

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Dons beat Irish X to stay top

Weekend Results

- Woodstock beat SCI Pickled Liver 2-0 to remain in second place in the league.
- Bullshead beat Les Gaulois 2-1 in an ill tempered affair.
- Pattaya City played their first match of 2007 beating BC 7-2. to remain in third place with a game in hand.
- The Vikings continued their recent good form with a 5-2 victory over Patana School
- Winking Frog huffed and puffed to a 3-2 victory over bottom club BSL Youth
- The German AS beat Sunbelt 4-1

League Standings

Londoner	14	37
Woodstock	14	35
Pattaya City	13	33
Winking Frog	13	28
Bullshead	12	25
Les Gaulois	13	22
German AS	12	22

Londoner had a comfortable victory over league newcomers Irish Xchange 7-2 to remain at the top of the MBMG International League on an unseasonably hot January afternoon.

Despite a light breeze the match kicked off in extremely hot conditions which did not deter the Dons coming flying out of the blocks. With almost their first attack of the game Andy Birt was released through on goal and he beat the keeper to the ball and steered it past him into the net for his first goal of the year. Minutes later and it was Danai Downer's turn to outpace the defence and clip the ball over the diving keeper and Londoner were two up in very quick order. Things then got even worse for Irish Xchange when following more excellent build up work Eddie Mamady found himself wide on the left and seeing the keeper off his line nonchalantly chipped the ball into the far corner for number 3 and his first in a Londoner jersey. Comfortably 3-0 ahead and with two players, Alex Dufaye and Rob O'Neil looking to make debuts manager Torrance then

shuffled the team around which seemed to be a general call to relax and take things easy as the glut of chances created in the first 20 minutes dried up and indeed Irish Xchange used the space they suddenly were enjoying to get a goal back. A fine attacking run from midfield sliced the Dons defence wide open and although the final shot which floated over the stranded Torrance may indeed have been intended as a cross the score line was 3-1. Both sides were now showing the effects of the high temperature as the games tempo was significantly reduced and the half closed out with no further scoring.

Half Time: Irish Xchange 1 vs Londoner 3

The half time pep talk seemed to have the desired effect as once more the Dons took to the offensive and within minutes had restored their 3 goal cushion albeit it in an unorthodox manner, good work on the left and a fine cross into the box causing panic and a defender hooked the ball into his own net. Londoner then increased their lead when the ball fell to Alex Stamp in front of goal and his half volley was smashed goalwards and despite the keeper making a fantastic blocking save the ball squirmed through his arms into the net to make it 5-1. Again the Dons sat back a little as

the heat took its effect and Xchange once more took advantage to grab another goal, a stunning volley from 25 yards leaving Torrance grabbing air. Back came the Dons and the Xchange keeper pulled off two tremendous saves from well struck shots as the Dons looked for further goals. Number 6 arrived courtesy of the penalty spot, Tommy Lowrie on his final match before reaching his 4th decade being given the honour of firing the ball home to make it 6-2. Londoner's final goal of the game came with 5 minutes left when Eddie Mamady was on hand to fire home from inside the box after an excellent cross from the left. There was still time for Danny Kemp to brilliantly control a near post ball before slashing wildly over the bar from close range as only Danny can.

Full Time: Irish Xchange 2 vs Londoner 7

On an afternoon when a number of regulars were not available Londoner played some excellent football interspersed by periods when they switched off. Alex Dufaye on his debut looked as if he will be a good addition to the squad when he gets acclimatised to the Bangkok heat showing good touches and good general awareness. Eddie Mamady's fine contribution including a brace of goals saw him pick up the Man of the Match award on a day when everyone in red got at least pass marks including birthday boy and goalscorer young Tommy Lowrie.

Next Week's Match

Next on the Don's schedule is their return fixture against Patana School next Sunday 28th 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.

