

Londoner FC

# The Reporter



## Dons hand out 5 of the best to Patana

### Weekend Results

- Winking Frog and Les Gaulois fought out a 2-2 draw in the top fixture of the weekend
- Seaboard thumped 9 passed the hapless Vikings as they march up the table
- Bullshead hit the back of the net 7 times again this time against Sunbelt
- Fire & Gas thumped Robin Hood 4-1 despite being away from home.
- Dubliner kept on the coat tails of Londoner with a 2-0 victory over the German AS
- BC and Bangkok Utd fought out a close 1-1 draw

**Londoner enjoyed a comfortable victory against Patana in their first competitive match of 2006 running out 5-0 winners on an unseasonably hot January afternoon.**

The one constant in this year's Casuals League has been that there are no easy games and despite Patana's lowly league position this once again proved true. With temperatures, April like in their severity, Patana set about their task with relish. From the outset they hustled and bustled, their defence played high up the park and the Dons were given no room to breath. Indeed adapting route one football, their high balls into the central areas were causing Londoner considerable discomfort and the first chance of the match fell to Patana but the inrushing forward failed to control the ball and it skipped through to the keeper. The Dons then took the lead when a hopeful ball to the back post from Daeng was misjudged by the young keeper and Silvis was on hand to knock the ball into the empty net to open the scoring in the 5<sup>th</sup> minute. Patana continued to press despite the setback with the ball residing in the midfield for long periods

without many chances being created. Navin Downer then took matters into his own hands collecting a ball midway inside the Patana half, he advanced before unleashing a thunderbolt that flew into the bottom right corner of the net that gave the keeper no chance. One minute later and Danai Downer got in on the act slamming home when the Patana defence failed to clear the danger and with 25 minutes gone the Dons were three up. With the heat taking its toll fresh legs were called for and James Reid's first touch of the game flashed off the keepers legs and out of danger. Navin Downer then saw another long range effort smash the cross bar as the Dons pressed a tiring Patana side. On 32 minutes the Dons extended their lead when Danai's shot from the left was well parried by Murgatroyd but it fell at the feet of James Reid who gratefully tapped home. There was still time for a little drama at the other end when Torrance misjudged a through ball allowing a Patana forward a great opportunity but he luckily managed to scramble to block the goal effort.

Half Time: Patana 0 v Londoner 4

The second half failed to deliver a goal fest as Patana managed to dig in and the Dons failed to exploit the possession they enjoyed.



*Navin Downer's blockbuster won him the MoM for this week*

Murgatroyd in the Patana goal more than made amends for his 5<sup>th</sup> minute error with a number of full stretch saves although he was helpless when Ellison and Kemp combined on the right before Kemp squared the ball to unmarked Steve Reid to apply the finish on 55 minutes. Patana had a golden opportunity to get a consolation goal with almost the last kick of the match when a defence splitting pass left the forward with only the keeper to beat but he flashed the ball passed the wrong side of the upright for the last action of the game.

Full Time: Patana 0 v Londoner 5

Man of the match had some sibling rivalry involved as Navin and Danai contested it, both getting fine goals, Navin Downer nipping it as his strike was from further out and his 'cross bar bashing' more severe than Danai's.

### League Standings

Londoner	12	32
Winking Frog	13	29
Bullshead	13	27
Dubliner	11	25
Seaboard	10	24
Les Gaulois	13	22
F&G Pattaya	13	18

### Next Week . . . .

The Dons face their first trip to the beach next week when they take the long road down to Pattaya to play Fire & Gas Pattaya on their own patch.

With F7G back to winning ways and Seaboard et al breathing down our necks it is another huge match. KO is at 4.00pm.