

Londoner FC

# The Reporter



## Late strikes secure points for Dons

### Weekend Results

- Dubliner mau Patana 9-0 to stay top
- Les Gaulois defeated a spirited Seaboard FC 2-1 to move into second place
- RC Pattaya defeated Blitz 2-1 in a tight affair as Blitz remain winless
- Shrewsbury saw their undefeated record go by the wayside losing 2-1 to Bangkok Utd

### League Standings

Dubliner	8	19
Les Gaulois	6	16
Londoner FC	6	14
Bullshead	8	13
Bangkok Utd	7	13
German AS	7	11
RC Pattaya	6	11

**In a competitive game that lived up to its “Match of the Day” billing, two late goals from the Dons finally killed off a very competitive Bullshead side. The final score line of 3-0 to Londoner not really reflecting the effort and pressure applied by the Bullies throughout an entertaining encounter which saw both sides endeavour to play football throughout.**

With the Bullshead standing in second spot in the league facing an undefeated Londoner side the stakes were high and it was no surprise when both teams started at breakneck speed. First blood went to the Dons when midfielder Paum controlled the ball high on his chest, brought it under control and dispatched it hard and low into the bottom right hand corner of the net giving stand in keeper Watts no chance whatsoever. Cries for hand ball had fallen on a deaf ear and Londoner were ahead within minutes of the start. This however seemed to spur the Bullies further as they pressed forward at every opportunity and effectively closed down the Londoner midfield for long spells in the first half. On 15 minutes it looked as if the Brazilians would get their equaliser when Khun Ball uncharacteristically failed to control a pass and the ball ran through to an unmarked striker but Torrance quickly closed

the angle and saved with his feet to maintain the slender lead for the Dons. The high tempo was maintained until the end of the first half with neither side being able to create any further scoring opportunities of any great merit and the referees whistle to signal half time was a welcome relief to two sets of hard worked players.

Half time Londoner 1 Bullshead 0

With the slight breeze at their backs the Bullshead came roaring out of the blocks and for twenty minutes or more Londoner struggled to get control of the ball resorting to long clearances which were gratefully returned to the danger area. One corner in particular resulted in a goal mouth melee when it appeared that it would have been easier to score than miss but the final shot was blocked as it was goal bound and finally cleared from danger. On another occasion Torrance did well to hold onto a rasping drive which fortunately for the Dons lacked direction. Whilst not an ill tempered game three yellow cards were waved in the Londoners direction with the third for alleged time wasting by Torrance. Perhaps incensed by his sense of injustice on the next goal kick Torrance delivered it up field without hesitation to see it flicked on by Wild into the path of a grateful Downer who ran through to dispatch the ball passed a despairing keeper. A simple direct piece of play that clearly took almost all the wind from the Bullies sails, certainly from one or two of the louder supporters on

the side lines! Three minutes later and Wild picked up the ball 25 yards out and thrashed a dipping drive high into the top of the net for a glorious goal which put the game beyond doubt. There was still time for Matt Entwhistle to surge down the left and deliver an excellent cross to the back post which saw Downer foiled by an excellent piece of goalkeeping. Right on the 80 minutes the referee blew for time ending an entertaining game that had seen both teams play well throughout.



*Man of the Match Andy Wild welcomed back after injury*

Full time Londoner 3 Bullshead 0  
An excellent result for the Londoner moves them up to third in the league and keeps them well in contention. Everyone in a red shirt contributed once more with both Derek Stamp and James Firth delivering excellent performances at centre half, Drakon and Manat on the right side and Daeng and Entwhistle on the left doing well, Dome, Ball and Paum working hard in conjunction with Danny Kemp in midfield, Alex Stamp once more outstanding in the heart of defence and Downer and Wild doing well to get on the score sheet once more. Man of the Match was a difficult decision this week with so many goods performances but the timely head flick and the superb third goal from Andy Wild eventually earned the management’s decision.

## Dons to face British Club

Next week sees Londoner have an easier challenge when they face the British Club who have been consistently inconsistent this season so far.. Another team who have been around for ever they have had a poor season by their standards to date and will be

looking for an improved performance against the Dons. Match KO’s at 3.00pm at Patana School for all lovers of the beautiful game.