

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Londoner's late late show

Weekend Results

- Pattaya City and Les Gaulois exchanged red cards and not much else in a 0-0 draw as Pattaya lost the league's last 100% record
- German All Star's fought back with two goals in the closing stages of their clash with Winking Frog to win 2-1 nad go second top
- Woodstock scored twice late in the game to finally run out 4-1 winners over Vikings
- BC and Sunbelt shared a 6 goal thriller

League Standings

Pattaya City	4	10
German AS	4	9
Woodstock	4	9
Bullshead	4	7
Les Gaulois	4	7
Londoner	3	6
Winking Frog	4	4

Two goals in the last 4 minutes of play saw the Dons snatch a dramatic last gasp victory from old rivals Bullshead Brazilians and return them to winning ways.

A clearly pumped up Bullshead side started this match a pace and throughout the first half were first to every ball and won every 50/50 challenge as once more Londoner failed to make an impression in the early exchanges of a match. Back in their more recognizable 4-2-3-1 formation the Dons were making every effort to re-establish their passing game which had gone AWOL the week before but the tempo was too slow and their attacks were getting broking up quite easily by Bullies midfield. Despite only being able to create one genuine chance in the early stages, when a rare passing play split the Bullies open and Kemp's lobbed shot came back off the bar, the Dons had not looked in any real danger until a route one through ball from deep in the Bullie's half left Sammi in a leg race with a square Londoner back line and he held off a couple of challenges before calmly slotting past Torrance to put the Bullies ahead on 20 minutes. Clearly knocked out of their

rhythm the Dons then had to withstand a period of pressure with a couple of useful back post crosses being scrambled clear as Bullshead sought to double their advantage. Indeed by the half time whistle the big Bullies

Half Time: Londoner 0 vs Bullshead 1

With a realization that they were facing back to back defeats the Dons opened the second half in more determined fashion being more competitive in midfield and finally starting to create chances as they pressed for an equalizer. Bullshead got pressed further and further back being reduced to a small number of counter attacks and had their keeper to thank, as he pulled off a number of fine saves, as they managed to hold on with the clock running further and further down. With 15 minutes to go Londoner then reverted to last year's 3-5-2 formation to add a further forward to the attack but still an equalizer was not coming and it began to look like one of those days until Richard Evans, who had had an excellent game, came forward with the ball and split open the Bullshead defence with a glorious diagonal cross field pass that found Danai Downer racing in unmarked at the back post and his well di-

rected header found the back of the net with only 4 minutes remaining. Celebration on the Dons bench then turned to jubilation 2 minutes later when Nui broke clear down the right and his cross into the danger area found Danai Downer once more in position to apply a finish despite the efforts of a defender and the keeper to create a turn around that had looked extremely unlikely only minutes before. The relief was tangible on the faces of every



Danai Downer's Double made the difference

Dons player, who have to be credited for delivering a never say die performance which in the end was the difference in the sides. An excellent second half performance from Londoner was highlighted by the determination from Martin and Mielke in midfield and the double strike by Danai Downer despite fighting a stomach bug but Don's man of the match for an excellent contribution throughout and his assist on the vital equalising goal was young Richard Evans.

Full time: Londoner 2 vs Bullshead 1

Next Week's Match

This Saturday the Dons are scheduled to play against German All Stars with a 2.30pm KO in another match the Dons need to look for all the points in. Always a competitive game the

Dons will be hoping to contain the league's highest goalscorers and continue the climb back up the table. Patana School is the place to be.