

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Dons late late show foils Pattaya once more

Weekend Results

- Irvine saw red as Robin Hood were beaten by Les Gaulois 3-2 in a late comeback
- Dubliner extended their lead at the top of the league trouncing hapless Blitz 7-0 as Dons slipped up
- The Vikings and the Winking Frog left their defences behind as they shared an eight goal thriller
- The Bullshead and Bangkok Utd traded 3 goals apiece to share the spoils
- The German All Stars faced old rivals British Club as favourites given their strong showing all season but came away empty handed as BC beat them 4-1.

League Standings

DUBLINER	17	44
LONDONER FC	14	34
BULLSHEAD	17	33
LES GAULOIS	15	26
GERMAN AS	16	25
RC PATTAYA	16	23
SEABOARD	15	22

Following their first encounter where the Dons struck twice in the last ten minutes to secure a draw with Pattaya they once more grabbed a dramatic last minute equalizer to thwart Pattaya in a close fought affair.

The Londoner squad reduced in numbers for various reasons, arrived at Pattaya's home 'pitch' eager to resume after a few weeks of inactivity in the Casual's league. The kick off was delayed while the match officials marked out the penalty box lines. Derek Stamp declared himself fit after warming up, however after only 10 minutes, had to be substituted, and not able to take part in the remainder of the match. This meant an immediate reshuffle of the Dons defence with Barber being called upon in defense and won some important headers and tackles to keep the RC Pattaya strikers at bay. The playing conditions were not conducive for 'silky soccer', and RC Pattaya started off the first half looking the more dangerous side. The Londoner defence however managed to restrict the chances Pattaya created to long range efforts, some of them going too close for comfort. Goal-keeper Alex Stamp dealt comfortably with anything within his range.

Both sides were playing back to front

Next game vs Vikings

Our next match sees us play our return fixture against the Scandinavian Vikings who have been showing a return to form recently and will be looking to avenge their 4-1 defeat by the Dons. The

football looking for the respective forwards to latch onto anything that wasn't mopped up by either defence. Firth and Ball were dealing quite comfortably with most of Pattaya's attacks. Londoner's best goal scoring chances were from set pieces, with Andy Wild in particular going close on a few occasions. The first half ended all square.

Half time: RC Pattaya 0 v Londoner FC 0

having rested a sore knee early in the second half, making some surging runs down the left and some great crosses but unfortunately the Londoner strikers could not connect.

Slightly against the run of play with about 15 minutes remaining Pattaya managed to open the scoring. One of their forwards running towards goal was lining up his shot when the ball looked as if it bounced away from him, he managed to get his shot on



Danny Kemp's last gasp equaliser celebrated in frenzied style as the clock ran out

The Don's were determined to play a more controlled passing game in the second half and this helped to create some half chances, with Manas going close with a shot from just inside the box. A long range effort by Wild from another free kick went close, and The Don's were looking the best side at this stage of the match with Entwistle,

target without the power originally intended, but this deceived the Londoner keeper and the ball ended up in the net. The Londoner side was more determined and were coming close to equalizing on a few occasions. With only one minute remaining, from close range Danny Kemp got his head onto a cross which beat the keeper for the equalizer. With his own personal fan club watching from the side, Kemp's celebrations were somewhat unique, and the rest of the players were happy to join in. A well deserved point was secured from a much improved second half performance.

Man of the match was Danny Kemp.

match KO's on Saturday 27th February at 3.00pm at Bangkok Patana's playing fields for all lovers of the great game.