

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Weekend Results

- Woodstock went top of the league with a 2-1 victory over winless Winking Frog
- Cosmos recorded their first ever win as they beat the German All Stars 3-1
- Pattaya bounced back from their shock defeat to run out comfortable 5-2 winners over Les Gaulois
- A late equalizer by British Club secured them a 1-1 draw and share of the points against Bangkok Utd.
- Pickled Liver proved too strong for Patana School as they won 3-1
- TPKA Irish had a second 2-2 draw in a row this time against the Scandinavian Vikings.

League Standings

Woodstock	2	6
Cosmos	2	4
Londoner	2	4
Les Gaulois	2	3
Pattaya	2	3
Bullshead	2	1
German All Stars	2	1
Winking Frog	2	0

Londoner nick first win

Londoner were pushed to the very end by the Bullshead Brazilians before a late Alex Stamp goal settled the match in the Dons favour and give them their first win of the new season.

Last year's runners up were always going to push the Dons hard and enjoying the breeze at their back in the first half, largely dominated proceedings against a surprisingly lethargic Londoner side without managing to get the vital breakthrough in the first 40 minutes. A hard working Dons defence managed to restrict the Bullies to several long range free kicks which did not test Torrance and their best chance of the half fell minutes before the break but Lowrie put in a magnificent block, the resulting corner coming to nothing. At the other end Londoner were guilty of failing to create many real scoring opportunities with Richard Evans going closest with a header from a Danai Downer corner that just missed the top corner on the high side.

Half Time: Londoner 0 vs Bullshead 0

The manager's team talk had a positive effect second half as the Dons came out and started to play at a better tempo and with a much more controlled passing game. Notwithstanding, the bulk of the game continued to be played in the middle portion of the park and whilst enjoying considerably more possession

Londoner failed to really test the keeper to any extent with Richard Evans again being the greatest threat from set pieces into the box. Scott Mielke then took a very quick free kick and released Andy Duffin through on goal but his effort just squeezed past the wrong side of the post to the relief of the Bullie's support. Then with 10 minutes remaining it was the turn of the Dons' support to take a deep breath Torrance initially blocking a breakthrough before the

retrieved it and returned it into the box where it landed at Alex Stamp's feet and he fired home to the delight of everyone in red and white. With less than 5 minutes on the clock remaining Bullshead did not give up and deep into injury time earned one final free kick 25 yards out which came back off the wall and the referee blew to end the match to the immense relief and joy of the Dons players as they celebrated their first league win of the season.



Relief as players celebrate Big Al's breakthrough goal

Full Time: Londoner 1 vs Bullshead 0

rebound was fired into the danger area and pinballed around before bouncing harmlessly by for a goal kick. Then as the time was running down and a second consecutive scoreless draw was facing the former champions a free kick from the right went over everybody and beyond the far post where Alex Dufaye

On a day where again the Dons failed to get going in the first half, their first goal of the season and first win of the season were welcome news. Perhaps slightly harsh on Bullshead, who contributed hugely to an entertaining game, the Don's management will be delighted with a second shutout and concerned by the lack of goals so far. Richard Evans and Leighton Chennery had good matches and Alex Stamp scored the vital goal and generally was very solid in defence but the Man of the Match award goes to Tommy Lowrie for an impressive performance commanding the defence and for his vital block just before half time.

Next Match

The Dons are next scheduled to play against Winking Frog with a 2.30pm KO on Saturday 20th October. Always a very competitive game the Dons will be hoping to continue

their momentum. Patana School is the place to be for all lovers of the beautiful game.