

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Weekend Results

- Robin Hood held on to pip Shrewsbury in a 9 goal thriller as Shrewsbury hit the post as time expired
- Patana defeated winless Blitz 2-0 to record a second win in as many weeks
- The Vikings fell to the German All Stars 3-1 in a closely contested affair
- The Bullshead edged a 7 goal thriller with Seaboard down in Pattaya to keep the heat on the top teams
- Bangkok Utd shared the spoils with RC Pattay 2-2 down on the Seaboard
- The Winking Frog were leading Les Gaulois 3-0 when a pitched battle caused the game to be abandoned. League officials are currently reviewing the matter so watch this space.

League Standings

Dubliner	14	35
Londoner FC	12	30
Bullshead	14	29
Les Gaulois	10	23
German As	13	21
Robin Hood	12	18
RC Pataya	12	16

Dons hang on for share of spoils

The eagerly awaited clash between the league's top two teams finished all square at Patana on Sunday with the neutrals declaring the result a fair one.

Once more Londoner had a number of call offs to contend with on the morning of the match and Torrance and MacDonald had to frantically juggle their game plan with Downer dropping back into left wing back and Wild moving into midfield. With a lot at stake both teams were eager to assert themselves early on with Bookhammer and Smart looking lively for Dubliner but being well marshalled by the Stamp brothers and Ball. The first real chance of the game fell to Dubliner when Bookhammer got behind the defence and crossed into the six yard box only to see the ball spin off a defender in to the grateful hands of Torrance. With much of the game contested in the midfield both teams were restricted in the chances they managed to create with the greatest danger coming from the respective team's flanks. Dubliner almost took the lead after Torrance failed to clear the immediate danger of a through ball only to get a lucky break and clear at the second

attempt. Londoner then struck when Downer picked the ball up in his own half went on a run past two Dubliner players before he was unceremoniously brought crashing down by Meilkie on the edge of the box when he was almost completely through. Justice was perhaps served however when Wild struck a sensational curving shot around the wall and into the top left hand corner of the net to put Londoner ahead. Whilst Dubliner continued to look dangerous at corner kicks the first half ended with Londoner ahead by their solitary strike.

Half Time: Dubliner 0 vs Londoner 1

With both teams refreshed the pace was once more frenetic with first Dubliner having a half chance nicked off the toe of Bookhammer by Stamp and then a sublime interpassing move combining 6 players saw Manas only just fail to connect to a tantalising cross from Downer with goal at his mercy. Slowly Dubliner were pressing the attack winning a greater amount of possession in midfield as they looked for the equaliser. Bookhammer then took possession on the edge of the box went past Ball and was brought down by a high leg with the referee immediately pointing to the spot. Dusting himself down

Bookhammer took the penalty himself, sent Torrance the wrong way and whipped the ball past the upright to give the Dons a huge let off. Dubliner continued to



Derek Stamp had outstanding game against Dubliner

press without really testing the Dons goal until a slack pass out of defence was pounced on by Beck who unleashed a swerving pile driver of his own that flew into the bottom corner of the net from 25 yards and it was all square and game on. Wild had a free kick from a similar position to the one he scored from but this time it flew over the bar, Dubliner had a free header at the back post that flew straight into the keepers arms but that aside Londoner managed to weather the storm and hang on for a draw.

Full Time: Dubliner 1 vs Londoner 1

Man of the match for the Dons just went to Khun Ball ahead of Derek Stamp who easily played his best game of the season despite turning his ankle early in the match.

Next game in question

As a result of the incident in the match between Winking Frog and Les Galois an internal enquiry is underway and until completed both teams have been suspended from the league. Accordingly at press time there remains a question mark over whether our game

with Les Galois will proceed or not. If indeed it goes ahead it will be a 4.30pm kick off at Patana School on Saturday 29th January.