

Londoner FC

# The Reporter



## Pattaya dominate Dons

### Weekend Results

- Woodstock crashed to their first defeat of the season when they went down 2-1 to previously winless Bullshead.
- Cosmos closed the gap on the leaders beating Les Gaulois 3-0 without ever being really stretched.
- 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

Pattaya City	4	9
Woodstock	4	9
Cosmos	4	7
Londoner	4	7
Bullshead	4	5
Les Gaulois	4	4
German All Stars	3	1
Winking Frog	3	0

### In a hard fought match a well organized highly motivated Pattaya City side consigned Londoner to their first defeat of the season.

Londoner failed to seize the opportunity to go top of the league on Saturday when they went down 2-1 to a Pattaya City side that more than matched the Dons in all departments on the day. For the fourth time in as many games the Dons were slow out of the blocks as the men from the seaside pressed forward robustly in a first half that they totally dominated. Londoner were being given no time to settle on the ball as they were being pressed successfully and time and again were guilty of giving possession away too cheaply and failing to win their share of 50/50 challenges. Pattaya City had a strong team for the occasion and their forwards in particular were moving off the ball very effectively pulling the Dons defence in all directions. On 20 minutes Torrance had to be at his best as a through ball evaded both Tommy Lowrie and Nengy leaving the Pattaya forward through on goal but his shot was touched

onto the post before bouncing out and across the face of goal before being booted clear. Ten minutes later and there was no let off this time for the Dons as a very quick counter attack down the Dons left followed by an excellent deep cross found Emmanuel Tshiuma sprinting in unmarked at the back post to crash a header high into the net for the opening goal. Encouraged by the goal Pattaya then pressed for a second and the Dons were being forced back as the first half ran down.

### Half Time: Londoner 0 vs Pattaya City 1

Having delivered a very poor collective performance in the first half the Dons clearly rolled their sleeves up from the start of the second finally getting the ball on the deck and trying to play passing football. Udit was lively on the right whilst Navin and Andy Duffin provided a little more bite in the middle of the park. Pressing much higher up the park and playing with a slightly quicker tempo they finally started to test the Pattaya defence which proved to be resilient throughout the match. During this decent spell Pattaya as an attacking force was little in

evidence but in truth the Dons could not muster a shot on target despite the pressure and more than their share of possession with Danai having the best scoring opportunity as he found space on the left but his shot skewed wide. Inevitably as the clock ran down more and more risks were being taken by the Dons and again a quick counter attack left a 3 on 2 situation and as Brittain released Tshiuma through on Torrance he made no mistake to double the City advantage.

The Dons did get a late equalizer as young Benny found the back of the net from a narrow angle on 78 minutes but it was too little too late and shortly after the referee's whistle signalled a deserved 2-1 victory for Pattaya.

### Full Time: Londoner 1 vs Pattaya City 2

On a day when the Dons conceded their first goals of the season and had their first, and only, shot on target on 78 minutes Man of the Match was wearing the all yellow strip of Pattaya. Emmanuel Tshiuma's double comfortably earning him the award. For the Dons Navin, Udit and Benny did well, big Gerry had a decent debut without enjoying any real service whilst Richie Evans, Andy Duffin and Alex Stamp were the only other players playing to their usual high standards.

### Next Match

The Dons are next scheduled to play against Woodstock with a 4.00pm KO on Sunday 4th October. Always a very competitive game the Dons will be looking to get back on track after

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

