

Londoner FC

The Reporter



FANTASTIQUE!

Weekend Results

- Bullshead beat Bangkok Utd in a bad tempered affair 4-1 to move within a point of securing the runner's up spot
- Woodstock Wanderers won 2-1 against Pattaya City to ensure the seaside's finish in 4th place.
- BSL Youth finally won a match defeating British Club Casuals 8-6 in a titanic struggle
- SCI Pickled Liver and Irish Xchange sharing the points in a cellar dweller clash.
- Winking Frog and the Vikings clashed for bragging rights with the Frog running out 5-2 winners

League Standings

Londoner	28	76
Woodstock	28	63
Bullshead	26	62
Pattaya	28	61
Germans	27	52
Winking Frog	25	46
Les Gaulois	26	42

The Dons brought their successful league campaign to a thunderous conclusion on Saturday as they blew the opposition away with a devastating second half performance that saw them score 8 goals in the 40 minute period to end the season in style.

Going into the final game of the campaign with the title already in the bag and perhaps thoughts of the Londoner Player of the Year Dinner that evening in the back of their minds the Dons came out of the blocks slowly against a Les Gaulois side missing their star striker, David Serene. Whilst sharing possession in the opening period, all too often the Don's attacks were failing to penetrate a well organised French defence and indeed slowly they began to lose the battle for share of the 50/50 balls on another extremely hot afternoon at Patana. Operating a quick counter attack whenever possible Les Gaulois shocked the Dons by taking the lead on 20 minutes, the ball bouncing loose in midfield, Alex Stamp for once not being able to

Next Match

Next on the Don's schedule will be the League Cup which is scheduled for the weekend of 23rd and 24th June once more at Patana School. With the Dons having wrapped up the league they will be looking towards

deal with the breaking ball allowed a French forward to run through the defence before squaring for an intruding Yannick Hue to fire past Torrance for the opening goal. Much Gallic frivolity followed and things could have got worse but a second breakaway finished with a weak shot into the keeper. As the half drew to a finish Dons finally managed to get some penetration and they could have finished on equal terms when Alesandro Astengo broke through but with the keeper to beat his pass around the keeper was just too far ahead of an intruding Andy Duffin and his shot on the stretch clattered the upright and out of play.

Half Time: Londoner 0 vs Les Gaulois 1

The Dons came out with all guns blazing in the second half taking the game to the French and were rewarded almost immediately when a cross into the box came off the arm of a defender and the referee immediately pointed to the spot. After considerable gamesmanship on behalf of the French keeper a spot was agreed upon and Danai Downer happily fired home to level the match. Minutes later and the Gallic voices were finally silenced Alessandro Astengo being put through

and he rounded the keeper and slotted the ball home. Almost immediately we had the inevitable handbags at five paces that you always enjoy with the French but after the dust had settled it was a much less composed French side that saw Jamin Bookhammer take possession on the edge of the box and send a scorching drive into the net giving the keeper no chance to make it 3-1. With their tails up the Dons began to dominate the game and Jamin Bookhammer playing his final game in a Dons jersey before returning to USA split the defence with a beautiful through ball that Danai Downer ran on to and floated the ball over the advancing keeper and into the net for number 4. Next up debutant striker Sky Riggs was on hand to fire home a rebound after the keeper had saved well from Danai Downer to make it 5-1 and then Daeng broke down the left hand channel and cutting inside fired home as only he can do to make it 6-1. To their credit the French did not totally collapse and a piece of dribbling magic from Yannick Hue turned the defence inside out before he fired past Torrance to grab one back. With the game winding down there was still time for two more excellent goals, Alesandro composing himself on the edge of the box before firing beyond the keeper grabbing number 7 and Danny Kemp rising above everyone and crashing home a header off the bar from a corner right on the final whistle to round off an exceptional half of football.

Full Time: Londoner 8 vs Les Gaulois 2

