

Londoner FC

# The Reporter



## Dons go top of the league

### Weekend Results

- Woodstock battered 8 goals past British Club to stay in the title chase
- Bullshead whipped Sunbelt 8-0 to get the year off to a flyer
- Les Gaulois beat Patana 4-1
- Bangkok Utd produced the shock of the day when they beat the high flying Germans 3-2
- SCI Pickled Liver whipped BSL Youth 7-1
- Winking Frog scored late to narrowly beat Irish Xchange 2-1

### League Standings

Londoner	12	31
Pattaya City	12	30
Woodstock	12	29
Winking Frog	11	22
German AS	11	19
Bullshead	10	19
Les Gaulois	11	19

**The Dons welcomed in the New Year in fine style firing in 7 goals with no reply against the Scandinavian Vikings to leap over Pattaya City and into top spot in the league.**

From the first whistle a pumped up Londoner side settled into their trademark passing game pressing the Vikings deep into their own half for long spells during which the opposition keeper had to look sharp to deal with a number of goal bound efforts. The Vikings were defending deep in their half relying upon quick counter attacks and it was therefore ironic that the Dons took the lead through a rapid counter attack of their own, Danai Downer collecting a throw out midway inside his own half following the breakdown of a Viking attack, his pass out wide on the left found Nui in space and he sped to the bye line before crossing into the 6 yard box where an inrushing Jamin Bookhammer gratefully fired home his and the Dons first goal of the year. The loss of a goal spurred the Vikings into a more attacking stance and consequently they were made to pay for this when they gave the ball away cheaply in mid field

and once again Nui ran to the bye line before crossing into the box for Bookhammer to fire home in near replica fashion to that of the first goal to double the Dons advantage. First half scoring was then completed in bizarre fashion 5 minutes from the end of the half, Matt Entwhistle found himself in a shooting position 25 yards out and let 'fly' with his weaker right leg, despite outrageous claims of spin and slice by Matt at half time, his shot trundled goal wards at almost snail pace before taking an unkind deflection off the heel of a defender which wrong footed the unlucky keeper and just about crept into the net for the most unlikely goal of the season and the Dons third of the game.

### Half Time: Londoner 3 vs Vikings 0

Aided and abetted by the wind behind them the Vikings came out strongly in the second half and tried to make a game of it, forcing a couple of corners which had the Dons defence on the back foot and scrambling to clear their lines. The next goal however came at the other end Nui latched onto a ball just on the edge of the box and his shot flew high into the net with the keeper a spectator to make it 4. Danai Downer then took matters into his own hands with a spectacular finish from

distance to make it 5-0 as the Vikings struggled to cope with a Dons team in full flow. Any thoughts of the Vikings rescuing anything from the game, no matter how remote, were squashed when Terry Boulter got a second yellow card for a late tackle and 'enjoyed an early bath'. The Dons then scored their best of the bunch, good work by young Richard Evans created space, he fed young Chris Duffin wide on the right and he sped to the bye line and fired a cross into the near post which Danai Downer met beautifully on the volley and it sped into net to make it 6-0. To their credit at no time did the Vikings give up the fight and they were unlucky not to grab a consolation when a shot from distance looked goal bound until Torrance tipped it wide. The final action of the game came when Richard Evans got wide on the right and fired a ball into the near post that ricocheted off defender, keeper and forward before landing on the line and Danai Downer poked it home to secure his first hat trick of the season and round of the scoring.

### Full Time: Londoner 7 vs Vikings 0

Man of the match again was a difficult choice, Josh Ellison playing superbly despite arriving in Bangkok from Denver at 2.00am that day, young Richard Evans again delivering a fine performance and Jamin Bookhammer welcoming in the year with a brace but this week's winner is Danai Downer with his fine hat trick.

### Next Week's Match

Next on the Don's schedule is the rearranged fixture against BSL Youth next Sunday 14th January 2007 with a 4.30pm KO. With only two points separating the top three teams nothing less than three points will be required

from a Londoner side that has been delivering excellent performances of late. Game as always will be at Patana School for all lovers of the beautiful game.

