Sukhumvit pubs
- Winking Frog beat FC Shrewsbury 5-2 in another upset result
- British Club claimed a walkover against the Scans who failed to put out a team

League Standings

Dubliner	11	28
Londoner FC	9	23
Bullshead	11	20
Les Gaulois	8	20
Bangkok Utd	8	13
German AS	9	12
RC Pattaya	9	12

On a day when the Londoner turned in one of their poorest performances of the season to date their 6-1 winning margin over a plucky Patana side was extremely flattering.

Perhaps the news of Nick Sargeant's permanent return to the UK unsettled the players early in the piece but Patana controlled the game for the best part of 30 minutes as Londoner looked disjointed and totally out of sorts. Patana were playing with passion and closing down the Dons midfield at every opportunity with 'Macca' (Steve MacArthur) controlling the tempo and helping to create a handful of chances for the Patana strike force none of which actually tested Torrance. With almost 30 minutes gone coach MacDonald decided to change things around and rested Andy Wild in favour of Manas. Once more the super sub changed things around as he immediately broke free on the right and fired a shot on target that was beaten out by the Patana keeper only as far as Paam who fired home on the half volley to bring tangible relief to the Dons. Patana continued to press without reward and were hit by a second blow hard on the heels of the opener when Matt Entwistle controlled the ball and fired in a 25 yarder which picked up a slight deflection en route to the back

of the net leaving the keeper stranded. The final 5 minutes of the half ran out with both teams feeling the effects of the unseasonably hot conditions and a score line which was in no way reflective of the performances of the two teams.

Half Time; Londoner 2 vs 0 Patana
With Patana having started with the bare minimum eleven players the second half was always going to be a struggle and despite a couple of reinforcements they were not able to press as strongly and as effectively as they had in the opening period consequently allowing the Dons more space and time to pass the ball around. With the second half only 5 minutes old Tan took possession wide on the left and drove to the byline before whipping in a cross for Danai Downer to head home to extend the lead. Londoner were finally showing signs of playing the football that had seen them unbeaten to date and after Andy Wild was restored to the front line in favour of Downer he collected a through ball from captain Alex Stamp and smashed it into the net from a tight angle to his obvious delight. Tan then got in on the act when he took control of the ball on the edge of the D and feinted left before crashing an unstoppable shot into the roof of the net to make it 5 - 0. Patana continued to push forward at every opportunity and Macca was unlucky not to get on the scoresheet when his header was saved from out of the top corner of the net by Torrance. Patana were not to be denied however and finally got

on there reward when Macca's elder brother, on holiday and standing in for the day, was allowed time to pick his spot and crash a drive into the bottom right corner of the goal. There was still time for Dome to miss a penalty kick which he should have



Man of the Match, Steve MacArthur was outstanding for the opposition

sleepless nights about it was so bad and Andy Wild to get his second when he acrobatically crashed home a long range effort with the keeper off his line.

Full Time; Londoner 6 vs 1 Patana
Man of the Match without a doubt was the oppositions Macca who seemed to be everywhere despite the heat, his age and his adventures of the night before!

No Game

There is no game next week with us going into the Xmas recess now. Next match is on 8th January against the German All Stars with a 3.00pm kick off. one more time. Match KO's at 3.00pm at Patana School for all lovers of the beautiful game.

