

Londoner FC

# The Reporter



## Dons secure fine 2-0 victory

### Weekend Results

- Bullshead kept the championship alive after narrowly beating a spirited Sunbelt 2-1
- Woodstock Wanderers scored in each of their first 3 attacks enroute to a comfortable 9-0 win over BC Casuals
- Winking Frog walloped Irish Xchange 5-0 to move back into 6th place in the table ahead of Les Gaulois

### League Standings

Londoner	25	67
Woodstock	24	54
Pattaya	24	52
Bullshead	22	50
Germans	22	43
Winking Frog	22	37
Les Gaulois	22	36

**Londoner closed in on retaining the league championship last Saturday after a hard fought 2-0 victory over Scandinavian Vikings left them requiring just 3 points from their last 3 games to ensure success.**

Against probably the most improved side in 2007 Londoner knew they would face a hard physical battle and indeed the Vikings were not to disappoint although no one could have expected the Dons to have taken the lead inside 2 minutes. A breathtaking opening spell of fine passing play with enough patience to spread the Vikings across the park was finished off in sublime fashion, Allesandro Astengo leaping high in the air to volley an excellent cross into the corner of the net before the keeper could even move, to put the Dons ahead. Rather than collapse however the Scans came back hard, got themselves organized and started to play an aggressive pressing game that time and

### Next Match

Next on the Don's schedule is against Irish Xchange on 12th May with a 3.00pm kick off at Patana School. With the Dons knowing that victory in this game

again saw Londoner attacks come to nothing due to pressure on the ball. With Anders Schmidt using every trick in his accomplished book to win free kicks and turn the defence, the Scans were beginning to look dangerous and so Torrance was required to bring Alex Stamp back into defence to deal with the threat. As the game settled into a battle for control of the midfield, the Scan's Schmidt came closest to scoring as his quickly taken free kick caught the defensive wall unprepared and barely flashed past the post.

**Half Time: Londoner 1 vs Scans 0**

With the Dons only holding a slender lead it was no surprise that the Vikings came out strongly in the second half and managed to have a spell of attacking pressure whilst Londoner were still looking dangerous on the counter attack. In a period of time when both sides had chances Danny Kemp flashed a drive over the bar and Scott Mielke had a curling drive from distance very well saved by the Scan's

will wrap up the title this should be a good game as the winning post comes into sight. All spectators welcome to support the final lap of the race.

keeper at full stretch. At the other end Torrance pulled off a decent stop low to his left when it looked as if the Vikings had got their equaliser and Schmidt had the ball in the net only for the referee call play back for illegal use of his hand. As the game entered the final minutes Londoner had managed to weather the storm as their opponents started showing signs of fatigue after closing down throughout the game and they succumbed to a late killer blow when Navin Downer hit a cross come shot from wide on the left and almost at the goal line and the ball curled into the top back corner of the net, with the keeper helpless, to double the Don's advantage.

**Full Time: Londoner 2 vs Scans 0**

In a game that was won by hard endeavour rather than exceptional play everyone played an important role in securing the victory that puts the Dons on the verge of their second league title. Man of the Match this week goes therefore to Alex Stamp who effectively played the Scans biggest threat Schmidt totally out of the game when he came back into defence.

