

**Londoner FC**

**The Reporter**



**Kemp shines as Dons win 4-1**

**Weekend Results**

- Dubliner continued their unbeaten run with a 4-2 victory over Winking Frog with Bookhammer scoring all the Dubliner goals to lead the league in scoring
- Patana stopped Robin Hood's winning streak at two with a fine 3-1 result over the men in green
- The Vikings got back to winning ways with a 3-2 victory over a Shrewsbury team that gifted all three goals
- The German all Stars traveled to Pattaya for their second trip to the seaside and came away with a creditable 3-2 victory
- The Bullshead nipped British Club 1-0 in a tight affair.
- Seaboard thumped 5 past hapless Blitz who remained scoreless and continue winless.

**Londoner fought back from an early setback to record an excellent victory over a spirited and energetic Bangkok Utd to maintain contact with league leaders Dubliner.**

Following a week that manager Torrance will want to forget it was a much changed Londoner side that took the field to face mid table Bangkok Utd who rather ironically were resplendent in their new England away kit as they faced Londoner in their change strip which is a close copy of the Japanese national strip. Entwistle and Firth were unavailable, John Wilde had announced his retirement, Khun Dome, Khun Paum and Khun Drakon were unavailable, last weeks debutants Ernest and Peter were elsewhere and mild panic had set in. Alex went on a mad recruiting drive and arrived 10 minutes before kick off with two new recruits and the strips leaving everyone the task of getting stripped, warmed up and introduced in short time. Fortunately Khun Manas had also stepped into the breach and Londoner welcomed back Khun Wut and Khun Nom to their ranks and we kicked off with 16 players to select from albeit 9 being Thais. With that much confusion and uncertainty it was perhaps surprising that the Dons were first to show and indeed both Downer and Kemp had early opportunities denied them by good goalkeeping. Bangkok Utd then

intimated they were not going to lie down when a defence splitting pass found their centre forward unmarked in the centre of the penalty box but his first touch was poor and Torrance gratefully smothered the ball. Further pressure from Londoner again saw good keeping thwart them before they fell behind to an excellently taken goal when following another through ball the forward skipped passed his defender and stroked the ball over the advancing keeper to open the scoring. To everyone's credit Londoner did not panic and continued to press forward with Kemp going close on a number of occasions bringing the best out of the Japanese keeper with a flashing header that the keeper deflected over from under his bar and crashing a drive off the post following excellent work down the right by Khun Tik. The equaliser finally came in the 35<sup>th</sup> minute when Andy Wild slid into a blocking tackle and connected beautifully with the ball which flew into the bottom corner of the net before the keeper had moved. There was no further excitement in the final minutes of the half and both sets of playes were happy to get their breath back.

Half Time Bangkok Utd 1 vs Londoner FC 1  
The second half got off to a fast start with an immediate attack from Bangkok Utd and when the ball was squared across the box the striker should have done better than fizz the ball past the upright. Both teams then settled down looking for the breakthrough and it came in the 55<sup>th</sup> minute when good interplay saw Kemp get free on the right and his cross was

converted by Khun Tia to put the Dons ahead. The goal lifted the Dons and they extended their lead in the 60<sup>th</sup> minute when a defender failed to clear a routine ball and Danai Downer pounced to rob him of the ball and square it for Khun Wut to tap home.



*Man of the Match Kemp did everything but score in an outstanding performance*

With a two goal cushion the Dons were finally stroking the ball about and looking more in command at the back. A fourth and final goal was added in the 70<sup>th</sup> minute when Downer fired over an excellent free kick from wide on the right and Wild rose to glance it into the bottom corner of the net.

The game petered out towards the end and Londoner were happy to hear the final whistle after coming back from being a goal down to win for the second time this season.

Full Time Bangkok Utd 1 vs Londoner 4

Man of the Match by a clear margin was Danny Kemp who did everything apart from score the goal his tenacious play warranted.

**League Standings**

DUBLINER	<b>13</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>LONDONER FC</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>29</b>
BULLSHEAD	<b>13</b>	<b>26</b>
LES GAULOIS	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>
GERMAN AS	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>
RC PATTAYA	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>
ROBIN HOOD	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>

**Next up the BIG ONE**

Our next match is on Sunday 23rd January against the dreaded Dubliner who are currently riding an 11 match winning streak after losing their season opener and drawing their second match. With Londoner laying their unbeaten record on the line as well it

promises to be an epic struggle and we understand that tickets are going fast so get to the ground early to avoid disappointment. Match KO's at 4.30pm at Patana School for all lovers of the beautiful game.