

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Dons do just enough to win

Weekend Results

- The Winking Frog fell to an impressive Bullshead side 0-4
- Dubliner managed to throw away a three goal lead in the last twenty minutes as they drew 3-3 with Seaboard FC in Pattaya
- Robin Hood got back to winning ways beating a depleted Pattaya side 4-1 in an entertaining encounter
- British Club failed to match Les Gaulois as they fell to three second half goals to move the French back into fourth place
- Shrewsbury managed to defeat the German AS 2-1 as the latter continue to blow hot and cold this season
- Bangkok Utd got a 3-0 walkover against Patana

League Standings

Dubliner	20	51
Londoner FC	17	41
Bullshead	20	39
Les Gaulois	18	29
German As	19	28
Pattaya	18	26
Seaboard FC	18	26

The Dons managed to secure the necessary victory over the hapless Blitz FC and maintain the pressure on Dubliner despite putting in a fairly lack lustre performance especially in the final third of the park.

Facing a Blitz team that was still looking for its first points of the season Londoner started brightly against a team clearly lacking in confidence. Good passing and good ball possession, which has been a trade mark of the Dons team this season, was once more on display but this week the quality of play in the final third of the pitch was below standard and the few chances created did not trouble a keeper who looked uncomfortable in the goal. In addition whilst the Dons welcomed back Derek Stamp from long term injury they were without Kemp, Soh and Barbour so only had 7 expats available and

Next game vs Bullshead

Our next match sees us play third place Bullshead in another must win match for the Dons. With Bullshead producing some excellent results recently this will be a stern test for our resilience. The match KO's on Saturday 19th March at 4.30pm at Bangkok Patana's playing fields for all lovers of the great game.

had to hope for an injury free game.

Whilst enjoying long spells of possession the Dons failure to get the elusive opening goal seemed to give the Blitz players some confidence and were breaking quickly whenever possible without being able to trouble the Dons goal. Londoner finally got the breakthrough they had been searching for when Paum took control of the ball in the centre of the park advanced into space before threading a through ball to Wild who ran through on goal and slotted the ball passed the advancing keeper. Encouraged the Dons pressed looking for a second but continued to under perform in the final third all too often the final ball being poorly delivered.

Half Time: Londoner 1 vs Blitz FC 0

With the second half only minutes old disaster struck the Dons when Entwistle stretched into a tackle and twisted his knee badly. Clearly in considerable pain he was unable to continue and the Dons were down to a bare 11 players. Coach MacDonald rejigged the side and once more they pressed forward with the opposition only showing fleeting attempts to get onto the attack themselves. Then following a corner on the left Derek Stamp managed to get his head to the ball and it fell to Wild who lashed home for his and the Dons second goal of the game to give Londoner the cushion they had been looking for. Perhaps feeling the hard work was done the Dons slackened off somewhat and Blitz managed to create some chances with Torrance being called into

action to thwart a one on one on the Dons left. Then with 15 minutes to go a foul was awarded just outside the Dons box and from the resulting kick Torrance was beaten at his post with questions being asked of the wall positioning. Despite pegging back a goal Blitz seemed incapable of raising their game further to chase an



Coach MacDonald hoping for a strong finish to an excellent debut season by the Dons

equaliser and the match fizzled out leaving the Dons with the points and Blitz continuing to be pointless. Ironically the loudest cheer of the day from the Dons supporters was reserved for the news as the teams trudged off that Dubliner had been held to a 3-3 draw at Pattaya and that Londoner had actually gained ground on them for the first time this season.

Man of the Match: Khun Ball

