

Londoner FC

# The Reporter



## Londoner and Cosmos Blank Each Other Out

### Weekend Results

- Woodstock shocked a strong Pattaya side 4-1 down by the seaside.
- Bullshead and the Germans shared 4 goals and a share of the points.
- Les Gaulois exposed the Winking Frog defence with an impressive 5-2 victory. Yannick Hue grabbing a hat trick.
- BSL won their first match of the season sneaking a 1-0 win over Patana School.
- Bangkok Utd beat the Vikings 3-2 to open their season account.
- New boys Anatoli beat Pickled Liver 2-1 in a close fought affair.
- British Club and TPKA Irish had a 2-2 draw .

### League Standings

Les Gaulois	1	3
Woodstock	1	3
Bullshead	1	1
German AS	1	1
Londoner	1	1
Cosmos	1	1
Pattaya	1	0
Winking Frog	1	0

**With pre-season over Londoner kicked off their 2007/08 season against 'new' team Cosmos, a side that to all extents and purposes has been called Dubliner and then Woodstock in recent seasons. A match that was always likely to be a close affair did not disappoint as the teams cancelled each other out in a scoreless draw although both teams will point to chances that should have secured them the full 3 points.**

With a breeze at their back Cosmos made the early running keeping the Dons pressed back in their half for long spells without creating too many clear cut chances whilst all too often the final ball from Londoner was high into the centre of a Cosmos defence that were comfortable all day with that type of challenge. The first real chance fell to Cosmos after dallying at the back gave away a free kick on the right but Mauro Beck's free kick was well held by Torrance. The Dons were then forced into a change Neng Johnson succumbing

to his viral infection and being replaced by Navin Downer with Daeng slotting into the back three. Cosmos then threatened again from a short corner and a hard hit drive from Pedro took a late deflection and struck the diving Torrance on his face and away from danger as the Dons goal continued to ride its luck. Stamp, Lowrie and Daeng then decided to leave the same ball and once more Torrance was called on to save at the feet of an inrushing Chatree. The Dons only real chance of the half fell to Alex Dufaye who ran through on a chip ahead and beat the keeper to the ball but his header fell the wrong side of the post.

**Half Time:** Londoner 0 vs Cosmos 0

Londoner welcomed the breeze for the second half and from the re-start immediately began pressuring the Cosmos defence. The Dons typical wide passing game however was still not firing on all cylinders and whilst they dominated possession and territory for the entire second half they were restricted to a single clear cut chance 5 minutes from time when Dufaye had to rush a shot from 6 yards out and it flew narrowly over the bar to the relief of the entire Cosmos side. Earlier Andy Duffin had gone

passed his man wide on the right and his low ball into the middle was just scrambled clear and both Stamp and debutant Steve XXXX had back post headers fly wide of the goal. In the second period Cosmos were reduced to a small number of long range shots as their attacking prowess seemed to 'have gone with the wind'! Certainly the final whistle was more warmly welcomed by a Cosmos team that was tiring and being more stretched than a Londoner side that had frustrated itself by the lack of clear chances they created and a share of the points perhaps a fair result on the balance of a game that typified the old cliché 'a game of two halves'.

**Full Time:** Londoner 0 vs Cosmos 0

With a large number of players putting on Londoner strips for the first time in a competitive match it was perhaps not surprising that the fluidity and passing game normally associated with the Dons was absent but with a very competitive league in prospect manager Torrance and his assistant Lowrie will be hoping to step things up for next week's game against the Bullshead.

Man of the Match : Not awarded

### Next Week's Match

This Sunday the Dons are scheduled to play against Bullshead Brazilians with a 4.00pm KO as they look to get their league campaign kick started . Always a competitive game the Dons

will be hoping to get their shooting boots back on . Patana School is the place to be for all lovers of the beautiful game.

