

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Don's Deadly Dozen Triumph

Weekend Results

- Pattaya City stayed top of the league in impressive style defeating Bullshead 4-0
- Woodstock and German AS battled to a share of the points with a 0-0 stalemate
- The Vikings sprang their best result to date defeating Les Gaulois 2-1
- Sunbelt scored a brace against Irish Xchange to pick up the points
- Patana and the British Club finished all square at one apiece with the latter moving into 7th in table.
- Clash of cellar dweller's saw Bangkok Utd take all the points beating BSL Youth 2-1

League Standings

Pattaya City	10	26
Londoner	9	22
Woodstock	9	22
German AS	9	19
Winking Frog	8	16
Les Gaulois	8	13
British Club	9	12

A severely depleted Londoner side rose to the occasion running out 5-1 winners against SCI Pickled Liver to move into second place in the league above Woodstock on goal difference.

Call offs rocked the Londoner camp both Friday and Saturday leaving only 11 regular players available for kick off Saturday. Derek Stamp had been unavailable, Nui and Daeng called off Friday, Ball and Perm were no shows, Meilke, Bookhammer, Silvis, Martin and Paul Stamp all called off Saturday morning and suddenly the normally large Londoner squad was looking very bare indeed. Indeed Khun Wat was press ganged into stripping as a substitute as the game kicked off just to provide a minimum of cover.

As always the opposition were full of running at the outset as fresh legs manfully closed down the Dons all over the park and much of the early play got bogged down in centre field and it took a piece of brilliance to break the deadlock. Excellent one touch passing sliced open the Pickled Liver midfield and defence and was finished off by a sublime first time strike from Danai Downer that flew into the bottom corner of the net giving the keeper no chance. Unfortunately this was undone inside minutes when Navin Downer's intended back pass to his keeper was intercepted by an alert SCI forward who calmly

placed the ball beyond Torrance for the equalizer. Fortunately the Dons got back on top on 20 minutes when Allesandro Astengo cut inside his man and drove the ball at goal, the keeper made an excellent parry but Andy Birt was on hand to knock the loose ball into the net to make it 2-1. On 25 minutes the Dons then suffered a set back when an excellent cross field ball from Navin Downer found Birt on the right and as he cut inside his man he was scythed down and badly damaged his ankle ensuring he played no further part in the game. The Dons one and only substitute then entered the fray and indeed found himself in the right position to score twice before half time only to fail with his final touch. As the whistle sounded for half time Wat's failure in front of goal became clearer as he had put on Alex Stamp's spare boots by mistake and was running as if on ski's!!

Half Time: SCI Pickled Liver 1 vs Londoner 2

The second period started with Wat now wearing Danny Kemp's boots, only 2 sizes too big now rather than 8 sizes and appropriately he was actually able to run about which was useful as Pickled Liver tried to up the pace early in the half in an attempt to get back on even terms. Despite the energy being expended they were finding the Londoner defence hard to break down with Steve Brunner having an excellent game beside Alex Stamp in the heart of the defence. Once more the heat was beginning to tell on the opposition and the Dons began to press forward once more and increased their lead in fine fashion, a superb free kick from wide on the

right found Alex Stamp at the back post and his header flew into the net to make it 3-1. Further problems for the Dons came as Brunner was involved in a crunching tackle and turned his ankle but with no further



Andy Birt picked up a bad ankle injury and is doubtful for the next two matches

substitutes he was sent to the front line with Andy Duffin falling back into defence as the Dons once more reshuffled. Insurance was then added 5 minutes later when Torrance dived at the feet of an inrushing forward to collect the ball and send a huge kick up the park which Brunner got a touch to into the path of Danai Downer who seeing the keeper off his line lobbed the keeper from distance and the ball floated into the net to make it 4-1. With the opposition's morale suffering and the heat adding to their discomfort Londoner added to their lead when Josh Ellison hit a superb free kick round the wall and high into the top corner of the net for a superb 5th goal for the Dons. There was still time for a little final drama when Dons got a late penalty only for the keeper to make an excellent save from Danai Downer flinging himself to his left to parry the ball away.

Full Time: SCI Pickled Liver 1 vs Londoner 5

An excellent performance by the Don's dozen and everyone deserves a share of Man of the Match for this week.

Next Week's Match

Next on the Don's schedule are Les Gaulois with a 2.30pm KO next Saturday 9th December. Londoner will be hoping to stay on the victory trail against a side who have been

performing in fits and starts all season. Game as always is at Patana School for all lovers of the beautiful game.