

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Danai's double delight for Dons

Weekend Results

- Dubliner edge Bullshead 1-0 to go top for first time this season
- Les Gaulois maintain 100% record beating Blitz 2-1
- Winking Frog win first game ever beating Robin Hood 5-3
- German AS beaten by Seaboard FC in Pattaya 3-2
- British Club lose out to BKK Utd in boisterous affair, 7-2
- Schools derby finishes all square after Patana blow 3 goal lead. Shrewsbury 3 Patana 3



A Danai Downer double in the second half was enough to ensure the Dons took full points from their clash with last year's league runners up Scandinavian Vikings. In an enthralling clash once more Londoner gave up an early goal before rallying to win 4-1.

With Bangkok continuing to 'enjoy' an unseasonably hot spell both teams were delighted to be kicking off at the later time of 4.30pm having seen the mercury finally fall below 35 degrees Celsius in the shade! Londoners were fielding a strong team from the start with hopes of getting off to a better start than last week but were met by

an eager and determined Scans team that were trying to make amends for their disappointing early season form. Both teams were playing attractive football which was to set the trend for the rest of the match. Despite the best intentions of management the Dons fell behind after only 5 minutes when the Scans were awarded an indirect free kick 20 yards out which was taken quickly and from a lay off was dispatched into the net from Anders boot with the keeper rooted to the spot. Spurred on by this the Scans continued to press and could have doubled their lead following another free kick which was superbly delivered into the middle of the box, behind the Dons defence and onto the head of the intruding forward who directed towards the top corner of the net only to see it tipped onto the bar by Torrance and cleared from danger. Londoner was still trying to play football but was finding it difficult to create any clear cut chances and indeed could have gone further behind on the 20 minute mark when another free kick was lofted over the defensive wall into the path of a Scans player who was thwarted by the keeper saving at his feet.

Clearly time for a management shuffle, Ken MacDonald introduced Andy Wild and Khun Drakon to the fray and within minutes they had combined for an excellent equaliser. Played down the line from Khun Puum, Drakon got behind the defence got to the goal line and sent an inch perfect cross over to Andy Wild to

direct into the net with his head. All very simple but very effective and 1-1. Taking some of the wind out of the Viking sails Londoner then had their best spell of the half taking advantage of some tired legs in the hot conditions. Just on halftime Khun Dome was put through and he turned a defender inside out before rounding the keeper and applying the finishing touch to put the Dons ahead and the Scans headed to the sideline slightly dispirited having had a decent share of the first 40 minutes but finding themselves 2-1 down.

Whilst the Londoner's game plan was clearly more of the same please the Scans sought to disrupt things a little with a number of challenges flying in from both sides and a number of players finding their way into the referees 'wee' book in the early stages following the restart. Then Downer struck for the first of his goals 7 minutes into the second half taking advantage of the keeper failing to deal with a ball knocked across the face of the goal by Andy Wild. The ball spinning off his hands into the path of a grateful Downer who dispatched high into the net. Exactly what the Dons were looking for the 'insurance' goal forced the Vikings to risk more and more in search of a goal to get themselves back in the game and this in turn created more space and opportunities for Londoner. Then in the 58th minute Danai struck again, this time with a little piece of magic as he ran at the defence beat two defenders and then lashed the ball high and hard into the net giving the keeper no chance. Facing an uphill struggle the Scans played right to the end and had a number of opportunities to add to their score but a combination of little luck and good defending saw Londoner maintain their lead to the finish. Once more an excellent all round performance by all in a red jersey with Alex Stamp in particular having a stellar game effectively marking the Vikings star forward Anders out of the match. Man of the match however goes to Danai Downer for his excellent double with management feeling he just shaded the award from Alex.

League Standings

Dubliner	5	10
Bulls head	5	9
Les Gaulois	3	9
Londoner FC	3	7
Shrewsbury	3	7
RC Pattaya	4	7
German AS	5	7

Dons to face Robin Hood

Next week sees Londoner face the first of our local pub team derby's against Robin Hood. Following the excellent victory over last years second placed Vikings side the Dons next face the team a team that has been blowing hot and cold since the

start of the season. The Dons will be hoping for more of the same and keeping their rivals firmly in the bottom half of the league. Match KO's at 4.30pm at Patana School for all lovers of the beautiful game.