

Londoner FC

# The Reporter



## Danai double destroys Blitz

### Weekend Results

- Dubliner beat Seaboard FC 6-1 to stay top
- Les Gaulois defeated a spirited BC 2-0 despite having only 10 men
- Winking Frog's winning run ended at the hands of Bullshead who won 3-0
- German AS had a 6 goal thriller with Shrewsbury, 3-3 goals apiece and 2-2 red cards apiece!
- BKK Utd shared 6 goals with Patana in 3-3 thriller
- RC Pataya and Robin Hood shared spoils in 1-1 draw

### League Standings

Dubliner	7	16
Bulls head	7	13
Les Gaulois	5	13
Londoner FC	5	11
German AS	7	11
Bangkok Utd	6	10
RC Pattaya	5	8

### Another delightful Danai Downer double secured the points for the Dons as they returned to winning ways against a competitive Blitz team.

Londoner managed to put the bad taste of last weeks dourly 'fought' draw with Robin Hood behind them playing some delightful football against a Blitz side that was still looking for it's first victory of the season and judging from their performance they may not have to wait that much longer. With Andy Wild watching forlornly from the side lines with a groin strain and Khun Ball suspended the Dons welcomed back Danny Kemp to the centre of midfield and started with John Wilde and Khun Wut up front. The Dons started off the brighter of the two sides passing the ball about well but not managing to find the penetration necessary in the final third of the pitch to really test the Blitz defence. The Blitz were playing with good tempo and were pressing in midfield especially giving the Dons little time to settle but they were not really threatening the Londoner goal as the game settled into a midfield struggle during the early exchanges.

Coach MacDonald then changed things around introducing Khun Daeng for his Don's debut at left

wing back allowing Danai Downer to move into the forward line and give John Wilde some well earned rest. Daeng immediately showed his skills with a delightful cross field pass behind the Blitz defence that Wut almost capitalised on. Danai then struck for the first of his goals in the 25<sup>th</sup> minute when he beat his man and curled a superb strike into the top corner of the net giving the keeper no chance what so ever. The game continued on in a competitive vane with both sides creating half chances with Blitz threatening at set pieces and even seeing the ball rebound from the bar following a corner kick. Half time arrived with no further scoring.

A lively but very clean game continued in the second half with MacDonald ensuring everyone got a run out for the Dons with James Firth and Matt Entwhistle both showing well in the period. The Blitz had obviously been whipped up at half time however and for a ten minute period they pressed the Dons defence with Alex Stamp once more managing his defence impeccably. The pressure was immeasurably eased in the 12<sup>th</sup> minute of the second half when Danai received a ball to his feet at the edge of the box, he turned 'on a sixpence' leaving two defenders for dead and then stroked the ball passed the out rushing keeper for another magnificent goal to give the Dons a 2 goal lead and the cushion they had been looking for.

John Wilde was then reintroduced in search of goal but was only on the

field for a matter of minutes when he was caught late by a Blitz defender and he had to limp back to the touchline. Whilst there was still considerable time on the clock Londoner managed to control the remainder of the game although it took an excellent tackle from Firth to prevent Blitz getting a late consolation. In the gathering darkness the referee blew full time with Londoner having played well and deserving of the points.



*Danny Kemp made a welcome return to the Dons midfield*

## Dons to face Bullshead

Next week sees Londoner face a stiff challenge when they face the 'legendary' Bullshead Brazilians. The 'Bullies' have been around for over a decade now and are showing strongly once more this season currently lying 2nd in the table so it will be an inter-

esting test for the Dons who will be without influential midfielder Sargeant and new comer Daeng. Match KO's at 3.00pm at Patana School for all lovers of the beautiful game.

Every one in a red shirt performed well on the day with honourable mentions for Khun Daeng having a notable debut, a resolute midfield performance from Messrs Kemp and Sargeant, excellent running from Khun Wut and Khun Manat and all round defending by Khun Dao, Derek and Alex Stamp and James Firth. Man of the match for the second time in three matches was Danai Downer with two memorable strikes on a day when there were few chances at either end.