

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Dons and Pattaya in cracker

Weekend Results

- Woodstock made it 5 wins on the trot when they beat Patana 6-3 in a high scoring match
- Winking Frog beat British Club 2-0 to keep up with leaders
- Les Gaulois bounced back to beat Sunbelt 2-2 in an exciting match up
- The German AS got over their setback of last week scoring 5 with no reply against Irish Exchange
- The Vikings miserable start to the season continued as they went down to Bangkok Utd 2-0 to remain cellar dwellers

League Standings

Woodstock	6	15
Pattaya City	6	14
German AS	6	12
Londoner	5	10
Bullshead	5	10
Winking Frog	6	10
Les Gaulois	6	10

In an exciting high tempo match both teams contributed to deliver a cracking advert for the MBMG International league as they shared the points in this week's top fixture.

Despite it only being Week 6 of the league both teams were aware of the importance of this fixture and right from the start they tried to gain an early advantage with the pace and tempo being very high despite the heat. Pattaya City settled the quicker with the Dons frequently guilty of giving the ball away cheaply through inaccurate passing. Pattaya were winning more than their share of the 50/50 challenges and second balls and as a result were ahead in the possession stakes. Despite both teams having excellent forward lines it was to be a game of few real chances as both defences were also well organized and stuck to their tasks throughout. First real chance fell to Pattaya City when a ball crossed from the left broke to a Pattaya forward but Torrance got down quickly to his shot and partially blocked it with Cooper on hand to complete the clearance. Pattaya then had the ball in the net and would have scored had their entire team not claimed for hand ball as loudly as they did causing the referee to immediately blow for the infringement a second before Mark Brittain pounced on the loose ball and

lofted the ball into the net with Torrance a spectator. The resultant free kick flying high and handsome. The Dons then created a chance with fine work on the right and as the ball flew across goal Mielke popped up at the back post but his shot produced an excellent reflex save from the Pattaya keeper who followed that up with an excellent touch over the bar from a wickedly dipping Danai Downer free kick on the right. With half time arriving Pattaya had one last chance good work finding their right midfielder arriving late to the back post but Torrance got down well to his right and held the shot.

Half Time: Londoner 0 vs Pattaya City 0

The Dons changed to a 4-2-3-1 formation at the start of the second half and immediately started to enjoy a much greater share of possession and territory with a number of goal mouth scrambles giving Pattaya a few nervous moments. Pattaya began to be pushed further back and by and large have to look for rapid counter attacks although the first talking point of the half came from a ferocious free kick from 35 yards out that thumped the Londoner crossbar and rebounded at least 20 yards back into play with Torrance looking very relieved. The Dons however continued to attack and went ahead on 60 minutes when excellent work on the right by Danai Downer resulted in a cross into the net and Nui pounced to drill home first time and give the keeper no chance. Unfortunately the Dons could not hold the lead for any length of time as Pattaya scored three minutes later in slightly controversial circum-

stances. A corner from their left floated to the back post where a couple of Pattaya players and Londoner players clashed in an airborne melee with the far linesman signaling the ball had crossed the line but failing to note the goalpost had been knocked out of position by three feet in the collision. Still the goal stood, making



Torrance was kept unusually busy in the match up with Pattaya City, even having to make the occasional save much to the collective amazement of the Dons players

up for the earlier 'goal' being ruled out and the sides were all square again. The game continued at a fast pace and Mark Brittain got the better of Alex Stamp as they chased a high ball up the middle but his shot on the turn was turned over the bar by Torrance. The last 5 minutes were hectic and at least two chances from close in managed to elude lunging Londoner toes before the referee whistled the end of this excellent match.

Full Time: Londoner 1 vs Pattaya City 1

Next Week's Match

Next on the Don's schedule are Bangkok United with a 4.00pm KO next Sunday 11th November. The Dons will be hoping to get back on the victory trail against a side who re-

corded their first victory of the season last weekend. Game as always is at Patana School for all lovers of the beautiful game.

