

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Danai Double Dumps 'Hood

Weekend Results

- The Winking Frog beat a winless Blitz 4-1 as they continue to be in winning form
- Dubliner maintained their large lead over the Dons beating a spirited and plucky undermanned British Club 3-1 with two late goals
- Seaboard fell to Bangkok Utd 3-2 in an exciting encounter
- RC Pattaya demolished the travel sick Vikings 6-1 to move up to 5th
- Bullshead became yet another team to beat the French winning a close affair 2-1 to maintain contact with the Dons
- The German AS got back to winning ways with a 5-3 victory over Patana

League Standings

Dubliner	19	50
Londoner FC	16	38
Bullshead	19	36
German AS	18	28
RC Pattaya	17	26
Les Gaulois	17	26
Seaboard FC	17	25

An excellent performance by Danai Downer helped Londoner fell Robin Hood 4-1 in a must win encounter last Saturday that produced good football by both teams.

Having dropped points in their last three consecutive matches Londoner had been looking to get back on the winning trail against a Robin Hood team that had suffered back to back defeats and had also been looking to make amends themselves. The match started brightly for the Dons with good ball possession as they tried to open up the Hood's defence with only sporadic counter attacks to deal with at the other end. Downer produced the first noteworthy moment in the match when he twisted inside his man and fired back across the keeper who got down extremely well to tip past the post. Then with just over 20 minutes gone MacDonald introduced Reid for Entwhistle to give the former his debut and within a few minutes it paid dividends when a delightfully weighted pass from Reid split the defence and Downer ran through and slammed the ball into the far

Next game vs Blitz

Our next match sees us play our return fixture against a Blitz team still to register their first victory of the season. Complacency will be a significant danger against a side that only lost to us 2-0 in the first encounter. The match KO's on Saturday 12th March at 4.30pm at Bangkok Patana's playing fields for all lovers of the great game.

corner of the net for the opener. The Dons continued to press and were rewarded again two minutes before half time when Downer took the ball with his back to goal before turning delightfully past his marker and running clear through on goal before dispatching the ball beyond the keeper's despairing dive for the Don's and his own second goal.

Half Time: Londoner FC 2 vs Robin Hood 0

Robin Hood to their credit did not give up and started the second half in determined mood pressing the Dons at every opportunity and denying them the time and space to build from the back and managing to break the Londoner's rhythm. Torrance had to be alert when he held a hard drive from Duffin underneath his crossbar as Robin Hood fought to get back in the match. Minutes later and the Hood were back in the game when following a freekick on the right the ball was driven hard and low across the box where it was diverted goalward by one of the Merry Men to make it 2-1. Their joy was not long lived however when almost immediately from the restart the Dons won a freekick on the right side of the box. Downer fired round the wall and towards the bottom left corner of the net which the keeper could only divert onto the woodwork leaving Andy Wild free to head the rebound into the net to restore the Londoners lead to 2 goals. The goal seemed to take some of the fight from the gallant band of Hood's and Downer had one of the misses of the season when he fired over the bar from 5 yards following a Wild freekick that had been spilled by the keeper into his path. As the game ran down there was controversy of a pleasant kind when Downer raced through on a long kick out of defence and in the coming together of defender, keeper, forward and football the ensuing pinball saw the ball skewing backwards into the net off the hapless boot of the defender for an OG. Despite vigorous protest it would

appear that the majority consensus was indeed an OG and not the much sought after hat trick his excellent performance had perhaps warranted.

Full Time: Londoner FC 4 vs Robin Hood 1

On a day when the Londoner got back to winning ways their were excellent performances throughout the park. James Firth was faultless throughout,



Downer Double Delight seals MoM

putting it down to giving up the evil weed, Matt Entwhistle worked hard in central midfield and was unlucky on a number of occasions with long shots, Wild chased all day getting his reward with a goal and Alex Stamp managed to neutralise the Hood's main playmaker Iain Irvin. Gary Barbour got his run out and was even barged off the ball once and mention should be made to debutant's Reid for making the first goal and Soh who got booked within minutes of arriving on the park but settled down after that.

Man of the Match: Danai Downer

