

Londoner FC

# The Reporter



## Weekend Results

- Pattaya City crashed for the second week running as they lost at home to the Vikings 1-0
- Bullshead got back on the winning trail with a 2-0 victory over Patana School
- Sunbelt beat SCI Pickled Liver 4-2
- BC fought back to beat a seriously understrength Les Gaulois 2-1
- BC and SCI Pickled Liver also shared the spoils with a goal apiece
- Bangkok Utd continued their recent good form shocking Winking Frog 1-0
- Woodstock took full advantage of the Londoner slip up as they beat Irish Xchange 2-0

## League Standings

Londoner	18	46
Woodstock	18	41
Pattaya	17	37
Bullshead	16	34
German AS	16	32
Les Gaulois	17	29
Winking Frog	17	29

# Germans Dump Dons

**Londoner's lead at the top of the table was slashed as they crashed to defeat at the hands of the German All Stars with all the damage being done in a first half that was easily their poorest performance in the Casual League ever.**

Londoner, with a number of key players absent, got the game underway kicking into a strong wind that was to give their opponents a significant advantage throughout the first half. A physical and energetic German side immediately took the game to the Dons and had them pinned back for most of the half. Attacking down both flanks GAS repeatedly had Londoner in trouble and forced them to change to a 442 formation to combat the threat. GAS almost took the lead on 10 minutes when a miss hit cross from 30 yards had Torrance scrambling to divert for a corner. Minutes later and Torrance again came to the rescue when he stood up well to a one on one situation turning the ball wide for another corner. The Dons were struggling all over the field failing to play their traditional passing game and being physically dominated as the Germans enjoyed most of the

possession. The closest the Dons came was when Nui hit a rising shot that flew past the bar and upright with the keeper scrambling. With 20 minutes on the clock the GAS pressure finally played off a near post corner being glanced into the net with the Dons static. Ten minutes later and the Dons failure to defend corner kicks once more revisited them although there was a large slice of luck falling the German's way as the incoming corner hit the back of a German player and flew into the net to make it 2-0. Things could have been even worse before the break when minutes later Stamp got a crucial touch to a near post cross to break up a threatening play and then Lowrie deflected a goal bound shot wide of the target as a rampant German side continued to push forward.

**Half Time: Londoner 0 vs German AS 2**

Manager Torrance had reshuffled things at the break and Alex Stamp reappeared up front alongside Nui and Derek Stamp came on in defence to provide a more physical make up to the team. From the restart it was obvious that the Dons had finally woken up and they started to pass the ball about and use the advantage that the strong wind was to give them as they immediately pinned

the German's back and it took a fantastic save from the big GAS keeper off Nui's shot to deflect it onto the bar and over. This was to become a trend throughout the half as the Dons totally dominated the game with a combination of poor finishing, excellent goalkeeping and Germanic good fortune ensuring that the Dons were to finish goalless for only the second time this season. With 15 minutes to go things then got even worse for Londoner when a dubious free kick was awarded to GAS on the edge of the box, the offended player bouncing up immediately with a grin on his face causing a melee during which one German player came running in and two handedly pushed Lowrie away, not even receiving a yellow card for his trouble. A minute later and following a further free kick the same GAS player was strongly but fairly tackled by Alex Stamp as he cleanly won the ball the GAS player going down screaming and enticing the referee to give Stamp a straight red card despite a huge protest by the Dons players. It should be noted that despite this the Dons continued to dominate the half but failing to score as time ran out. It is doubtful that the red card incident changed the final result and the GAS deserved their victory for the strong first half performance but it was doubling painful as they face the probability that influential defender Alex Stamp will miss the crunch game against Pattaya next week.

**Full Time: Londoner 0 vs German AS 2**

## Next Match

Next on the Don's schedule is their trip to the seaside to play Pattaya City. With both sides losing their last outings they will be seeking to stop the rot in what many had thought would have been a title decider prior

to the defeats. Very much a must win fixture for both sides the game kicks off at 4.00pm on Saturday 3rd March at Horseshoe Point.

