

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Don's Magnificent 7 Sink BC

Weekend Results

- Dubliner's late late show steals points form Shrewsbury in tight 1-0 victory
- Les Gaulois were awarded a 3-0 walkover as Patana cancelled the fixture
- RC Pattaya fell at home to an inspired Bullshead Brazilian squad losing to a solitary strike
- Vikings return to winning ways with a 5-2 victory over winless Blitz FC
- Seaboard take points in 3-1 victory over Winking Frog
- Winking Frog pipped Patana 3-2 in their second outing of the weekend

League Standings

Dubliner	9	22
Les Gaulois	7	19
Londoner FC	7	17
Bullshead	9	16
Bangkok Utd	7	13
German AS	7	11
RC Pattaya	7	11

Dons continued on their winning ways eventually running out comfortable winners over a well marshalled British Club team after being held for the first period except for a very unusual opening sequence.

Anyone attending the British Club vs Londoners match on Saturday November 27th would have missed the first goal if they arrived any more than 5 seconds late as that was the time it took for John Wilde to kick off to Andy Wild who launched a rocket from half way that came down in the top right hand 'postage stamp' with stand in custodian Vaughan Elias a spectator. At somewhat less than 5 seconds from start to finish it will definitely find a home in the Bangkok Casuals League record books and is worth forwarding to the Guinness Book of Records for their consideration. Despite losing such an unusual goal so early British Club immediately got their sleeves rolled up and were well disciplined at the back with John Sheehan and Tom Lowrie both demonstrating their collective wealth of soccer experience and in midfield Jamie and Tim gave their counterparts in the Londoner team a stern test especially in the first half. As with the previous week despite going ahead early the Dons struggled to take advantage of this and indeed had only one further chance in the first period when Andy Wild crashed the ball off the bar. Once more however dominant defending at the back from Londoner denied the opposition any real sight of goal in the first half.

Half Time: Londoner 1 vs British Club 0

Dons to face Seaboard FC

Next week sees Londoner face the other Pattaya side who are fresh from a victory over Winking Frog. Like Londoner they are a new team to the league and their first choice red strip will see Londoner wear their blue strip for the first time. With Danny

Kemp, Manas and Derek Stamp all missing the clash Coach MacDonald will have to shuffle the squad one more time. Match KO's at 3.00pm at Patana School for all lovers of the beautiful game.

Coach MacDonald was clearly concerned with the high percentage of possession not being converted to chances and goals and rested a 'charged up' Andy Wild bringing Manas on in his place and within a couple of minutes of the restart the change reaped dividends when Manas raced on to a through ball from John Wilde and crashed it into the net to give the Dons the breathing space they had been looking for. The British Club then got themselves tangled at the back and John Wilde intercepted a ball intended for a defender took a touch and placed the ball beyond the reach of the keeper to get his second goal of the season and stretch the lead to three with two goals in the space of the opening five minutes of the second half. Clearly the double strike impacted on both teams with the Dons starting to play the ball about with confidence finally using width to great affect whilst the British Club struggled to get back into match and could have gone further behind when a rare right footed cross from Andy Wild was headed onto to the crossbar by John Wilde. The Dons welcomed Nick Sargeant back after a week away ten minutes into the second half and he got on the score sheet almost immediately playing a one two on the left before directing the return pass into the far corner of the net for an excellent goal. Andy Wild then got his second of the match before Sargeant struck again in almost identical fashion to his first as the British Club were being pegged back further and further and the game was being stretched as both sets of players tired. A final goal from Danny Kemp summed up the BC's luck on the day when his first attempt was well saved but came back to him and Kemp slammed home the rebound to round off an excellent performance by the midfielder. It was an

excellent reflection on the BC spirit that the last chance of the game fell to them but Torrance got down well to block an acutely angled drive right on the final whistle.

Full Time: Londoner 7 vs British Club 0



Man of the Match, Manas who's goal early in the second half swung the game

The score line certainly flattered a Dons team that struggled for much of the first half to come to grips with a side that was well organised at the back and had two quality midfield players looking for every chance to get forward. Notwithstanding to score seven goals without Danai Downer and Khun Wut being available was definitely a bonus in a match that once more saw everyone involved giving a good account of themselves. Both Andy Wild and Nick Sargeant scored excellent braces despite the former getting more than his fair share of defensive attention whenever the opportunity arose. John Wilde's goal probably got the loudest roar of the day as he scored for the first time since the opening game and can only hope to grow in confidence. All the thai's played well and once more the Stamp brothers and James Firth were excellent and helped to contribute to a fourth clean sheet for player manager Torrance. Man of the Match however for this week goes to Manas who not only put in his usual solid performance wide right when necessary but when put up front in the second half got the vital second goal which got us on our way.