

Londoner FC

# The Reporter



## Weekend Results

- Woodstock stayed top of the league when they saw off Cosmos 4-2. Racing into a 3-0 half time lead they never looked back to record an impressive win.
- Les Gaulois and the Bullshead enjoyed a high scoring tussle with Bullshead equalizing with almost the last kick of the game for a 3-3 result that leaves the Bullies still searching for their first win of the season.
- Pattaya picked up where they left off last game as they hammered another 5 goals into the net this time at the expense of the German All Stars who could not cope with the high tempo pace of Pattaya.

## League Standings

Woodstock	3	9
Londoner	3	7
Pattaya	3	6
Les Gaulois	3	4
Cosmos	3	4
Bullshead	3	2
German All Stars	3	1
Winking Frog	3	0

# Dons keep it tight for 3-0 win over Winking Frog

**Occasional glimpses of a Londoner side at their best were enough to secure a 3-0 score line that did not fairly reflect Winking Frog's contribution to a highly entertaining clash as the Dons moved into second in the table.**

The early kick off once more ensured that heat fatigue would be a factor in a game that has traditionally been hard fought and this was to be no exception. Winking Frog made their tactics clear from the off as they closed down the Dons midfield at every opportunity forcing poor quality service to the attack on a surface that was unusually bumpy for Patana School. With play all too often breaking down in midfield chances were few and far between in the opening period until Danny Kemp found some space in the box after a corner had not been cleared but his shot produced a stunning diving save from the Frog keeper. The Dons then opened up the Frog defence with a superb pass for Duffin to run onto but with only the keeper to beat he failed to control the ball and the opportunity was lost. Londoner finally went ahead on 25 minutes when a high ball into the box again was not cleared properly and Alex Stamp did very well to control the ball before turning and dispatching it into the bottom corner of the

net for the opener. Sandro and Andy Birt replaced Danai and Alex Dufaye in attack and they combined together superbly to carve out the Dons second goal. Sandro stepped over the ball, beat his man and put a ball into the path of the inrushing Birt who fired low into the net despite the keepers best efforts to double the Dons advantage.

Winking Frog were forced to start chasing the game and pushing much higher up the park and Torrance had to be alert to a low drive from Sokko that he parried round the post just before half time as the Frog had their first real sustained period of attacking in the game.

**Half time: Londoner 2 vs Winking Frog 0**



*Big Al was on fire again with 2 goals*

The second half had only just got underway when the turning point in the game occurred, Leng from the

Frog seized on a defensive lapse to run in on goal before squaring for the unmarked, inrushing Sokko to fire home only for Torrance to pull off a remarkable point blank reaction save and deny a certain goal. The Dons then had to withstand a period of concerted pressure from Winking Frog as the latter fought to try to get back into the game with a number of corners and free kicks being well defended. Pushing so strongly did leave the Winking Frog exposed at the back and whilst trying to counter attack quickly from a defended corner Frog gave the ball away and left them exposed at the back and as the ball came through there were three Dons players clear and Alex Stamp slammed the ball home for his second of the game and make it 3-0 for the Dons. To the Winking Frog's credit they never gave up throughout the match although the closest they came in the final 20 minutes was a free kick from distance that whilst on target did not really threaten the keeper whilst the Frog keeper had to be at his best to deny one on one attacks from Sandro and Sky Riggs which would have put the game even further beyond the Frog.

**Full Time: Londoner 3 vs Winking Frog 0**

A final result that perhaps slightly flattered the Dons and was harsh on the Frog it is still pleasing to get the points in the bag. Whilst there were signs that the team is finally finding some form there remains room for improvement. Outstanding contributions from Sandro and Andy Birt, tireless running from Richie Evans and another solid performance in defence from Tommy Lowrie could not take away the Man of the match award from Alex Stamp this week who was flawless in defence and scored two very important goals to sit top of the goal scoring lists having scored 75% of our goals to date!

## Next Match

The Dons are next scheduled to play against Pattaya with a 4.00pm KO on Saturday 27th October. Always a very competitive game the Dons will be looking to gain revenge for their pre-

season set back against the boys from the seaside. Patana School is the place to be for all lovers of the beautiful game.