

Londoner FC

# The Reporter



## Dons and Vikings share spoils

### Weekend Results

- Robin Hood fell to Winking Frog by the odd goal in seven to experience back to back defeats
- Dubliner extended their lead at the top of the league grinding out a solitary goal victory against third placed Bullshead
- Seaboard thrashed a slumping German AS team 5-0 to move up to 5th in the league
- British Club and Bangkok Utd drew 1-1
- Shrewsbury AFC turned in one of their better performances seeing off a wilting Les Gaulois 4-2.

### Vikings fought back to snatch a draw from Londoner in a fair and competitive encounter which ultimately sees Dubliner draw further away at the top of the league.

Following last weeks draw in Pattaya Londoner were happy to be back on Patana's lush green fields and were looking to get back to winning ways. Facing a rejuvenated Vikings side they began strongly passing the ball about well and using both flanks in the opening period and taking the game to the Vikings despite playing into a freshening breeze. Despite this encouraging start however it was the opposition who opened the scoring when following a headed clearance from a corner the ball was fired back at goal on the volley and it flew into the top left hand corner of the net with Torrance a spectator. Londoner however simply rolled their sleeves up and continued to play attractive football and were rewarded in the 20<sup>th</sup> Minute when Khun Dao redirected a near post corner into the net before

anyone could react. Dons then took the lead following a goalmouth scramble at the Dons end of the pitch, Torrance picked up the ball and threw it up field amidst strong Viking appeals for a penalty, Londoner broke out quickly and Downer raced through to stroke the ball home for the go ahead goal. There were further half chances at both ends but there was no further scoring.

Half Time: Londoner 2 vs Vikings 1  
 With the breeze at their backs Londoner seemed to go to sleep perhaps assuming the game already won and a harrying and chasing Viking team slowly fought their way back into the match and managed to create a number of half chances. The Dons had lost their rhythm and were no longer passing the ball well resorting all too often to long balls which the wind carried away from the intended receiver. They were also suffering from the fact that a low turn out of expats meant that there was no rest available and holes started to open in the centre of the midfield. The Vikings then forced the ball down the Dons right and the resulting cross was fired high into the net for a deserved equaliser. Finally realising they had a game on Londoner then had their best period of

the half and following a promising breakout Kemp was involved in a clash of heads which resulted in blood pouring from above his eye. Given the lack of substitutes available he was bandaged up and continued to play. The resulting freekick however flew wide and then minutes later Wild stretched for an inviting cross only to see his contact fall the wrong side of the post. When the whistle sounded the only cries of delight came from the Dubliner players who had remained behind to watch the game as Dons dropped points opened up daylight at the top of the league for the first time this season.

There was genuine disappointment on the Dons bench at the end as in the first half the team had produced one of the best 40 minute periods of the season which made the much flatter performance in the second half more disappointing. Despite this everyone played well and certainly there were a lot of tired legs at the end as Dons had come across a Vikings side that had "finally clicked".

Full Time: Londoner 2 vs Vikings 2

Man of the Match: Ball

### League Standings

Dubliner	18	47
Londoner FC	15	35
Bullshead	18	33
Les Gaulois	16	26
Seaboard	16	25
German AS	17	25
RC Pattaya	16	23



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### Next game vs Robin Hood

Our next match sees us play our return fixture against Robin Hood's merry men who have been as consistent as porridge this season not being able to replicate the form they showed last time against us when they held us to a scoreless draw. The match KO's on Saturday 5th March at 4.30pm at Bangkok Patana's playing fields for all lovers of the great game.