

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Don's Late Late Show Nicks It

Weekend Results

- Buulshead beat old rivals British Club 4-0 to keep up their challenge for runner's up spot.
- Pattaya won their first home game in 5 as they handed the German All Stars a rare defeat 3-1 down by the sea.
- David Serene hit 8 goals to go top of the scoring charts as Les Gaulois thumped Irish Xchange 10-0
- Sunbelt were too strong for the BSL Youngsters eventually running out 5-0 winners
- Woodstock pipped Bangkok Utd by a solitary goal to move within a point of second placed Pattaya

League Standings

Londoner	24	64
Pattaya	24	52
Woodstock	23	51
Bullshead	21	47
Germans	22	43
Les Gaulois	22	35
Winking Frog	21	34

Londoner scored twice in the last 5 minutes of the match to steal all 3 points from Winking Frog in a compelling match up that leaves Londoner only requiring 2 more victories to secure a second successive championship. Coming back from a goal down on two occasions, Leighton Chenner's last minute winner sent the Don's into raptures at the end of a thoroughly entertaining game between the rival pub teams.

With Bangkok temperatures climbing into the high 30's and little love lost between the two teams it was always going to be a hotly disputed fixture. Winking Frog won the toss and chose to hit with a strong wind at their back in the first half as both teams looked for the early advantage. Winking Frog have always been a strong physical side and throughout the first half dominated both first and second ball possession, especially in midfield, and whilst they did not create a large number of openings they certainly managed to keep Londoner from being a threat for most of the half.

Next Match

Next on the Don's schedule is their return match against the Scandinavian Vikings. With the Dons knowing that they require only two more wins to secure the title they know they will get no favours from the 'Scans' in

Winking Frog went ahead on 20 minutes, Londoner went to sleep on a throw in and this left a player unmarked on the edge of the 18 wide on the Don's left, unchallenged, his shot flew past Torrance and into the net off the back post to send the green hoards into a celebratory frenzy. Curiously the Dons still failed to get into their usual passing game, all too often the final ball falling well short of the mark and the only chance of any merit came when Johnson beat the offside trap and his first time shot on the half volley was acrobatically turned round the post for a corner by the keeper. As the first half drew to a close both sides were showing signs of heat fatigue as chances became almost non-existent.

Half Time: Winking Frog 1 vs Londoner 0

From the restart it was a clearly more inspired Londoner side as they took the game to the Frog and started to win their share of 50/50 challenges. Torrance had sent Alex Stamp up into the forward line and his height and strength clearly unsettled the opponents who were finding it difficult to deal with him adequately and it required a good save by the keeper to prevent him striking the equaliser. Time and again the keeper did well against the Dons forward line and so it was slightly ironic that the equaliser came courtesy of a goal keeping error, a high ball into the box from the right coming out of his hands and being scrambled home by Alesandro Astengo. No sooner had Londoner got back on level terms when they found themselves behind again, Daeng with

plenty of time completely missed the ball and it ran into the path of the Frog forward who then slipped the ball past a lunging Lowrie and then passing the ball beyond Torrance into the path of another forward to tap into the empty net to make it 2-1 to Winking Frog. Once more Londoner went in search of the equaliser as the time started to run down and whilst it was clear that Winking Frog were starting to tire in the heat no one watching could have anticipated the late drama. With just 5 minutes remaining an excellent passing move caused havoc in the box and as the ball came out Andy Duffin was on hand to clinically fire into the corner of the net beyond the diving keeper for the equaliser. 3 minutes later excellent work on the right allowed a dangerous ball to be fired into the near post and despite the attentions of the keeper, Chenner managed to react quickest to the ball and scrambled it home at the second time of asking to send the Dons players into celebration. With only a minute remaining Winking Frog then fired a long high free kick into the box which Lowrie nodded over his own bar for a corner which came to nothing and seconds later the referee blew the final whistle to the delight of the boys in red.

Full Time: Winking Frog 2 vs Londoner 3

On a day when many players were out of sorts in the first half, Man of the Match candidates were few, Josh Ellison as always ran till he dropped, Neng Johnson is starting to settle into the team and Andy Duffin's equaliser was pure quality but MoM this week goes to that old warhorse Tommy Lowrie who led the backline superbly throughout a very physically challenging match to record a victory over his old team.

what is always a no holds barred encounter. Game is at 3.00pm on Saturday 28th April at Bangkok Patana School.

