

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Dons pip Frog by single goal

Weekend Results

- Pattaya City and the German AS were involved in a fierce uncompromising battle that had two red cards. 2 penalties (1 missed) and a 3-1 scoreline in favour of Pattaya City who top the table at Xmas
- Bullshead beat British Club 5-1 to climb above them in the league
- Les Gaulois beat Irish Xchange 2-0 to go 7th in the table
- Woodstock thumped Bangkok Utd 6-2 to stay in touch at the top.

League Standings

Pattaya City	12	30
Londoner	11	28
Woodstock	11	26
German AS	10	19
Winking Frog	10	19
Bullshead	9	16
Les Gaulois	10	16

An outstanding all round performance saw the Dons deservedly pick up all 3 points in a highly competitive clash with rivals Winking Frog with Danai Downer's penalty being the difference in the end.

Once more Londoner were rocked by injuries and call offs as they prepared for this vital game against a side that took 4 out of a possible 6 points from them last season. Andy Birt continued to be side lined by his ankle injury, Derek, Alex and Paul Stamp all carried knocks, Danai Downer had been suffering from food poisoning, Alesandro Astengo and Eddy were late call offs and new signing Tommy Lowrie was not available to face his old team. Still the pack was shuffled once more with Navin Downer starting out wide on the left and his brother on the bench. The Dons got off to a lively start without a clear chance being created before receiving a double blow as Navin Downer rolled his ankle and limped off to be replaced by Danai and Alex Stamp limped off to be replaced by recently returned Richard Evans. Despite

the enforced changes Londoner continued to pressure the Winking Frog and Andy Duffin had the ball in the net on 20 minutes but it was ruled out for his push on the defender prior to scoring. Shortly after Londoner had a fair claim for a penalty turned down followed by a Scott Mielke drive being well saved by the keeper low to his right. Kemp then went close with a header as once more Lek in the Frog goal was proving difficult to beat. The Dons then had a let off themselves when a corner kick was headed into the net the referee spotting the scorer's illegal use of his opposite numbers shoulders!

Half Time Winking Frog 0 vs Londoner 0

With the fresh breeze now at their backs Londoner really took the game to the Frog only to find Lek handle everything they could throw at him. Following a goal mouth scramble he saved at point blank from Downer with the resulting corner coming to nothing. Kemp then saw his volley fly just the wrong side of the post as the Dons continued to press. Londoner then had a free kick about 22 yards out and Danai Downer produced another one of his customary swerving free kicks that bent round the wall and was headed for the net when Lek flew across goal and knocked it wide

when it looked as if the Dons had finally found the back of the net. Easily a strong candidate for save of the season from the Frog keeper. The breakthrough when it came was from the spot a free kick wide on the right found Nui wide on the left he skipped past one player and was rashly brought down by a second for a clear penalty kick. Up stepped Danai Downer and he fired high into the net giving the keeper no chance and the Dons finally had the lead they had pressed so hard for throughout. With just 15 minutes remaining Winking Frog went to 3-4-3 as they stepped up their efforts and a half chance wide on their right was blasted wide when a cross would have been more effective, this was followed by Leng avoiding a couple of challenges but not being able to find the space necessary to get his shot on target with the ball eventually being cleared and one final effort on the left which Torrance had covered as it flew past the upright.

As the final whistle blew the Dons celebrated a fine victory in their final game of 2006 against a robust side that delivered a strong physical challenge throughout the game. Man of the Match was Winking Frog's keeper Lek who just about nicked it from young Richard Evans who was impressive throughout at Centre Back.

Full Time: Winking Frog 0 vs Londoner 1

Next Week's Match

Next on the Don's schedule are the Scandinavian Vikings with a 2.30pm KO on Saturday 6th January 2007. Therefore we wish you a very Merry Xmas and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all then. Game

as always will be at Patana School for all lovers of the beautiful game.



Merry Xmas Everyone