

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Wonder strike downs Bullies

Weekend Results

- The Winking Frog lost for the second week running falling to a disciplined BC side 3-2
- Dubliner got back to winning ways crushing a hapless Patana side 10-0 to significantly improve their goal difference stat
- Robin Hood continued on a winning run when they won a close encounter with Vikings 3-2
- Les Gaulois failed to travel well ending up 5-2 losers to Seaboard FC down in Pattaya
- Bangkok Utd took all three points from Shrewsbury running out 2-0 winners
- RC Pattaya secured a 3-0 walkover result against Blitz FC.

League Standings

DUBLINER	21	54
LONDONER FC	18	44
BULLSHEAD	21	39
PATTAYA	19	29
BANGKOK UTD	19	29
SEABOARD FC	20	29
LES GAULOIS	19	29

A sensational free kick from Danai Downer proved to be the difference in this vitally important derby match.

When the second and third placed teams in the league meet each other, you can always be sure of a tight, close encounter, and this match lived up to those expectations. With The Brazilians keen to close the point's gap between them and The Londoner FC, the tension and excitement was obvious before the game kicked off.

The Bullshead team was looking for three wins on the trot, while The Dons were also looking to continue their recent winning form. Londoner FC's player availability was reduced again due to injury and vacations.

The Dons gave new player midfielder Patrick Menhorn his debut, who was playing for the first time since November last year. The match started with the Brazilians playing the better football, while The Dons didn't seem to get out of second gear.

Next game vs Seaboard FC

Our next match sees us travel to Pattaya once more this time to play Seaboard FC. Once more a win is mandatory as we try to stay close to Dublier. The match KO's on Saturday 2nd April at around 4.30pm at Horse Shoe Point playing fields for all lovers of the great game.

Both sides did create a few goal scoring opportunities, Londoners best chances being from long range, and set pieces, with Bullshead testing Dons keeper Torrance on a number of occasions. It was obvious from early on that Torrance was in the groove for this match.

The Brazilian team playing a higher tempo game looked the better side in the first half but weren't able to capitalize and the first half ended with the honors even.

Half time; Bullshead Brazilians 0 v The Londoner FC 0

The Dons half time team talk seemed to work, and the players moved into top gear and started to play the type of football we've come to expect of them. The pace quickened, the ball was passed more accurately, and midfielder Paum in particular seeing more of the ball to initiate attacks on the Bullshead defence. Anytime Bullshead did threaten, Stamp, Firth and Daeng, were able to mop up the danger.

The only goal of the match came when The Dons were awarded a free kick out side the box. Both Stamp and Downer lined up to try their luck. Downer obviously was confident, ran up and hit a superb shot which went in at the keeper's left hand post.

The Dons kept up the momentum and the Brazilians were reduced to a few long range efforts trying to level the game. With only seconds remaining, Dons defender Ball gave away a penalty after the ball bounced awkwardly and hit his hand. The pressure on the Bullshead penalty taker must have been immense, he looked composed, and perhaps his shot

was not as good as he hoped, but Torrance still had to dive to his left and make a great save. The follow up shot from the Bullshead forward was from a tight angle and he put it passed the right hand post.

With the referee adding at least 4 minutes of additional time, the tension was high and the Brazil-



Neil Torrance's late penalty save ensured a vital 3 points for the Dons

ians had one more effort to equalize, but the shot was well over the bar. Eventually the ref blew the final whistle, and a hard but fair game came to an end. The Londoner second half performance merited the narrow win, and every member of the 13 man squad contributed to what was a vital victory.

Full time: Bullshead Brazilians 0 v The Londoner FC 1

Man of the match: Neil Torrance

