

Londoner FC

# The Reporter



## Dons hit Patana for 6

### Weekend Results

- Woodstock missing influential mid fielder Gasser lost to Les Gaulois 3-1 to fall behind in the title chase.
- Bullshead continued their winning ways defeating Winking Frog 2-1 to leap frog into 4th place.
- Pattaya City defeated Sunbelt 3-0 to move into 2nd place in the league.
- The Vikings routed BSL Youth 9-1
- German AS defeated SCI Pickled Liver 4-0.
- The BC were beaten by Bangkok Utd 4-2 in a slightly heated affair.
- Irish Xchange won the battle of cellar dwellers 3-2 against pointless BSL Youth

### League Standings

Londoner	15	40
Pattaya City	14	36
Woodstock	15	35
Bullshead	13	28
Winking Frog	14	28
Les Gaulois	14	25
German AS	13	25

**Londoner continued their fine run of form as they defeated Patana School 6-0 in a match where they played outstanding football throughout to remain in top spot in the league.**

On an afternoon when a fresh breeze was to keep temperatures well below usual, both sides started at a high tempo with the Dons once more passing the ball around with composure and with growing confidence against a Patana side determined to close and press at every opportunity. From early in the match it was clear that promising young keeper Michael Murgatroyd was in fine form commanding his box well and blocking at the feet of several Dons players to thwart possible goals. Indeed in large part due to his performance it took almost 20 minutes for Londoner to open their account Scott Mielke creating a little space for himself on the edge of the box before firing home a low drive that clipped the post en route to the back of the net. Londoner almost doubled their advantage within minutes fine work by Nui on the left gave Danai Downer an opportunity but his measured shot hit the inside of

### Next Match

Next on the Don's schedule is their return fixture against Woodstock Wanderer's on Saturday 10th February 2007 with a 4.30pm KO. With Woodstock the single blemish on the Dons season to date they will be

the post and rebounded into the arms of a relieved Murgatroyd. The Dons were not to be denied for long and Andy Duffin timed his run into the box to perfection to direct his shot into the net to make it 2-0 to Londoner. With the half running down Patana probably had their best spell and with 5 minutes remaining to half time were awarded a free kick wide on their right, despite Tommy Lowrie's protests of innocence. The resulting free kick evaded all attempts to redirect it and it fell to an unmarked Patana player at the back post but Torrance managed to block his goal bound effort and the Dons immediately counter attacked with Nui running half the length of the park before placing the ball beyond Murgatroyd to make it 3-0.

### Half Time Patana 0 vs Londoner 3

With Londoner's newest fan in attendance manager Torrance was under serious pressure to ensure Aysha's Dad got a run out and so with 10 minutes of the second half gone Steve Brunner made a welcome return to the side coming in at sweeper for the remainder of the game. Alex Stamp had also enjoyed a breather at half time enabling his older sibling Derek a run out in his place but came back onto the park to spell Alex Dufaye and during his brief

cameo in midfield was perfectly placed to knock home the Dons' 4<sup>th</sup> goal after Nui had run through on goal only to be thwarted by Murgatroyd who unluckily could only watch from the ground as the ball span to Alex Stamp to usher into the empty net. In fairness Patana kept on plugging away and Torrance was almost caught off his line by a long range chip which he was happy to just about reach. On a day when Danai Downer was thwarted 3 times one on one with the keeper and Nui thwarted twice it could have been forgivable if the Dons forwards started to ask whether they were ever to score and indeed with only 5 minutes remaining the Dons only led by 4 goals. This was quickly altered fine work by Nui on the right supplying a ball into the centre that Danny Kemp was on hand to unbelievably crash into the net and not over it! In the final minute Nui again got clear on the right and this time his cross found Danai Downer who finally found a way past Michael Murgatroyd to score his side's 6<sup>th</sup> goal but more surprisingly only his first of the match.

### Full Time Patana 0 vs Londoner 6

In perfect conditions Londoner enjoyed the lion share of this game with everyone having a good run out in preparation for their upcoming game against Woodstock. Man of the Match for obvious reasons went to young Michael Murgatroyd who single handedly kept the score in single figures.

looking for a big victory which would almost extinguish Wanderers title hopes. As always the game will be played at Patana School.

