

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Don's deliver six of the best

Weekend Results

- Les Gaulois put the British Club to the sword running out comfortable winners 5-0
- Winking Frog survived an early red card and some surprisingly stiff opposition to post a 3-1 victory over Patana
- The Vikings made it 3 wins in a row when they traveled to Patana and defeated a resurgent Fire & Gas 3-2 despite having a man sent off.
- German AS moved into the top half of the table dispatching newcomers Sunbelt 5-0

League Standings

Bullshead	6	16
Dubliner	6	16
Londoner FC	6	14
Les Gaulois	7	14
Winking Frog	6	13
Vikings	6	9
German AS	6	7

A slightly depleted Londoner squad gathered together for what was going to be a very intriguing match against Bangkok Utd. With the regular goalkeeper Torrance not available, Paul Stamp deputized and didn't show any sign of pre-match nerves. The starting eleven were very buoyant and confident that they would turn in a good performance.

The game kicked off and The Don's showed their intent immediately with some very positive attacking play. In the fourth minute Sloan collected a pass around the half way mark and beat a couple of Utd defenders on his way to the bye line. His cross was met by Thomar and he headed past the Utd goalkeeper to make it 1-0. This obviously increased further the confidence of the Londoner players, and they showed some delightful passing and movement, in all areas of the pitch.

In sixteen minutes Steve Reid cut in from a wide left position, nutmegged two defenders then placed the ball past the advancing keeper to make it 2-0. Five minutes later with the opposition stunned by the high tempo Don's performance, Reid scored his second of the game. Not to be outdone Reid's striking partner Jonas Thomar then got his second goal of the match, so after thirty minutes Londoner were ahead 4-0.

Bangkok Utd were struggling to get into any rhythm, and with the Londoner defenders coping well any time Utd did go forward, it meant keeper Stamp was a virtual spectator for most of the first half. The stand in keeper dealt well with anything that came his

way, and was also showing his skills with some well kicked clearances direct to his team mates. The Don's had further opportunities to increase their lead with Alex Stamp going close with a header which came off the post, and Kemp also seeing a header going wide.

Half Time Londoner 4 vs Bangkok Utd 0

For the second half, De Silva started in midfield beside Kemp, with Wat and Wise continuing up front after they replaced Reid and Thomar late in the first half, and it didn't take long for Wise to find the back of the net. Kenny Gasser made a good run down the left hand side and crossed towards the Utd back post area, Wise got to the ball before the keeper and knocked it into the net for number 5. Bangkok did create some chances in the second half, and were getting more possession in the middle of the park. Paul Stamps only real save of the half came when a Utd player got some space at the edge of the box and shot straight at Stamp. Midway through the half James Reid replaced Kemp in midfield. This disappointed Danny's traveling supporter who had traveled half way round the world to see this game, and his performance. Just another different type of pressure for those running the team from the sidelines!

Navin Downer playing on the left side of midfield came out on top of the physical challenge in that area of the pitch. In the sixteenth minute he won the ball just inside the Don's half, made his way towards the opposition goal, shrugged off a challenge and



Stevie Reid secured MoM again following his 2 nutmegs and a partridge in a pear tree performance

slammed the ball into the net for goal number 6.

Thomar and Reid came back on to try and get their hat trick, unfortunately neither of them had a good enough opportunity to do so. Not surprisingly the pace of the game slowed and this allowed Bangkok to have their best spell of the game. With ten minutes remaining, a cross came in from the Bangkok left winger, and surprisingly the ball found its way to the back post where an unmarked Utd player knocked the ball past Stamp and into the net.

Ward came back on to replace Downer who certainly earned an extra few minutes respite from the action. This was an excellent performance from all the Londoner players, Gasser as normal putting in a tremendous effort and as usual having a shoot rebound off the bar. David Cooper in defence, Sloan and Downer in midfield and the twin strikers Steve Reid and Jonas Thomar all showing up well. Deputy keeper Stamp earns some extra praise for his first game between the sticks for the Don's. Man of the match this week goes to Steve Reid only just shading it from Sloan and Downer. His nutmegging skills being the difference on this occasion.

Next Week's Match

This Saturday the Don's are involved in another stiff test this time against Les Gaulois. Arguably the league's most flamboyant side fielding the run away leader in the goal scoring stakes they will offer a stiff challenge but unlike in other recent clashes this will

be resolved by skill rather than physical ability and should be a cracker. For all lovers of the beautiful game the match kicks off at 4.15pm at Patana School.